

10 Day Nature & Culture of Georgia

Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Nature & Culture Tour to Georgia

Starts: Tbilisi, Georgia

Best Time: All year

Distance: 1410 km

Duration: 10 days

A special itinerary designed for travelers who want to experience Georgia from various angles. Highlights and sites of the tour include two major cities and four different regions, where you will be able to get introduced to the authentic Georgian culture and delicious cuisine, as well as to have an easy hiking experience in Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park and to visit natural monuments, such as Prometheus Cave and Martvili Canyons.

Service of professional guide and driver, overnights in hotels, and a dinner with folk show in one of the best restaurants of Tbilisi are included in the tour.

Tour details

- Code: CHGH-16
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 10 Days

Prices

/

Sights to Visit

- [Martvili Canyon](#)
- [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#)
- [Bagrati Cathedral](#)
- [Gelati Monastery](#)
- [Jvari Monastery](#)
- [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#)
- [Prometheus Cave](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
- [Vardzia rock-cut caves](#)
- [Khertvisi Fortress](#)
- [Narikala Fortress](#)
- [Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati](#)
- [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#)
- [National Museum](#)
- [Tsinandali Museum](#)
- [Gremi Church](#)
- [Shumi Winery](#)
- [Bridge of Peace](#)
- [Imereti](#)
- [Akhaltsikhe](#)

Itinerary

Day 1: TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - TBILISI

Arrival at Tbilisi International Airport. Transfer to the hotel.
Free time.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

Day 2: TBILISI CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel we start a full-day **Tbilisi** city sightseeing tour. First site is the **Holy Trinity Cathedral** (Sameba) – major cathedral of the Georgian Orthodox Church and one of the tallest Orthodox Christian churches in the world. From **Sameba** we continue **Tbilisi** sightseeing tour to [Narikala Fortress](#). We can take an aerial cable car from **Rike Park** and ride up to the fortress that is situated on the mountain overlooking **Tbilisi**. **Narikala** is an ancient fortification that was established in the 4th century and served as a main defensive construction of the city throughout history. From **Narikala** we stroll down towards the old **Tbilisi** and visit various interesting areas, such as **Legvtakhevi** canyon and waterfall, and **Sulfur bathhouse district**.

Our tour continues to the **Georgian [National Museum](#)** on **Rustaveli avenue**. Museum unifies several leading Georgian museums and houses numerous unique collections and exhibitions that represent history, culture and art of the country. Next we drive to [Gardenia Shevardnadze](#), flower garden and plant nursery with a little café inside, where we can taste home-made cakes and lemonade.

Afterwards we are going to ride up to **Mount Mtatsminda** (770 m) and **Mtatsminda Park** by the funicular, which is located on top of the mountain overlooking the city.

The final activity of the day is the dinner at a Georgian restaurant accompanied by folk show.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 3: TBILISI - MTSKHETA - BORJOMI - BORJOMI PARK - BORJOMI

After breakfast at the hotel we head to [Mtskheta](#), a small town near **Tbilisi**. [Mtskheta](#) is a historical capital of eastern Georgian kingdoms where we are going to visit two major attractions: [Jvari Monastery](#) and [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#). [Jvari Monastery](#) built in 586-605 AD, stands on a mountain above the confluence of the rivers [Mtkvari](#) and **Aragvi**, overlooking [Mtskheta](#) and its surroundings. On the other hand, [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#) that was built in the 11th century and is still second largest church in the country, is situated on the lowland in [Mtskheta](#) town. Both of the monuments represent Georgian church architecture style and are recognized by the UNESCO as world heritage sites.

From [Mtskheta](#) we drive to **Borjomi** town. Borjomi is a resort famous for its [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#) and natural sparkling mineral water 'Borjomi'. On a short Borjomi tour we can take walk in **Borjomi Park** and taste mineral waters from the spring.

Overnight in Borjomi.

DAY 4: BORJOMI - AKHALTSIKHE - VARDZIA - BORJOMI

On day 4 after breakfast at the hotel we drive to [Akhaltsikhe](#), administrative center of [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#), southern region of **Georgia**. First stop is at **Rabati Castle**. **Rabati Castle** is a medieval complex that comprises of fortress and an area inside the curtain walls with several churches, mosque, museum and synagogue. Fortress was originally established in the 9th century, however, it was rebuilt and restructured during the Ottoman Empire in 18th century.

We are going to visit **Valodia Zazadze's Cottages** and Farm and have a lunch with fresh trout barbeque.

Afterwards we continue exploration of [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#) and drive to [Vardzia Cave Monastery](#) passing through the picturesque scenery of [Mtkvari](#) gorge. [Vardzia](#) is a medieval monastery complex carved in rocks of the **Erusheti** mountain range. It was built during the Georgian Golden Age by the Queen Tamar of Georgia, in the 12th-13th centuries. [Vardzia](#) consists of numerous different cave dwellings, chambers, tunnels, churches and chapels.

In the evening drive back to [Borjomi](#).

Overnight in Borjomi.

Day 5: BORJOMI - BORJOMI - KHARAGAULI NATIONAL PARK - BORJOMI

After breakfast at the hotel we drive to the [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#) and get registered as a visitor. [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#) is one of the largest protected areas in the region with We can have a short hike through the National Park Information trail that starts from the administration building (850 m). The highest peak of the 1.5-hour route is 950 meters above the sea level.

