

# Gareja Desert Jeep tour

## Jeep and ATV Tours in Georgia

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### Overview

#### Gareja Desert Jeep tour

Starts from: Tbilisi/Sagarejo

Available: April-October

Type: Private full day jeep tour

Total Distance: 285 km

Duration: 8 hours

This private cross-country jeep tour takes you to [David Gareja](#) semi-desert, **Sabereebi caves**, famous **Lavra Monastery** and colorful hills around **Mravaltskaro** reservoir. The route will lead you through an abundance of sandstone colors, extraordinary medieval frescoes, birdlife and semi-desert wildlife, the picturesque landscape and rock carved-out water channels near the entrance of the monks' residence.

Aerial footage of **Mravaltskaro**:

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### Tour details

- Code: GH-80
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: Full Day

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### Prices

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### Sights to Visit

- [David Gareja](#)
  - [Kakheti](#)
  - [Rustavi](#)
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## Itinerary

### ITINERARY: TBILISI - IORMUGHANLO - SABEREEBI - DAVID GAREJA -MRAVALTSKARO - RUSTAVI - TBILISI

Morning pick-up from the hotel. First, we will drive towards [Kakheti](#) (Wine region of Eastern Georgia), until reaching village **Iormughanlo**. After passing through the village we will enter the semi-desert area and this is where our off-road adventure begins.

#### Take a hike to abandoned Sabereebi caves

This old monastery complex dating back to 9-10 cc. is stretched along the ridge in the middle of [David Gareja](#) semi-desert, consisting of hand-carved caves, decorated with colorful ancient Orthodox frescoes. We will pass along the ridge and take a couple of short hikes to some of the well-preserved areas of the monastery, that nowadays rarely get any visitors.

#### Visit [David Gareja](#) Lavra Monastery

Our next stop is at the nowadays active [David Gareja](#) Lavra Monastery, which is still inhabited by the monks who maintain the ascetic lifestyle of their predecessors. Here you take a glimpse of what the monastic life used to be in the whole area centuries ago and if you are lucky, listen to the polyphonic Orthodox chants that are being sung during the liturgy.

#### Take a hike around Mravaltskaro Reservoir

This old soviet reservoir (now abandoned) is located in a rarely visited area of [David Gareja](#) desert and can be a nice hideaway from otherwise busy and touristic Lavra and Udabno monasteries.

To get the best views, here you can take a short hike on top of the hill just above the lake or go around and walk among the colorful hills of **Mravaltskaro**.

At the end of the day, return to Tbilisi passing by industrial city of [Rustavi](#) and old abandoned soviet military base "**Pobeda**".

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## **Inclusions**

## **Included**

- Private Transportation
- Private Guide & Driver service
- 1 x Picnic Lunch
- 2 x 0.5 l. bottle of mineral water per person
- All taxes

## **Excluded**

- Personal expenses & beverages
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## More Info

## Additional Info

\* Make sure you wear comfortable **hiking shoes, long pants, a hat** and bring **sun-screen** for this itinerary.

[Dress code](#) applied in Lavra monastery

### Extra services:

Hiking Poles: 15 \$ per person

### OPTIONAL SERVICES:

- Dinner in Georgian restaurant with glass of wine: 30 \$ per person
- Tbilisi airport private pick up service: 32 \$
- Tbilisi airport private drop off service: 27 \$
- Tbilisi airport private transfer double way: 49 \$

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

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 2 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 15 USD is non-refundable.

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

- 50% of the total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 2 days or less prior to the tour;
  - 100% of the total cost of the tourist product due to the Tourist's failure to appear.
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# Gallery

