

# 7 Day Taste of Georgia Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

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## Overview

### Multi-day private tour Taste of Georgia

Starts from: TBILISI

Available: All Year

Distance: 1022 km

Duration: 7 DAYS

7-day private tour Taste of Georgia starts from the capital of Georgia – **Tbilisi**. The tour covers four regions and numerous highlights: the cities of **Tbilisi**, **Kutaisi**, [Borjomi](#), [Akhaltsikhe](#) and [Gori](#), UNESCO world Heritage Sites, ancient caves of **Uplistsikhe** and [Vardzia](#), **Prometheus karst Caves**, [Borjomi National Park](#), medieval **Castle Rabati** and three major museums: [National Museum](#), [Vani archaeological](#) and house-museum of Stalin,

We offer delicious traditional dishes in each region to show you the diversity and peculiarity of local gastronomy.

We are excited to greet you in Georgia!

Happy travel!

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## Tour details

- Code: GH-36
- Starts from: Tbilisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: 7 Days

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## Prices

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## Sights to Visit

- [Svetitskhoveli Cathedral](#)
- [Bagrati Cathedral](#)
- [Gelati Monastery](#)
- [Jvari Monastery](#)
- [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#)
- [Prometheus Cave](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Caves](#)
- [Vardzia rock-cut caves](#)
- [Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati](#)
- [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#)
- [Metekhi Church](#)
- [National Museum](#)
- [Vardzia Museum](#)
- [Uplistsikhe Museum](#)
- [Ioseb Stalin State Museum](#)
- [Bridge of Peace](#)
- [Tbilisi Historic District](#)
- [Vani Archaeological Site](#)
- [Aspindza](#)
- [Akhaltsikhe](#)

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## Itinerary

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN TBILISI AIRPORT

Welcome in Tbilisi international airport.

Transfer to **Tbilisi** hotel. Free evening.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

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## **DAY 2: TBILISI - MTSKHETA - GORI - UPLISTSIKHE - KUTAISI**

Driving distance: 286 km (5h 57 min)

After breakfast, guide will meet you at the hotel and help for check out.

Suggested time to start a day is 09:00.

Drive to the capital of former Kingdom of Iberia - [Mtskheta town](#). Visit UNESCO Sites: **Svetitskhoveli** Cathedral (11th c.), and [Jvari Monastery](#) (6th c.).

Text stop is small town [Gori](#), prominent for agriculture production, especially for apples, and a birthplace of Soviet dictator, Stalin. Visit Soviet-era museum of Joseph Stalin, which consists of Stalin's memorial house, train and exhibition halls displaying his personal belongings.

Drive towards **Uplistsikhe**, an ancient temple town carved in a sandstone rocks. This cave complex is considered as the oldest urban settlement discovered on the territory of present-day Georgia. Sightseeing will take about 45 minutes.

Tour continues to the western Georgia. After driving through 1.8 km tunnel on **Rikoti Pass**, arrive in **Kutaisi**, the third largest city of Georgia country. Before entering Kutaisi, visit **Gelati Academy** and Monastery, 12th c masterpiece, built during the Golden Age. The western window of the academy building is good place to see sunset.

In the evening arrive to **Kutaisi** and walk around the central park.

Two overnights in Kutaisi.

## **DAY 3: KUTAISI TOUR - PROMETHEUS CAVES - VANI - KUTAISI**

Driving distance: 116 km (2h 34 min)

After breakfast at the hotel, visit [Bagrati Cathedral](#), at the former residential place of Great King Bagrat III. Built in early 11th c., the cathedral overlooks from the hill and is considered as a symbol of **Kutaisi**.

Today visit the pearl of Imereti Protected areas - **Prometheus karst caves**, one of the longest and beautiful caves in the region; various types of stalactites, stalagmites, cave pearls, underground rivers and lakes will amaze you. The boat trip is possible to book separately, as availability depends of the river level inside the caves.

After visiting [Prometheus Caves](#), drive to [Vani Archaeological Museum-Reserve](#), prominent for archaeological findings of the ancient **Colchis civilization**. The permanent exhibition displays cultural development of the city (from 800 BC up to 100 AD).

**\*Optional** visit of the winery **Vartsikhe** is available on the way back to Kutaisi.

Overnight in Kutaisi.

## **DAY 4: KUTAISI - BORJOMI - AKHALTSIKHE**

Driving distance: 183 km (3h 29 min)

In the morning check out and drive to **Borjomi** spa-resort.

