

7 Day Climbing Mt. Kazbegi

Adventure & Trekking Tours

From: 826 €

Overview

CLIMBING MT. KAZBEGI

7 Days/6 Nights

Pick-up from: Tbilisi/Gudauri/Stepantsminda*

Climbing Grade: PD peu difficile (slightly difficult).

Season: June - October

Climb one of the most iconic peaks of Caucasus mountains – Kazbegi (5054 m. asl) and enjoy the unbeatable views from above cloud level. Although, the climb to this dormant stratovolcano is not technically difficult, a good physical level is absolutely necessary. If you are sure in your fitness level and endurance, our guides will train you in the required mountaineering techniques and skills you'll during the climb.

*Please indicate your preferred pick-up and drop-off locations in the comment at check-out.

Tour details

- Code: MTKAZ-2021
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Group Size: 8 Persons
- Duration: 7 Days

Sights to Visit

Itinerary

DAY 1: TBILISI – STEPANTSMINDA

Gergeti Trinity Church Pickup from Tbilisi 9:00 AM. Today we will drive north towards **Stepantsminda** (former Kazbegi) via Georgian military highway. Pass by **Jinvali reservoir** and visit **Ananuri castle**. Optional stop for a lunch in local restaurant. Continue driving north by **Jvari pass (2,379 m)** – stop with a stop at viewpoint near **Gudauri**. Finally, we arrive at Stepantsminda – administrative center and largest settlements in the area that many climbers and hikers use as their basecamp.

Before sunset, we will take a short warm-up hike to iconic **Gergeti Trinity church** located right above Stepantsminda in top of the hill, overlooking **Mt. Kazbegi**.

Dinner and overnight in Stepantsminda

DAY 2: STEPANTSMINDA – TREK FROM SAMEBA (GERGETI TRINITY CHURCH) TO ALTIHUT

~~On the way to Sabertse Pass, descent 40 m.~~

Start early morning at 8:00, we'll drive up to the trail-head near **Gergeti Trinity Church** and start hiking towards **Sabertse pass (3000 m. asl)**. Along the way we will pass by several “false passes” and memorials dedicated to climbers who perished on the mountain. Once we reach **Sabertse pass**, we will be rewarded with a great proximity view of the peak, **Gergeti glacier** and small mountain hut on a small meadow in front.

The hut is called “**Atihut**” – which is newly built and for time being the only relatively comfortable accommodation on the way to the summit,

Overnight in Altihut

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DAY 3: ALTIHUT -METEO STATION, ACCLIMATIZATION

Meteo Station (aka Bethlemi Hut)

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Trekking A: 3.5 km, ascent 650 m

Trekking B (training part): 6 km, ascent 400 m, descent 400 m.

On that day you will be making your way up to the famous **Bethlemi Hut (aka Meteo station)** to spend one extra day for acclimatization and training before summiting Mt/ Kazbegi. As a part of acclimatization, we will take additional 3 hours hike up to 4000 m above sea level, learn about different safety and mountaineering techniques.

Overnight in tents.

DAY 4: METEO STATION - MT. KAZBEGI SUMMIT - METEO STATION

Mt. Kazbegi summit

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Total distance: 12 km, ascent 1335 m, descent 1335 m.

Weather permitting, after midnight at 01:30 AM we begin journey to the summit. 12 km roundtrip takes approximately 9 hours. Narrow path will lead you to north-west direction to approach the glacier from its south-western side, the beginning of the hardest and most demanding part of the ascent that turns into climbing towards it's end. After some rewarding break at the top – make your way back to the Meteo station for rest.

Overnight in tents.

DAY 5: RESERVE DAY / METEO STATION

Use this day as reserve in case of bad weather and summit was not reachable on scheduled time.

Overnight in tents

DAY 6: METEO STATION – STEPANTSMINDA

Walking down Gergeti Glacier

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Return back to Stepantminda, we will slowly descend (5-6 hours journey) to Gergeti trinity church, where we will again be picked up by 4x4 vehicles to be transferred to Stepantsminda for well deserved rest and yes - hot shower!

DAY 7: STEPANTMINDA - TBILISI

Transfer back to Tbilisi.

Inclusions

Included

Transportation:

- Transfer to and from Tbilisi – Stepantsminda.*
- Transfer to and from Gergeti trail head.
- Horse rental for carrying backpacks and gear up to Meteo station;

Staff:

- English-speaking professional mountain guide service days 2-6
- Accompanying field cook during trekking days.

Accommodation:

- 2 overnights – comfortable guesthouse in Stepantsminda.
- 1 overnight - at Altihut shelter;
- 3 overnights – tents at Meteo station;

Catering:

- All breakfasts and dinners during the itinerary per table above.
- Snacks during, the lunch stops.

Gear:

- Crampons;
- Harness;
- Ice Axe;
- Trekking Poles;
- Carabiners;
- Sleeping mats and sleeping bags.
- Tents (1 per 2 ppl.).

Excluded

- Air tickets
 - Travel or Health Insurance
 - Alcoholic beverages
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More Info

Additional Info

Please note, a good physical level is absolutely necessary to complete this climb, we highly recommended to start your endurance training at least 2 months before your arrival.

This itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions and in some rare cases it might be necessary to extend it to 1 or 2 more days. So it is recommended to book your departure flight at least 48 hours after the end of above schedule.

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 the double way: 40 €

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

Cancelation Policy

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

- The booking deposit 120 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.