# Mtskheta, Gori and Uplistsikhe Tour Cultural & Sightseeing Tours

#### **Overview**

#### Mtskheta, Gori and Uplistsikhe Trip

Starts from: Tbilisi Available: All year

Type: Private full day cultural tour Total driving distance: 192 km

Duration: 8 hours

A private full-day tour from Tbilisi includes historical monuments of **Mtskheta**, remarkable for UNESCO World Heritage sites - **Svetitskhoveli** and **Jvari**, **Gori** - a small town that lies at the heart of **Kartli** region - the birthplace of soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, and last but not least, **Uplistsikhe** - an ancient cave town that was once an important cultural center of pre-Christian **Kartli** kingdom.

This full inclusive tour will make your day, have a nice trip!

#### Tour details

• Code: GH-75

Starts from: Tbilisi

Max. Group Size: 15 Adults

Duration: Full Day

#### **Prices**

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## Sights to Visit

- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
- Jvari Monastery
- <u>Uplistsikhe Caves</u>
- Gori Fortress
- <u>Uplistsikhe Museum</u>
- <u>loseb Stalin State Museum</u>
- Gori Historical Museum
- Gori
- <u>Kartli</u>
- <u>Mtskheta</u>
- Mtskheta Monuments
- The Antioch Monastery

### **Itinerary**

#### Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Gori-Uplistsikhe-Tbilisi

Total driving distance: 216 km (3 h 41 min)

9:00 - Morning guide will meet you at the hotel lobby holding the name board, pick-up, and drive out of the city.

First stop is at <u>Jvari Monastery</u> located on top of a mountain. Here, we have introductory story of the area and wonderful panorama over the **Armazi Mountains** and the town of <u>Mtskheta</u>, confluence of two rivers **Aragvi** and <u>Mtkvari</u>. This 6th c early Christian masterpiece represents the best sample how harmoniously architecture and landscape could interrelate.

Drive towards **Gori** - the town that lies at the center of **Kartli** region. **Gori** was an important military stronghold in the Middle Ages. At the foot of a sand-stone hill stands the medieval **Fortress Tskhra-kara** "the Nine-gated". We do a short walk around and continue to the park by **J. Stalin**.

\*Optional: Two museum visits are available during thistour:

- Josef Stalin House -Museum (works every day)
- Gori Historic-Ethnoghraphical Museum (non-working day is Monday)

Excursion in the museum of the Soviet era will take about 30 minutes. The museum consists of 3 sites: main building contains items related to his life, the house where he was born, and his personal railway carriage.

Lunch is arranged at the restaurant "**Shin da Gori**", located nearby.

Next place to visit is the ancient cave town **Uplistsikhe** "Fortress of the Lord", an ancient town carved in rock and located in 14 kilometers east of town **Gori**. The echoing halls, long meandering corridor-streets, chambers for pagan worship and even the remains of the oldest theatre in **Georgia**, all carved into the rocky plateau are waiting for you to be explored.

After completing the tour in **Uplistsikhe** drive back to **Tbilisi**. On the way pass through **Mtskheta town**, walk a little, and pay a visit to its second UNESCO World Heritage

## **Inclusions**

## Included

#### **Transportation:**

Private Transportation

#### Staff:

° Professional private guide/driver

#### Meals:

° 1 x lunch

#### Other:

- ° All entrance fees per program
- ° 2 x bottles Water per person
- All local taxes

#### **Excluded**

- Personal expenses & Beverages
- \*Optional service

#### More Info

#### **Additional Info**

#### \*OPTIONAL SERVICES:

- Wine degustation in Uplistsikhe winery 10\$ perperson.
- Tbilisi airport private pick up service: 32\$
- Tbilisi airport private drop off service: 27\$
- Tbilisi airport private transfer double way: 49\$
- Dinner with folk show: 30\$

\*Optional: Two museum visits are available during thistour:

- Josef Stalin House Museum (works every day): 8\$
- Gori Historic-Ethnoghraphical Museum (non-working day is Monday): 2\$

To arrange airport transfers and hotel overnights, contactus at info[at]georgianholidays.com

#### NOTE: Legal drinking age in Georgia is 18 years.

10% Discount is available for "early bird" booking (6 months before your landing)

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 starting day.

• 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