Surrounded by evergreen forested mountains, the town lies on the banks of [Mtkvari](#) and small river Borjomula. Take a nice walk either in a central park or in the [Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park](#), taste famous bobbling mineral spring water and have a relaxing day in the nature.

In the evening continue to another town of [Samtskhe-Javakheti](#) area, [Akhaltsikhe](#), administrative center of the region. Here, visit [Akhaltsikhe Castle](#), in Rabati district dating back to the 14th century. The Castle includes public area, administrative building, amphitheater, hotel, restaurant, museum, church, mosque and remains of residential palace of duke Jakheli.

Overnight in [Akhaltsikhe](#) hotel.

## **DAY 5: AKHALTSIKHE - VARDZIA - TBILISI**

Driving distance: 288 km (5h 22 min)

Today, follow the up-stream of the river [Mtkvari](#) and explore Javakheti region. Picturesque valley! Visit Europa Nostra winner of 2021 - [Vardzia](#) cave monastery. On the way, we can see ruined medieval fortresses of [Borjomi](#) , **Atskuri**, **Khertvisi** and **Tmogvi**, closer to the border of Ottomans. Make as much stops as you wish. Volcanic mountains are striped with terraced vineyards. Amazing valley!

The rock-hewn cave-monastery [Vardzia](#) was built in 12th c as a stronghold, and consists of approximately 600 rooms located in five, six, seven and sometimes thirteen tiers. There are residential caves, prayers, spring, churches, refectories, bakeries, wine presses, stables, barracks and stores, secret tunnels, internal corridors and chapels. Complex flourished under the rule of the lady king Tamar the Great of Georgia (1184 to 1213). Her portrayal can be observed on the southern wall of the main church.

In the evening drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

## DAY 6: TBILISI CITY TOUR

Tbilisi full day private sightseeing by foot and car.

After breakfast, head to the highest point of the city - **Mtatsminda Park**. It is possible to get on the top by car or by the **funicular cable tram**. Two main panoramas shall be depicted on the tour's final day: view of **Tbilisi historical district** (opera house, Rustaveli avenue, [Metekhi Church](#), golden domed Sameba trinity cathedral, [Narikala Fortress](#) and e.s) and another, view of **Soviet Tbilisi** (Stadium, Tbilisi central railway, residential blocks of Saburtalo district, Sport palace and e.s).

Take a moment under the TV tower, walk in a park and don't skip good portion of ice-cream in Funicular restaurant - the best place to enjoy the day.

Walk to the city by foot, visit **Mtatsminda Pantheon**, **Rustaveli Avenue** and the **Georgian National Museum**. It's unique collections features gold and silver artifacts from [Vani excavations](#) of the pre-Christian period.

After visiting the museum, continue to the old city to visit the main cathedral - **Holy Trinity of Tbilisi** and [Metekhi Church](#) , **Rike park Cable car**, the ancient **Fortress Narikala**, the Legvta [Khevi](#) canyon and natural waterfall, the **Sulfur bathhouse** district and historical streets of Shardeni and King Erekle II, visit outdoor cafes, souvenir shops, art-galleries, walk through the **glass Bridge of Peace** and **Dry Bridge flea market** over the river [Mtkvari](#) . You can feel the spirit of two great continents: this is a crossroad, here Europe meets Asia. You will fall in love with his eclectic city. Have a great evening!

Transfer to the hotel.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

## **DAY 7: TRANSFER TO TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out time is 12:00.

Transfer to the Airport for departure.

We wish you nice flight and wait for your next arrival.

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## **Inclusions**

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### **Transportation:**

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

### **Private Staff:**

- Professional guide service during the tour

### **Accommodation:**

- 3 x nights-Tbilisi 3\* Tbilisi Brigitte or similar
- 2 x nights-Kutaisi 3\* Kutaisi Green room or similar
- 1 x nights-Akhaltsikhe 3\* Tiflis Boutique or Almi

### **Meals:**

- 6 x Breakfasts-on days 2-7

### **Other:**

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

## **Excluded**

- Visa Fees (when needed)
  - Insurance
  - Flight tickets
  - Early Check Ins/Late Check outs
  - Meals & Alcoholic beverages
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## More Info

## Additional Info

### \*Optional services:

- Single Supplement: 156 \$
- Wine tasting in Vartsikhe winery - per person 15 \$
- Cooking master-class in Vardzia- per person 20 \$

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 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.
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