# Full Day Mtskheta-Gudauri Tour Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

### **Overview**

#### Mtskheta and Gudauri Private Day Trip

Starts from: Tbilisi Available: All year

Type: Private Full day trip

Duration: 9 hours

Total Distance: 265 km (5 h 31 min)

Located on the crossroads of Europe and Asia, between the two rivers Aragvi and Mtkvari, ancient town Mtskheta used to be the capital of the Eastern Georgian kingdom of Iberia from the 4th c BC through the 5th c AD, until the King Vakhtang IV moved his court to Tbilisi. Now the Historical Monuments of Mtskheta are listed in UNESCO World Heritage Sites list.

Today we are going to visit town Mtskheta, early medieval Jvari Monastery, the Svetitskhoveli Cathedral,
Ananuri Fortress, Zhinvali Reservoir, Gudauri skiresort (2196 m above the sea level), and observation platform standing at the edge of the cliff of Great Caucasus mountains.

Have a wonderful day ahead!

### Tour details

Code: GH-98

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

Duration: Full Day

## **Prices**

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# Sights to Visit

- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
- <u>Jvari Monastery</u>
- Ananuri Fortress
- Gudauri Ski Resort
- <u>Mtskheta</u>
- <u>Jvari Pass</u>
- Mtskheta Monuments
- Zhinvali Reservoir

# **Itinerary**

# DAY 1: TBILISI - JVARI- ANANURI - GUDAURI - MTSKHETA - TBILISI

Total driving distance and time: 265 km (5 h 35 min)

9:00 guide will pick you up from the hotel.

Head to the north, towards the **Greater Caucasus mountains** through the **Georgian Military Road**. On the way, turn towards the **Jvari Monastery**. The iconic panoramic view of the two rivers' confluence - **Mtkvari** and Aragvi lies at your feet. This is one of the must-see placesin Georgia.

Next stop at the medieval fortress **Ananuri**, located on the river bank of **Zhinvali Reservoir**. Swimming is available in summer. Mountain river Aragvi, a mountain river is clean, cold and beautiful blue.

The **Ananuri** fort was the residence of local feudal Aragvi Eristavi. The walls of Ananuri dome Church of the Assumption are decorated with unique stone carving, ornaments and frescoes from 16-17th c.c.

There are two observation platforms on the way to <u>Gudauri</u> – the first one is before reaching ski-resort, and another – few kilometers after <u>Gudauri</u>. Both places represent an ideal place for paragliding. If the weather is suitable, don't skip a moment and try once!

After visiting colorful upper observation platform with large mural and drive back to Tbilisi.

In the evening make a stop in <u>Mtskheta</u> town, take walk to the gorgeous <u>Svetitskhoveli Cathedral</u> of 11th century. Walk the narrow streets of the town, enjoying views and medieval spirit. Here you can also buy traditional sweets - Churchkhelas, made from grape juice, nuts and some Georgian spices.

In the evening we drive back to **Tbilisi.** 

# **Inclusions**

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# **Transportation:**

• Private Transportation

#### Staff:

• Professional private guide

### Other:

- 2 x bottles Water per person daily
- All entrance fees per program
- Local taxes

# **Excluded**

- Alcoholic beverages
- \*Optional services

# **More Info**

### **Additional Info**

To arrange airport transfers and additional hotel overnights, contact us at **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 2 days of the startingday.

• The booking deposit 15 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 2 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**











