7 Day Visit Georgia Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

Overview

Visit Georgia

Starts from: TBILISI every second Saturday

Type: SMALL GROUP tour

Distance: 908 km

Duration: 7 DAYS/6 nights Available: April-October

Experience the captivating 'Visit Georgia' tour over 7 days, exploring unique sites of <u>Kartli</u>, <u>Khevi</u>, and <u>Samtskhe-Javakheti</u> regions, visiting cities like Tbilisi, <u>Gori</u>, <u>Stepantsminda</u>, <u>Borjomi</u>, <u>Akhaltsikhe</u>, and the ancient town of <u>Mtskheta</u>. Experience the diverse landscapes, from the historic heart of Tbilisi to the towering Caucasus Mountains, and discover cultural gems like the UNESCO churches and the Joseph Stalin Soviet Museum. Don't miss the ancient cave complexes of Vardzia and Uplistsikhe, along with other fascinating attractions.

Have a fantastic journey!

Tour details

• Code: GH-22

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

Duration: 7 Days

Price Table	Start Date	End Date	Seats Left	Price From	Availability	Reserve
	2024- 05-18	2024- 05-24	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 06-01	2024- 06-07	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 06-15	2024- 06-21	14	€ 1083	Guaranteed	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 06-29	2024- 07-05	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 07-13	2024- 07-19	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 07-27	2024-	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 08-10	2024- 08-16	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 08-24	2024-	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 09-07	2024-	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 09-21	2024- 09-27	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 10-05	2024-	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2024- 10-19	2024- 10-25	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300
	2025- 04-05	2025- 04-11	15	€ 1203	Scheduled	Reserve for € 300

Sights to Visit

- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
- Jvari Monastery
- Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park
- Khertvisi Fortress
- Narikala Fortress
- Akhaltsikhe Castle, Rabati
- Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Sioni Cathedral
- Metekhi Church
- National Museum
- Jumah Mosque of Tbilisi
- Vardzia Museum
- Uplistsikhe Museum
- loseb Stalin State Museum
- Ananuri Fortress
- Gergeti Trinity Church
- Bridge of Peace
- Kazbegi National Park
- Vardzia-Khertvisi
- The Chronicle of Georgia
- Tbilisi
- Gudauri Ski Resort
- Rike Park & Cableway
- Dariali Gorge
- Mount Gergeti
- Sno valley
- Mtskheta
- Jvari Pass
- Stepantsminda
- Europe Square Tbilisi
- Tsalka
- Samtskhe-Javakheti
- Aspindza
- Tbilisi Freedom Square
- Akhaltsikhe
- Dariali Monastery
- Zhinvali Reservoir
- Agmashenebeli Avenue

Itinerary

Day 1: TBILISI CITY TOUR

The tour takes off on every next Saturday, at 10:00 AM.

Participants will join the group for the full-day Tbilisi city sightseeing.

After breakfast at the hotel, Georgian Holidays will organize your pick up service.

Start from the <u>Holy Trinity Cathedral</u> of Tbilisi (Sameba), the main cathedral and one of the tallest Orthodox church in Georgia. From the cathedral take a walk to the garden around and view the city from the left bank of the river.

Visit Metekhi plateau, start wondering in <u>Tbilisi Historic</u> <u>District</u> along Shardeni and the King Erekle II streets. On the way visit <u>SiOni</u> Cathedral, built in the 13th c. Cross the glass <u>Bridge of Peace</u> and take the <u>cable car</u> from <u>Rike park</u> to ride up on the hill to <u>Narikala</u> Fortress, built in 4th c., where the best panoramic views of the city are available to observe. From the fortress go downhill by foot to the old city, see 19th c mosque, little <u>canyon LegvtaKhevi</u> and the waterfall. Continue to the sulfur bath house square - <u>Abanotubani</u>. Tbilisi walking city tour ends at the Maidan square.

One-hour break for lunch in Shardeni area.

After lunch drive to Visit the **National Museum** of Georgia.

The rest of the day continue sightseeing by car: Rustaveli avenue, Hero's square, <u>Agmashenebeli Avenue</u> and Liberty square - this is a small circle around the town.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 2: TBILISI - MTSKHETA - ANANURI - GUDAURI

Driving distance: 142 km (3 h 5 min)

Check out and drive to <u>Mtskheta</u> – the former capital of ancient Georgia.

Before leave the city, visit **Chr<u>Oni</u>cle of Georgia** - Memorial of Georgian Kings. Huge bronze Soviet monument overlooks Tbilisi and Tbilisi Reservoir.

In <u>Mtskheta</u> visit two of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites: <u>Jvari Monastery</u> (6th c.) and <u>Svetitskhoveli Cathedral</u> (11th c.). Walk around the town, find cozy cafe for lunch and drive towards the Caucasus mountains through the <u>Georgian Military Highway</u>.

On the way to **Gudauri ski-resort** make a short stop to see the **Ananur**i castle (16-17th cc) and **Zhinvali reserve**. The complex stands near the Aragvi River and an artificial reservoir, it comprised of three churches, fortifications and residential tower of local feudal dynasty of Aragvi Eristavi.

After visiting Ananuri, drive towards the **Greater Caucasus Mountains** and arrive at the ski-resort **Gudauri**, which lies at an elevation of 2196 meters.

Dinner and overnight in **Gudauri.**

Day 3: GUDAURI - KAZBEGI - TBILISI

Driving distance: 208 km (4 h 12 min)

After breakfast at the hotel, start exploration of the **Caucasus** mountains. The road reaches its culmination on 2395 m level on the **Jvari Pass**. Make several stops and taste mineral waters, as well as to observe waterfalls and **Sno**wy peaks of the mountains around. Observation platform from Soviet times so called **Gudauri Panorama** is the best place for panoramic views on Aragvi river valley.

