

5 Day Wine & Brandy Tour

Wine Tours

From: 726 €

Overview

History and culture of [Georgia](#) have always been closely intertwined with winemaking tradition. Wine in local culture is often considered as a symbol of hospitality and friendship. Oldest evidence of winemaking has been recently discovered at the archaeological site near [Tbilisi](#), at the 8000-year old village. Nowadays there are over 500 species of grape in [Georgia](#), while up to 40 of those varieties are used in commercial wine production.

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5-day “Wine and Brandy” introduces you to the Georgian wine. Tour takes off in the capital [Tbilisi](#) and travels to the major traditional winemaking region of [Georgia](#) – [Kakheti](#). On this tour, travelers will be able to sightsee [Tbilisi](#), visit the best wineries of Kakheti region, taste various local types of wine, and take a look at both modern and traditional ways of wine and brandy production of the country. Group will be accompanied by local, professional and experienced guide and driver.

Tour details

- Code: 04BSW
 - Starts from: Tbilisi
 - Group Size: Unlimited
 - Duration: 5 Days
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Sights to Visit

- [Narikala Fortress](#)
 - [Gremi Royal Tower](#)
 - [Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi](#)
 - [Metekhi Church](#)
 - [National Museum](#)
 - [Tsinandali Museum](#)
 - [Kvareli Tunnel](#)
 - [Numisi Winery](#)
 - [Pheasant tears](#)
 - [Twins Wine Cellar](#)
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Itinerary

Day 1: TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – TBILISI

Arrival and transfer from Tbilisi International Airport. We get to the city center of [Tbilisi](#) and start Tbilisi sightseeing tour. Founded in the 5th century AD, [Tbilisi](#) developed into one of the major cultural, political and economic centers of the **Caucasus region**.

We begin our tour by visiting the [Holy Trinity Cathedral](#) of Tbilisi (Sameba) – the main cathedral of Georgian Orthodox Church and of the tallest orthodox churches in the world, which represents a synthesis of different traditional styles of Georgian church architecture.

From [Sameba](#) we head towards the **Metekhi plateau** in the old Tbilisi, and visit [Metekhi church](#) built in the 13th century, situated on an elevated cliff near the river **Mtkvari**. From Metekhi we move down to the [Rike park](#), take an aerial cable car and get to the [Narikala Fortress](#) – major ancient fortification of the city dated back to the 4th century. [Narikala Fortress](#) is located on the mountain overlooking [Tbilisi](#). From there we stroll down to the old districts and visit **Legvtakhevi** canyon and waterfall, **Sulfur Bathhouse district**, and take a walk in old [Tbilisi](#) until we get to the **Maidan Square**. There are lots of outdoor cafes, bars, art galleries, souvenir and handicraft shops in these areas.

After lunch, we head to the [Georgian National Museum](#) on **Rustaveli avenue**. [Georgian National Museum](#) unifies several museums of Georgia and houses numerous collections and exhibitions that represent Georgian history, culture and art.

From the museum we move to **Mount Mtatsminda** and get to the **Mtatsminda Park** by the funicular. **Mount Mtatsminda** (770 m) is one of the highest points of [Tbilisi](#) with a landscaped park on top of it, overlooking the city. Day 1 and [Tbilisi](#) sightseeing tour is finished by the welcome dinner at Georgian traditional restaurant.

Overnight in [Tbilisi](#).

Day 2: TBILISI – SIGNAGI – VELISTSIKHE – KVARELI – TELAVI

On day 2 we depart for **Kakheti** region – one of the major traditional winemaking regions of [Georgia](#). Our first stop is at Signagi – a small town situated on the eastern foothills of the **Gombori mountain** range at an elevation of 790 meters, surrounded by the 18th c. city curtain walls, facing Greater Caucasus Mountains and overlooking the valley of river **Alazani**. In [Signagi](#) we are going to visit a local cellar of [Pheasant's Tears Winery](#) and taste traditional Georgian wine made according to the authentic wine-making tradition of Kvevri – Georgian traditional earthenware vessel used for fermentation, aging and storage of wine. We can take short walk in the center of [Signagi](#), and afterwards drive to village **Velistsikhe** to take a look at local wine cellar and museum of [Numisi Winery](#) and **Cellar Museum**, one of the oldest wine cellars in **Kakheti**, dated back to the 16th c. We will have a lunch in Numisi and taste Georgian red and white wines stored in Kvevri.

From **Velistsikhe** we continue to **Kvareli** town and pay a visit to **Khareba Wine Cellar**, located in a cave on the flank of the Caucasus mountains, and taste wines. The temperature in the tunnel of **Khareba winery** stays ideally at 12-14°C throughout the whole year. It consists of two main tunnels with total length of 7.7 km.

