

# 3 Day Imereti Canyons and Caves Tour

## City Breaks

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### Overview

#### [Imereti](#) Canyons and Caves Tour

Starts from: Tbilisi

Type: Private City Break

Available: April-October

Distance: 717 km

Duration: 3 DAYS

[Imereti](#) 3-day private tour is designed for the nature lovers, who are interested in visiting canyons and caves of [Imereti](#) protected areas, West Georgia. Explore the beauty of Kutaisi surroundings, natural monuments of Okatse and [Martvili Canyon](#)s, walk in the beautiful Colchic deciduous forest in Sataplia, and on the way, visit [Uplistsikhe Caves](#), Katskhi pillar, [Kinchkha Waterfall](#), Mgvimevi, [Chiatura](#), [Vani](#) and travel the unbeaten paths of the land of Kolkheti.

Welcome to [Imereti](#)!

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### Tour details

- Code: GH-68
  - Starts from: Tbilisi
  - Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
  - Duration: 3 Days
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### Prices

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## Sights to Visit

- [Martvili Canyon](#)
  - [Sataplia Managed Reserve and Karst Caves](#)
  - [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
  - [Chiatura](#)
  - [Vani](#)
  - [Okatse Canyon](#)
  - [Kutaisi](#)
  - [Kartli](#)
  - [Vani Archaeological Site](#)
  - [Imereti](#)
  - [Kinchkha Waterfall](#)
  - [Ubisa Monastery](#)
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## Itinerary

### **DAY 1: TBILISI -UPLISTSIKHE -CHIATURA-KATSKHI COLUMN- KUTAISI**

Morning pick-up from Tbilisi hotel and departure for the [Imereti](#) region via western highway.

First stop is Uplistsikhe cave complex, located one hour drive from Tbilisi, in just 14 km from [Gori](#). Uplistsikhe is the first settled area mentioned in manuscripts dating back to the 1st millennium BC and translates in English literally as “the fortress of God”. Hewn in the high rocky bank of the river [Mtkvari](#), Uplistsikhe is an ancient town, which used to be an important trading center in the pre-Christian times.

After exploration of Uplistsikhe, continue the trip to [Chiatura](#). The town is prominent for a network of Soviet times cable cars built across the town’s manganese miners. Despite the oldness, locals still use the cable cars as means of transportation around the town. Visit main attractions of [Chiatura](#): Photo Art Museum, the Mghvimevi monastery, which is partly carved into the rock and stop at natural limestone monolith Katskhi Pillar on the way. All route is unique, green, not very touristic and full of discoveries. Head to Kutaisi city for overnight. Take a walk through the old town.

*\*Optional visits to Gelati Academy & monastery and [Bagrati Cathedral](#).*

Dinner and overnight in Kutaisi.

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## **DAY 2: KUTAISI-SATAPLIA -MARTVILI CANYON-OKATSE CANYON - KUTAISI**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Sataplia Nature Reserve, famous for well-preserved fossilized footprints of a dinosaur, conserved in one of the caves and karst caves.

Drive to [Okatse Canyon](#), notable for its magnificent wild nature, astonishing waterfalls and breathtaking views. Located near the village of Gordi, the canyon runs roughly for 14 kilometers, width ranges from 3-6 to 15-20 meters, while its depth is about 20-100 meters. There are also several natural stone bridges over the river, as well as caves in the canyon, from where the Karst waters flow.

Continue to [Samegrelo](#), another natural monument nearby - [Martvili Canyon](#). Over millions of years, the [Abasha](#) River has created magnificent gorge in limestone rocks, reaching a depth of 40 meters, with canyons, caves and waterfalls. The total length of the canyon is one kilometer. There are stretches of quiet water for peddling and swimming, but also steep rocks to climb, spectacular waterfalls to enjoy and caves to explore. In the upper part of the canyon, you will be able to take a boat trip and reach the very beginning of the canyon and the 7-meter waterfall.

Dinner and overnight in Kutaisi.

### **DAY 3: KUTAISI -VANI- RIKOTI PASS -TBILISI**

After breakfast check out hotel and depart for Tbilisi.

Visit Kutaisi farmer's market, where you can find local products, fruit, vegetables, cheese and traditional sweets.

Drive to [Vani](#) Archaeological Museum-Reserve, the tentative UNESCO site. The exhibition displays amazing collection of elitism era, the cultural development of the area between 800 BC and 100 AD. Spectacular collection of jewelry of local goldsmiths, groups of imports from the Greek world, and from the Persian Empire, a series of ritual figurines, and a life-size bronze torso.

Drive back to Tbilisi through Rikoti Pass. Make a short stop at 9th c [Ubisa Monastery](#) to see 14th c beautiful wall paintings.

Evening arrival in Tbilisi.

*Optional sightseeing: [Bagrati Cathedral](#), [Gelati Monastery](#) and [Prometheus Cave](#), also known as Kumistavi.*

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## **Inclusions**

### **Included**

#### **Transportation:**

- Private transportation with a comfortable vehicle

#### **Private Staff:**

- Professional guide service during the tour

#### **Accommodation:**

- 2 x overnights in Kutaisi 3\* hotel Ponte (or similar)

#### **Meals:**

- 2 x Breakfasts - on days 2, 3

#### **Other:**

- 2 x bottles of water per person daily
- Excursions in accordance fees with accordance of the program
- All taxes

### **Excluded**

- Alcohol beverages
  - Tbilisi Airport transfers to/from Tbilisi hotel
  - Optional\* services
  - Lunches & Dinners
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## More Info

## Additional Info

Optional services:

- Gelati Academy, Bagrati cathedral: free of charge
- Single Supplement: 52 \$
- Lunch: 15 \$ Dinner: 20 \$
- Joseph Stalin's memorial house-museum in Gori: 5 \$
- Prometheus caves: 9 \$
- Tbilisi airport private pick up transfer: 32 \$
- Tbilisi airport private drop off transfer: 27 \$
- Discounted individual transfer to/from Tbilisi airport double way: 49 \$

To arrange airport transfers and additional 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 starting day.

- The booking deposit 30 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 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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