# 2 Day Tour to Kazbegi City Breaks

Overview	Private 2-Day Tour to Kazbegi Starts from: Tbilisi Available: May-October Type: City Break, Private Trip Duration: 2 days Total Distance: 350 km				
			Travel to the north by former <b>Silk-Road</b> , towards <b>Great</b>		
			<b>Caucasus</b> mountains, <b>Mtiulet</b> i and <u>Khevi</u> areas of <b>Kazbegi</b> municipality. This narrow mountain road has historical name - <b>Georgian Military highway.</b> Enjoy the		
					way, stop for sightseeing in Mtskheta town, visit UNESCO
					World Heritage Sites <b>Svetitskhoveli</b> and <b>Jvari</b>
			Monasteries. Visit <b>Ananuri</b> Fortress, <b>Zhinvali</b> reserve,		
	continue to <b>Jvari Pass</b> (2379 m) arrive in <mark>Stepantsminda</mark> ,				
	and witness the majesty of the <b>Kazbegi</b> glacier (5054m).				
	During the tour visit <b>Gveleti</b> waterfall and <b>Darial</b> i Gorge,				
	the mountainous of <mark>Khevi</mark> , and the masterpiece of				
	medieval architecture - Gergeti Trinity Church.				
Tour details	• Code: GH-61				
	• Starts from: Tbilisi				
	<ul> <li>Max. Group Size: 15 Adults</li> </ul>				
	Duration: 2 Days				
Prices	/				

# **Sights to Visit**

- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
- Jvari Monastery
- Gergeti Trinity Church
- Kazbegi National Park
- Dariali Gorge
- Mount Gergeti
- <u>Khevi</u>
- <u>Mtskheta</u>
- Jvari Pass
- <u>Mtskheta Monuments</u>
- Dariali Monastery
- Zhinvali Reservoir
- Cross Pass

### Itinerary

# DAY 1: TBILISI - MTSKHETA - ANANURI -GUDAURI - JVARI PASS - KAZBEGI

9:00 Pick up from **Tbilisi** hotel and depart for <u>Mtskheta</u> – the ancient capital of Eastern kingdom of **Georgia**. First stop is at the hill top of <u>Jvari Monastery</u>, the prominent viewpoint and the early feudal era church of 6th c. Nextstop for <u>Mtskheta</u> town, sightseeing and visit <u>Svetitskhoveli</u> <u>Cathedral</u> 11th c. – both sites are includedin UNESCO world heritage list for the high artistic value andoriginal architecture.

Continue to drive along the river Aragvi to Zhinvali reserve and **Ananuri Fortress** 16-17th cc. The fort consists of fortification and residential buildings of **Aragvi Dukes**, who used to control the trade route and protected the country from the North. Ananuri church wall carving is real masterpiece of the medieval artistry.

Drive along the Georgian Military highway to the ski resort <u>Gudauri</u> and Jvari Pass (2395m). The road is very attractive. Make several photo-stops: at observation platform raised on the edge of the cliff and overlooking a birthplace of roaring river Aragvi, near the highest point on the road marked by 19th c stone obelisk and Kazbegi Travertine Natural Monument.

Arrive in the townlet of <u>Stepantsminda</u> (former name Kazbegi), the centre of <u>Khevi</u> province and main town of Kazbegi municipality. <u>Stepantsminda</u> means St. Stephan and is located at 1700 m above sea level.

Overnight in **<u>Stepantsminda</u>** Hotel.

# DAY 2: GERGETI CHURCH- DARIALI GORGE -GWELETI WATERFALLS - SNO VALLEY

After breakfast at the local guesthouse, take a walk (approx. time 2.5 hours) to **Gergeti Holy Trinity Church** – an important altar of 14th century, located on the slope of **Mount Kazbegi**. The church facade preserves stone decorations depicting ancient rituals and beliefs.

If we are lucky with weather, we will see **Mount Kazbegi** (5054 m. above sea level). According to the legend, Amirani – a cult hero and a prototype of Greek Prometheus, punished by Gods was chained on the mountain.

Drive to **Dariali** gorge, an important crossing point of **Caucasus** range, which was fortified since 150 BC. Take a walk along the river to **Gweleti** waterfalls, easy upwards trekking (20-25 minutes) and enjoy the views of green valleys and picturesque landscapes.

In the evening return back to **Tbilisi**.

# Inclusions

# Included

#### **Transportation:**

• Private Transportation

#### Staff:

• Professional guide service 2 days

#### Accommodation:

• 1 x overnight in Stepantsminda Memoir Kazbegi Hotel or similar

#### **Catering:**

• 1 x breakfast

#### **Other:**

- 1 x bottle mineral water per person per day
- Excursions and Entrance fees
- All local taxes

### Excluded

- Alcoholic beverages & Personal expenses
- Lunches & Dinners
- \*Optional services

# More Info

### **Additional Info**

To arrange airport transfers and pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us **info [at]georgianholidays.com** 

1 person from the group will be FREE of charge if 10 and more adults are traveling together

## **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation is free of charge prior 5 days of the startingday.

• The booking deposit 30 \$ 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 5 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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