4 Day Svaneti Treasure City Breaks

Overview

Svaneti Treasure

Starts from: Kutaisi

Type: City Break

Available: May-October

Total Distance: 595 km

Duration: 4 days/3 nights

Type: City Break, Private Trip

Travel to one of the highest inhabited places in Europe - Village **Ushguli** in Upper **Svaneti**, which is included in UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Private tour to **Svaneti** is an authentic experience of **Caucasus**. Explore the hidden treasures of **Georgia** - a land of extraordinary beauty and its highlands dotted by medieval villages and **Svaneti**an defensive towers.

Tour details

Code: GH-72

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

Duration: 4 Days

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- Ushguli Community
- Mestia Museum
- Dadiani Palace
- Mestia
- Zugdidi Botanical Garden
- Svaneti
- Enguri Dam
- Zugdidi

Itinerary

DAY 1: KUTAISI-ZUGDIDI - MESTIA

Morning pick-up from the hotel in Kutaisi – administrative center of Imereti region.

Drive to Zugdidi and visit Dadiani Palace History and Architectural Museum - the former residence of Mingrelian Kings and Queens. The first exhibition here was prepared by the Prince of **Samegrelo**, David Dadiani and presented archaeological findings from the ancient city of **Nokalakevi**. The museum now includes palaces of Princess of **Samegrelo**, Ekaterine Dadiani and Prince of **Samegrelo**, Niko Dadiani, court church, and the botanical garden.

Start driving up to the Caucasus Mountains. On the way, stop at **Enguri Dam**, currently being world's second largest dam – 271.5 m in height. Excursion will take about 30 minutes.

In the evening arrive to **Mestia**.

Overnight in **Mestia**.

DAY 2: MESTIA - USHGULI - MESTIA

Breakfast at the guesthouse. Today explore Upper <u>Svaneti</u> and drive with 4x4 vehicles to **Ushguli** community – one of the highest continually inhabited places in **Europe**. The whole village with its fortifications is included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The road to **Ushguli** is an offroad but very picturesque. On our way, we will visit villages of **Ipari** and **Kala** to sightsee the medieval churches with famous murals and frescoes.

Stop by <u>Lamaria</u> church in **Ushguli** - a notable local sacred place of worship. Take a walk towards <u>Shkhara</u> glacier - the highest peak in **Georgia** (5068 m).

In the evening, return back to Mestia.

Overnight in Mestia.

DAY 3: MESTIA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

Breakfast at the guesthouse. Morning start for Mazeri village (20 km from <u>Mestia</u>) and Becho valley.

Walking route: 8 km, 2.5 hours, moderate;

Ascent 466 m/ Descent 466 m

The trail begins at the "Hikers Cafe" - a small wooden hut on the right embarkment of Dolra river.

Soon after the hut, the road enters a beautiful pine forest and turns into a pleasant footpath. It will eventually lead you to the broad wooden bridge. At the other side lies the Georgian border guards post.

Behind the camp, the trail climbs again through the forest. At its end is the turn-off to the Shdughra waterfall. If you feel more adventurous, you can continue hiking further up to reach the <u>Ushba</u> Glacier, although this is difficult hike on exposed trail and requires more experience. Hike back with the same trail.

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

Overnight in **Mestia**.

DAY 4: MESTIA - ZUGDIDI - KUTAISI

Breakfast. Check out.

If the weather is fine, **Hatsvali** cable car is strongly recommended. The panoramic views from **Zuruldi** mount (upper station is located 2,347m altitude).

*Optional visit of <u>Svaneti Museum of History and</u>
<u>Ethnography</u>, which houses old Georgian manuscripts,
ethnographic and archaeological items, Georgian Orthodox
icons painted in local style, etc.

Walk up to the tower-museum of **Margiani** (12th c.) to see how the locals were living.

Drive back to Kutaisi

Inclusions

Included

Staff/Transport:

• Professional guide/driver service 4 days

Accommodation:

• 3 x overnights in Mestia hotel Lahil 3* or similar

Meals:

• 3 x breakfasts

Other:

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

Excluded

- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic beverages
- Lunches

More Info

Additional Info

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 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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