Visit the peak of the **Mount Gergeti** (2000 m) and the **Gergeti Trinity Church** 14th c – this brilliant medieval monastery is located on a very attractive spot - on the top of the town Stephantsminda and same time, on the foothills of His Majesty the **Kazbegi pick** (5054m). The panoramic view from here is emotional.

Next, visit **Gveleti waterfall, Darialy Canyon, Sno valley** and finally, after the trip to the mountains drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Day 4: TBILISI - GORI - UPLISTSIKHE - BORJOMI - AKHALTSIKHE

Driving distance: 250 km (4 h 4 min)

After breakfast, check out and drive towards <u>Samtskhe-</u> <u>Javakheti</u> passing through the <u>Kartli</u> region. On the way, make several visits in <u>Kartli</u>.

Gori town, the heart of the former kingdom of **Kartli**, trade center of the Great Silk Road, has long history. In 20th c it became prominent as the Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin was born (21.12. 1878). Stalin museum in **Gori** consists of the memorial house, train and museum building with a collection of his personal belongings.

Head for the ancient <u>Uplistsikhe Caves</u>. Uplistsikhe is one of the oldest rock-hewn urban settlements in Georgia dated back to the 1st millennium BC. The town was cut in rocks and had theatre, markets, places of worship, roads, channels for clean and wasted water, jails, secret tunnels and passes connecting ancient chambers and halls. Only one third is unearthed.

Next stop is **Borjomi** – a town famous for its mineral sparkling healing water and forested mountains around. Taste Borjomi water and take a walk through **Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park** – one of the largest protected areas in Europe, which covers 5300 sq. km. The park is unique because of its wildlife, interesting historic sites, and different ecological and geographical zones.

In the evening arrive in **Akhaltsikhe**.

Overnight in Akhaltsikhe.

Day 5: AKHALTSIKHE - VARDZIA

Driving distance: 60 km (1 h 12 min)

After breakfast visit **Akhaltsikhe Castle**.

Akhaltsikhe castle is a medieval fortress in the historical district **Rabati**. Established in the 9th century and later rebuilt by innumerous times, today the castle represents a favorite venue of festivals and events. Amphitheater, fountains, gardens, museum, castle, hotel, souvenir shop and courtyard overlook the city from the hilltop and you can observe beautiful panorama of lesser Caucasus mountains. Excursion takes about one hour.

After the excursion at **Akhaltsikhe** Castle, drive to **Vardzia** – a rock-hewn cave monastery on the left bank of the river **Mtkvari.** Initially planned as a town-fortress in the 12th - 13th c.c., during the reign of the king Giorgi III and Queen Tamar, the complex became a well-fortified monastery, which had a significant role in political, cultural, educational and spiritual life of the country. Follow the rocky steps upwards to the main hall beautifully painted in 12th c. The image of the king, queen and ktetor has survived to this day. Some hidden tunnels connect 5th floor to 8th, some goes deep to the spring. There is one long and half-ruined downhill tunnel, which goes out of the town to the riverside. Excursion takes about one and half hours.

Overnight in Vardzia.

Day 6: VARDZIA - TSALKA - TBILISI

Driving distance: 223 km (3 h 58 min)

On this final day of the tour, after breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart for **Tbilisi**.

Drive through **Ninotsminda** and the **Javakheti Plateau**. Along the way towards **Tbilisi**, make several stops at the alpine lakes of Sagamo and Para**Vani** and **Tsalka** reservoir. In the evening arrive in **Tbilisi**.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Those taking an extension trip to Armenia will be transferred to Gyumri after visiting **Vardzia**.

Those taking extension trips to Georgia will start their tour the next morning after breakfast.

Day 7: TBILISI

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out untill 12:00 pm. End of service.

Inclusions Included

Price Includes:

Staff:

 Professional English-speaking guide/driver service during the tour

Transport:

- Pick up/drop off from/to Tbilisi Hotel
- Private transportation with good condition car
- Additional transport 4 x 4 WD Jeep Delica service to Gergeti - on day 3

Accommodation in the hotels:

- 3 x overnights in Tbilisi 3* hotel Brigitte or similar in double/twin rooms
- 1 x overnight in Gudauri 3* Hotel Alpina or similar in double/twin rooms
- 1 x overnight in Akhaltsikhe 3* Hotel Tiflis or similar in double/twin rooms
- 1 x overnight in Vardzia Resort Hotel in double/twin rooms

Meals:

- 6 x breakfasts on days: 2,3,4,5,6,7
- 1 x dinner on day 2

Entertainment and other:

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

Excluded

- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Air tickets
- Airport transfers on Arrival & Departure days
- Accommodation in a single room
- Hotel night on the last day of the Land Only itinerary

More Info Additional Info

The deposit for this trip is: 300\$

If you book early (6 months before your landing) you will receive a **10% discount**.

Flights should be booked individually.

Flights should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and "Guaranteed" is displayed on the trip.

Optional services:

- Single room is 180 \$
- Private pick-up transfer from Tbilisi airport: 32 \$
- Private drop-off transfer to Tbilisi airport: 27 \$
- Discounted double-way private transfer to/from Tbilisi airport to/from Tbilisi hotel: 49 \$
- Farewell dinner in a Georgian Traditional restaurant with a folk show: 30 \$

To arrange airport transfers and additional hotel overnights, contact us trips[at]georgianholidays.com

CHILD POLICY:

- 0-6 years Free
- 7-11 years 50% discount
- 12 years and over Adult price

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 14 days of the starting day.

• The booking deposit 300 \$ 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 total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 14-7 days prior to the tour;
- 90% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 7 and fewer days prior to the tour;

Gallery

















