

4 Day Svaneti Highlands

Cultural Holidays

From: 485 €

Overview

Svaneti Highlands

Starts from: TBILISI every second Sunday

Type: SMALL GROUP tour

Best Time: May-September

Distance: 1082 km

Duration: 4 DAYS

Guaranteed group tour 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 “Guaranteed to Run” after two people book the tour.

[Preview or download tour description file \(PDF\)](#)

Tour details

- Code: GTSH-06
 - Starts from: Tbilisi
 - Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
 - Duration: 4 Days
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Sights to Visit

- [Ushguli](#)
 - [Nokalakevi](#)
 - [Dadiani Palaces Historical Museum](#)
 - [Abasha](#)
 - [Mestia](#)
 - [Svaneti](#)
 - [Enguri Dam](#)
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Itinerary

Day 1: 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**, where we will stay at the local guesthouse and enjoy homemade dinner.

Dinner and overnight in Mestia.

Day 2: MESTIA – CHALAADI – MESTIA

Trek grade: Easy to Moderate, distance 6 km, duration 5-6 h, elevation - 1920 m, trail trek, sleigh track

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.

Dinner and overnight in Mestia.

Optional* Jeep tour: Mestia – [Ushguli](#) – Mestia

Driving distance: 93.7 km

If you would like to have an off-road adventure instead of trekking, we could explore Upper Svaneti and drive to [Ushguli](#). Ushguli village is 45 km away from Mestia and consists of medieval settlements with authentic local community. In addition, [Ushguli](#) is one of the highest continually inhabited places in Europe. For the above-listed historical, cultural and geographical reasons, Ushguli has been included in the World Heritage Sites list by the UNESCO. After visiting **Lamaria church** in Ushguli, we can take a walk towards the foothills of Shkhara glacier (5068 m) – the highest summit in Georgia.

In the evening we drive back to **Mestia**.

NOTE: this route is doable from May to October.

Day 3: MESTIA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

After breakfast at the guesthouse we will start **Mestia** and its surrounding tour.

We will head to the tower-museum of **Margiani** (12th 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 **Svaneti [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 Svan style etc.

Mestia is an administrative center of Svaneti region, located on the elevation of 1500m, and surrounded by the three major summits: **Ushba** North Summit (4690 m), Ushba South Summit (4710 m) & Tetnuldi (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.

Dinner and overnight in Mestia.

Day 4: 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 Palace](#) 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.

Inclusions

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PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transportation
- Professional guide service
- 3 overnights in Mestia Ushba guesthouse or similar
- Catering: 3 breakfast, 3 dinners
- 1 bottle mineral water per person per day
- Entrance fees
- Excursions and Entrance fees
- Map of Georgia
- All Local Taxes

Excluded

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Personal expenses
 - Beverages
 - Optional tour: Mestia – Ushguli- Mestia. Price per 4x4WD vehicle (max. capacity 6 people) – 100 EUR.
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More Info

Additional Info

Additional cost for Single room accommodation is 35 €

Optional tour: Mestia – Ushguli- Mestia. Price per 4x4WD vehicle (max. capacity 5 people) – 100 €.

Additional cost for the airport private pick up transfer: 25 €

Additional cost for the airport private drop off transfer: 20 €

Discounted individual transfer rate for double way: 40 €

To arrange airport transfers and additional hotel overnights, contact us **trips [at] georgianholidays.com**

CHILD POLICY:

0-1 years - Free

2-6 years – 243 €

7 years and over - Adult price

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 31 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 200 Euro is non-refundable in case of cancellation of the tour after booking has been confirmed. The fee is kept as a deposit on the Tourist's account for future booking(s).

If Tourist cancels the booked tour for some reasons not depending on Tour Operator, the following sums are kept back as a fine:

- 10% of total cost of tourist product in case of cancellation 30 days prior to the tour;
- 50% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 15-7 days prior to the tour;
- 90% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 7 and fewer days prior to the tour;
- 99% of total cost of tourist product due to the Tourist's failure to appear at the airport no more than 2 hours prior to departure or non-admission on the flight owing to circumstances beyond the Tour Operator's controls.