

# Wine tour in Imereti - to Mate's winery, Vartsikhe & Baia`s winery

## Food, Wine & Culinary Tours in Georgia

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### Overview

#### Wine Tour in [Imereti](#) - to Mate's winery, Vartsikhe & Baia`s winery

Starts from: Kutaisi

Available: All year

Type: Private Full day trip

Total Distance: 89 km

Duration: 8 hours

The best selection of local winemakers is the highlight of a one-day private wine tour from Kutaisi.

Imereti is one of the significant western wine regions of Georgia. The program brings together three different tasting locations: First drive to Mate's wine cellar in Banoja village. Visit a traditional western-type family wine cellar, and taste three kinds of homemade wine.

Then continue to the medium-sized winery Vartsikhe Marani and the last a small family winery producing unique bio-wine in the Baia's Wine cellar in the village of Obcha near the town of Baghdati. Taste the Imereti grapes and get acquainted with the winemaking traditions of Churi.

We wish you a great day!

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### Tour details

- Code: GH-79
- Starts from: Kutaisi
- Max. Group Size: 15 Adults
- Duration: Full Day

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### Prices

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## Sights to Visit

- [Kvareli Wine Cave](#)
  - [Kutaisi](#)
  - [Imereti](#)
  - [Baia's Wine](#)
  - [Vartsikhe Marani](#)
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## Itinerary

### **Kutaisi-Banoja-Vartsikhe-Obcha- Kutaisi**

Tour guide will meet you at Kutaisi hotel.

As the tour is private, we start upon your convenience.

Pick-up from Kutaisi hotel.

Starting from Mate's Marani a family-owned winery and ethno-location in Imereti region. Perfectly located on the crossroads of Kutaisi and Tskaltubo, this place is very easily reachable from both cities (5mins drive from Kutaisi,10mins drive from Tskaltubo). Their main ambition was to produce natural wines with the traditional Georgian methods. They are mainly focused on wine, but also produce spirits and honey. Winery obtain to produce only 4000-5000 bottles of wine per year. The small production allows them to attend to the quality of products in every single detail.

Next wine spot is in [Vartsikhe Marani](#) (wine cellar) with the same name as the village has. The cellar owns vineyards both in the west and in the east parts of Georgia. Wines here are made in "Churi" (Qvevri is called "Churi" in [Imereti](#) region) by traditional technologies, which give the wine reach phenolic compounds. Walk along the vineyards, discover and get information about the endemic grape varieties of Tsiskha, Tsolikauri, Krakhuna, Otskhanuri Sapere, Aleksandrouli, etc, end the tour in Varsikhe wine cellar with wine tasting of the unique wines.

Continue the trip to another village of **Baghdati** town - **Obcha**, visit a small family winery - **Baia's Wine Cellar**. George and his young sisters of Abuladze family Baia and Gvantsa trying to bring new life to the region's viticulture. They are the perfect example of young motivated women continuing family traditions. Baia is responsible for white grape varieties producing and marketing, while Gvantsa monitors red grape ones. Traditional [Imeretian](#) lunch with wine will be served here.

Drive back to Kutaisi. Drop off to the hotel.

**\*Optional:** evening visit the wine bar - "Sapere" which is named after the widespread red grape varieties (Otskhanuri Sapere) in West Georgia, mostly in the [Imereti](#) viticulture region. The bar stimulates and collects wines from local

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## **Inclusions**

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### **Transportation:**

- Private Transportation

### **Staff:**

- Private Professional Guide/driver

### **Meals:**

- 1 x Lunch with Georgian wine

### **Other:**

- 3 x wine tasting: Baia`s Wine Cellar, Vartsikhe Marani, Mate`s wine cellar
- 2 x 0.5 l. bottle of mineral water per person
- All entrance fees per program
- All local taxes

## **Excluded**

- Personal expenses and more beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
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## More Info

## Additional Info

**NOTE:** Minimum legal drinking age in Georgia country is 18 years.

To arrange airport transfers and hotel overnights, contact us 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 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 5 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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## Gallery

