

# SVANETI HIGHLANDS | 4 DAYS

Small group tour to Georgia



BOOK 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE **SAVE 10%** € 462

## STARTS FROM TBILISI EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

The exploration route is open from April to October. Choose the date and join us in Tbilisi.

4-day guaranteed group tour 'Svaneti Highlands' takes you to Svaneti – one of the most remote and mountainous regions of Georgia. On this trip, participants can explore the mixture of local medieval cultural heritage of Svaneti and Samegrelo regions, and the landscapes of the Greater Caucasus mountains. Main highlights of the 4-day tour include Dadiani Palace in Zugdidi, different museums of Mestia, main historical and architectural monuments of Svaneti, one of the highest inhabited villages in entire Europe and trekking in Chalaadi glacier. The group is

## MAIN HIGHLIGHTS & SITES:

### SAMEGRELO REGION:

- Nokalakevi archaeological site
- Zugdidi city
- Dadiani Palace
- Enguri Dam

### SVANETI:

- Mestia
- Village Ushguli 🏰
- Upper Svaneti villages Latali, Lenjeri, Ipari & Kala
- Medieval defensive Svan towers
- Walk to the foothills of Shkhara
- Trekking to Chalaadi glacier
- Svaneti Museum
- Margiani tower-museum 12th c.

## DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

### 1 DAY | Tbilisi – Nokalakevi – Mestia

Georgian Holidays will organize a pick up from Tbilisi. From there, tour departs to Svaneti. On our way we will make couple of stops at the Rikoti Pass, at Nokalakevi to visit archaeological museum-reserve, and near Enguri Dam. In the evening we arrive to Mestia, stay at the local guesthouse and enjoy homemade dinner.

### 2 DAY | Mestia-Chalaadi-Mestia

On day 2 our tour departs from the center of Mestia. Chalaadi trail begins after crossing a small hanging bridge on the river of Mestiachala. After we reach the

ruins of an old hut, the trail continues through various types of landscapes – the birch forest and rocky valley covered with stones of different shapes. Mount Chatini is clearly visible from this valley, while on its south face the Chalaadi glacier takes shape. We continue towards the Chatini mountain and finally at 1920m above the sea level we reach Chalaadi glacier. In a few words, the trail is quite an easy walk with many views of the high mountains and snowy peaks of the Greater Caucasus range.

From Chalaadi we walk back to Mestia.



### 3 DAY | Mestia and surroundings

After breakfast at the guesthouse we will start Mestia and its surrounding tour. We will head to the tower-museum of Margiani (12<sup>th</sup> c.) to see how the locals were living in medieval times. We will also pay a visit to mineral sparkling spring, Seti square, and the Suaneti Museum of History and Ethnography of Mestia. The museum's collection includes ethnographic and archaeological materials, old Georgian manuscripts, Georgian Orthodox icons painted in the Suan style etc.

Mestia is an administrative center of Suaneti region, located on the elevation of 1500m, and surrounded by the three major summits: Ushba North Summit (4690 m), Ushba South Summit (4710 m) & Tetruldi (4858 m). Villages around Mestia – Latali, Lenjeri and Mulakhi, keep traditional lifestyle. There are 78 medieval churches and defensive towers decorated with medieval frescos in Mestia and its surrounding villages.

### 4 DAY | Mestia – Zugdidi – Tbilisi

After breakfast at the guesthouse we will drive back to Tbilisi. On our way we will stop at Zugdidi – administrative center of Samegrelo region – to see Dadiani Palaces and its Historical and Architectural Museum, building that once served as the residence of Mingrelian Kings and Queens. We can also pay a visit to Zugdidi farmer's market, where local fruit, vegetables, homemade cheese (Sulguni) and sweets are sold.

Evening arrival in Tbilisi.  
End of service.



### € 462 PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transport
- Professional guide service
- 3 overnights in Mestia family guesthouse
- All meals: 3 breakfast, 3 dinners
- 1 bottle mineral water per person per day
- Excursions and Entrance fees
- All local taxes

The deposit for this tour is: 200 €

### ADDITIONAL PRICING INFORMATION:

Single room supplement is 35 €

### 4 DAY TOUR STARTS EVERY SECOND SUNDAY JOIN IN TBILISI

Book 6 months in advance & <b>SAVE 10%</b>			
2019 START DATES	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN
	05.05	02.06	08.09
	19.05	16.06	22.09
		30.06	
		14.07	
		28.07	
		11.08	
		25.08	

Book 12 months in advance & <b>SAVE 15%</b>			
2020 START DATES	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN
	03.05	14.06	06.09
	17.05	28.06	20.09
	31.05	12.07	
		26.07	
		09.08	
		23.08	