Afterwards, we drive to Telavi town from **Kvareli**. [Telavi](#) is the administrative center of **Kakheti** region.

Dinner and overnight in [Telavi](#).

Day 3: TELAVI – TSINANDALI – GREMI – NAPAREULI – TELAVI

After breakfast we continue exploration of **Kakheti** region. We can visit [Telavi](#) farmer's bazaar where we can buy local fruits, homemade wine and Georgian vodka – “Chacha”, cheese and bread, Georgian traditional sweets such as “Churchkhela” etc.

From [Telavi](#), we head to village **Tsinandali** to see the [House Museum of Alexander Chavchavadze](#). Alexander Chavchavadze was a famous Georgian aristocrat, military figure in service of the Russian Empire, and a Romanticist poet from the 19th century. Nowadays, Chavchavadze's residence, garden and winery in [Tsinandali](#) is turned into a museum. From **Tsinandali** we to drive to **Gremi** – a 16th century architectural monument in **Kakheti**. Complex consists of the royal citadel and the [Church of Archangels](#), and represents the only surviving part of medieval town of **Gremi**.

From **Gremi** we drive to village **Napareuli**, where [Twins Wine Cellar](#) and its **Qvevri Wine Museum** are located. Museum shows the process of Georgian traditional wine-making procedure step-by-step. Nowadays, wine production of [Twins Wine Cellar](#) is still based on the old, local methods. We are going to have lunch in a restaurant at the [Twins Wine Cellar](#) with various types of wines available. Afterwards, we return back to [Telavi](#). Dinner and overnight in [Telavi](#).

Day 4: TELAVI – TBILISI

After breakfast we drive back to [Tbilisi](#). On our way to [Tbilisi](#) we are going cross Tsvi-**Gombori** mountain range through **Gombori Pass** (1620 m).

After our arrival we are going to head to the wine and brandy factory of [JSC Sarajishvili](#) – one of the oldest manufacturers of liquor in Georgia, founded in 1884 by a Georgian scientist and entrepreneur Davit Sarajishvili. We can take part in the degustation of the 19th century brandy. It is also possible to purchase a bottle from the old collections at the factory.

On day 4 we will have a free evening and a gala dinner with folk performance at Georgian traditional restaurant.

Overnight in [Tbilisi](#).

Day 5: TBILISI CITY – TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Tbilisi International Airport. End of service.

Inclusions

Included

- Professional English-speaking guide (or any other language) service during the tour
- Professional driver service during the tour
- 2 airport-hotel transfers by a comfortable car, minibus or bus
- Transportation with comfortable A/C car, minibus or bus for 4 days 1, 2, 3, 4
- 2 x nights-Tbilisi 4* hotel Citrus or similar
- 2 x nights-Telavi 4* Chateau Mere or similar
- 4 x breakfasts,
- 4 x lunches in wine cellars + wine-tastings,
- 4 x dinners
- Winetasting at Signagi Peasant's Tears
- Winetasting at Velistsikhe wine cellar and museum of Numisi
- Winetasting at Kvareli Winery Khareba and wine cellar Tunnels
- Winetasting at Napareuli Twin's Wine Cellar and Museum
- Winetasting at Sarajishvili Wine Brandy & Alcohol Factory in Tbilisi
- 2 x bottles Water per person daily
- All local taxes

Excluded

- Visa Fees
 - Insurance
 - Flight tickets
 - Early Check Ins/Late Check outs
 - Personal expenses
 - Services not mentioned in this program
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More Info

Additional Info

2020 EURO PRICES per person based on 4* accommodation:

Solo - 1412 €

2 people – 975 €

4 people - 835 €

6 people – 745 €

8 people - 735 €

10-15 people - 726 €

In case of 10 and more people traveling together 1 person from the group will be FREE of charge.

Additional price for Single room accommodation is 139 €

The legal drinking age is 18 years.

CHILD POLICY:

0-1 years - Free

2-6 years - 363 EURO

7 years and over - Adult price

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation is free of charge prior 31 days of the starting day.

- The booking deposit 30 Euro (or a special sum for group tours and half day tours) is non-refundable in case of cancellation of the tour after booking has been confirmed. The fee is kept as a deposit on the Tourist's account for future booking(s).

If Tourist cancels the booked tour for some reasons not depending on Tour Operator, the following sums are kept back as a fine:

- 10% of total cost of tourist product in case of cancellation 30 days prior to the tour;
- 50% of total cost of tourist product in case of tour cancellation 15-7 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;
- 99% of total cost of tourist product due to the Tourist's failure to appear at the airport no more than 2 hours prior to departure or non-admission on the flight owing to circumstances beyond the Tour Operator's controls.