

4 Day Kartli History and Archaeology Tour

Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

History & Archaeology Private Tour to [Kartli](#)

Starts from: TBILISI

Available: All Year

Distance: 580 km

Type: Private Cultural tour

Duration: 4 DAYS

If archaeology is your passion and you are looking for the ancient history of humanity, this 4-day private tour to [Kartli](#) region is right for you!

We designed itinerary, which includes all highlights of [Mtskheta](#), [Bolnisi](#), [Dmanisi](#), [Uplistsikhe](#) and [Tbilisi](#). Three overnights are arranged in Tbilisi hotel and every day we go out for the major cities of [Kartli](#) region to trace an early period of civilization and see establishment of Christianity. Tour includes visiting [Uplistsikhe](#), [Dmanisi](#) and [Bolnisi archaeological museums](#), UNESCO sites of [Mtskheta](#), [ArmazisKhevi](#), [Samtavisi](#) and the sightseeing of [Tbilisi](#).

We are excited to show you all hidden treasures of Inner and Lower [Kartli](#).

Tour details

- Code: GH-16
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 4 Days

Prices

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Sights to Visit

- [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#)
- [Jvari Monastery](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
- [Narikala Fortress](#)
- [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#)
- [Armaziskhevi](#)
- [National Museum](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Museum](#)
- [Bolnisi Sioni Church](#)
- [Dmanisi Site](#)
- [Bridge of Peace](#)
- [Tbilisi Historic District](#)
- [Samtavisi Cathedral](#)
- [Tbilisi](#)
- [Kartli](#)
- [Mtskheta Monuments](#)
- [Bolnisi Museum](#)

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN TBILISI - TBILISI CITY TOUR

Arrival in Tbilisi international airport. City tour, transfer to the hotel.

Hotel check in time is 15:00.

Tbilisi city tour includes: visit to the Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi (Sameba), **Narikala Fortress** by an aerial cable car from Rike Park , walking in Legvta **Khevi** canyon towards the waterfall, Sulfur bathhouses, the Shardeni and king Erekle II streets, the glass **Bridge of Peace** and the Georgian **National Museum**.

The museum preserves national heritage and presents rich archaeological, numismatic, ethnographic and contemporary art collections.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 2: TBILISI-SAMTAVISI- UPLISTSIKHE - CHARDAKHI -MTSKHETA-TBILISI

Driving distance: 217 km (3h 47 min)

09:00 am is recommended time to start a tour.

After breakfast guide will meet you at the hotel and drive to the West, village **Samtavisi**. The archaeological excavations near the 12th c cathedral is discovered in 2007. The **Grakliani Hill** archaeological excavation shows the evidence of human presence going back about 300,000 years.

Next site to visit is the ancient cave complex of **Uplistsikhe**, "The Lord's Fortress". Uplistsikhe was a city of worship perched on well-defended sandstone cliffs and located near the intersection of caravan trade routes (1st millennium to 4th century AD). Merchants before starting trading, brought goods for consecration. The ruins of this oldest urban settlement display the districts of wealthy and poor, marketplaces, workshops, streets, temples, escape tunnels and even the outdoor carved theater decorated by octagon vault of Roman's period.

The lunch is arranged in the family winery.

Second half of the day will be spent in **Mtskheta**. Located on the crossroads of Europe and Asia, **Mtskheta** used to be the capital of the Eastern Georgian kingdom of Iberia from the 4th c. BC until the 5th c. AD. Town is included in UNESCO World Heritage Site list: today visit **ArmazisKhevi** archaeological site, **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral** of 11th century, and **Jvari Monastery**, built in the 6th c. There is a tiny naive basilica behind the cathedral, named by **Antiochia**; a part of this charming nunnery was built in 4th c.

In the evening return back to Tbilisi.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 3: TBILISI - DMANISI - BOLNISI - TBILISI

Distance by car: 202 km (3h 45 min)

Today we drive south to the unique archaeological site of **Dmanisi** - excavations have revealed the earliest settlement of hominids outside of the African continent.

About 2 hours drive and we are in **Mashavera River Gorge** . **Dmanisi Sioni** church (7th c.), the fortress (10th c.), the ruins of the royal palace and archaeological sites are located in the fertile, green zone of Lower [Kartli](#) region.

Lunch break.

Then a trip to [Bolnisi](#) - a small town where on the walls of [Bolnisi](#) Sioni basilica (4th century) one of the oldest Georgian inscriptions has been preserved. Visit the **Archaeological Museum of [Bolnisi](#)**. The museum presents ethnographic and historical objects from the first days of human life.

In the evening arrival in Tbilisi.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 4: TRANSFER TO TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out until 12:00. Transfer to the Airport for departure.

We wish you to be your host again in Georgia.

Inclusions

Included

Transportation:

- 2 x Tbilisi Airport Private transfers to/from Tbilisi hotel by a comfortable vehicle
- Private transportation with a comfortable vehicle

Staff:

- Professional guide service during the tour

Accommodation:

- 3 x overnights in Tbilisi 3* hotel Brigitte (or similar)

Meals:

- 3 x Breakfasts-on days 2, 3, 4
- 2 x Lunches-on days 2, 3

Other:

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

Excluded

- Visa Fees (when needed) & Travel Insurance
 - Early Check Ins/Late Check outs
 - Dinners & Alcoholic beverages
 - Optional services
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More Info

Additional Info

To arrange extra services and pre-tour (post-tour) hotel overnights, contact us [info\[at\]georgianholidays.com](mailto:info@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 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 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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