Enjoy hiking and head back to your hotel. Free time.

Overnight in Borjomi.

Day 6: BORJOMI - PROMETHEUS CAVES - KUTAISI

After breakfast at the hotel we continue our journey to the [Imereti](#) region. We are heading to the [Prometheus Cave](#) – one of the largest karst caves in **Georgia** and one of the popular attractions of [Imereti](#). [Prometheus Cave](#) has 1.5 km long trail open for visitors that are willing to observe various underground karst forms, rivers, lakes, cave pearls etc.

From **Prometheus** we drive to **Kutaisi** – the major city of [Imereti](#) and third largest city of the country. Next, we are going to visit [Bagrati Cathedral](#). Built in the 11th century, cathedral represents medieval Georgian church architecture style and is situated in the middle of the city on Ukimerioni Hill. [Bagrati Cathedral](#) is recognized by the UNESCO as a World Heritage Sites and it is considered as a symbol of **Kutaisi** city.

Overnight in Kutaisi.

Day 7: KUTAISI - GELATI MONASTERY - MARTVILI CANYON - KUTAISI

On day 7 we continue sightseeing of the [Imereti](#) region. After breakfast we move to the **Gelati Academy and Monastery** located near **Kutaisi**. **Gelati complex** was built in the 12th century by the most prominent king of Georgian history David IV the Builder. The interior of the main church has well-preserved unique frescos and mosaics. The site is included in UNESCO World Heritage list as well.

From **Gelati** we drive to [Martvili Canyon](#) **Natural Monument**. [Martvili Canyon](#) is a gorge created in limestone rock by the waters of river [Abasha](#), which goes as deep as 40 meters. Visitors can take a boat trip on river [Abasha](#) in the canyon.

Drive back to Kutaisi for overnight.

Day 8: KUTAISI - UPLISTSIKHE - CHARDAKHI - TBILISI

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for **Tbilisi**. On our way we stop at **Uplistsikhe Cave Complex** located on the left bank of river [Mtkvari](#). Dating back to 1st millennium BC, **Uplistsikhe** is a rock-hewn ancient city that served as an important political, cultural and religious center, especially in the pre-Christian period. **Uplistsikhe** has numerous caves, chambers, tunnels, streets and walls, covering an area of approximately 8 hectares.

After excursion at **Uplistsikhe** we continue to a small village **Chardakhi** located near [Mtskheta](#). Have a home-made wine-tasting session in the local house and find out about Qvevry wine-making – the traditional way of winemaking in underground clay Wessel.

Take a lunch break in the local house with home-made dishes. Complex we leave for **Tbilisi**.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 9: TBILISI - TSINANDALI - SHUMI - GREMI - TBILISI

On day 9 we head for an exploration of [Kakheti](#) region in the eastern part of **Georgia**. [Kakheti](#) is one of the major traditional winemaking region of the country.

First, we are going to visit village **Tsinandali**, famous for its [Tsinandali Museum of Alexander Chavchavadze](#).

Chavchavadze was a 19th century Georgian aristocrat, Romanticist poet, and a military figure under the Russian Empire. Nowadays aristocrat's estate is turned into a museum that consists of Chavchavadze's memorial house, landscape garden, historical winery and wine cellar, hotel and a café.

We continue our journey to village **Shumi** located in 1.5 kilometers from **Tsinandali**. [Shumi Winery](#) and museum Vazoni houses a fine collection of wine related exhibits, an ethnography department and a wine-tasting area, with the collection of 294 varieties of wine from different regions of **Georgia**, as well as 92 varieties of foreign wines. Here, visitors can have a wine-testing with light snacks.

From **Shumi** we move to the [Gremi Royal Citadel and Church](#) – a 16th century architectural monument that consists of a citadel and the Church of the **Archangels**. These buildings are remains of a medieval town that served as a capital of the Kingdom of [Kakheti](#) in the 16th-17th centuries.

Evening drive back to **Tbilisi**.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 10: TBILISI - TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

After breakfast transfer to the airport and departure.

Inclusions

Included

Staff:

- Professional English-speaking guide service during the tour
- Professional driver service during the tour

Transport:

- 2 x APT-HTL transfers by a comfortable Climate Controlled car, minibus or bus
- Transportation with a comfortable Climate Controlled car, minibus or bus

Accommodation in the hotels:

- 4 x overnights in Tbilisi 4* hotel Citrus (or similar)
- 3 x overnights in Borjomi 3* hotel Borjomi Palace, Guest House On Erekle (or similar)
- 2 x overnights in Kutaisi 3* hotel Green Rooms (or similar)

Meals:

- 9 x Breakfasts-on days 2-10

Special activities:

- Lunch in Valodia's farm with trout barbeque
- Lunch in Chardakhi family winery with homemade dishes
- Dinner accompanied by folk show in one of the best restaurants in Tbilisi
- Wine-tasting in Shumi winery
- Wine-tasting in Chardakhi family winery
- Boat tour in Martvili Canyon

Other:

- Water (2 x bottles per person daily)
- Excursions in accordance with the program
- Entrance fees in accordance with the program
-
- All local taxes

More Info

Additional Info

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 7 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 60 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 7 days or less prior to the tour;
 - 100% of the total cost of the tourist product due to the Tourist's failure to appear.
-

Gallery

