# Kartli Wine Tour

# Food, Wine & Culinary Tours in Georgia

#### Overview <u>Kartli</u> Wine Tour - Merebashvili Marani, Uplistsike Winery, <u>Chateau Ateni</u>, <u>Vacheishvili Rural House</u> and Guramshvili`s Marani

Starts from: Tbilisi

Available: All year upon request

Type: Private full day wine tour

Duration: Seven hours

Total Driving distance: 208 km (3 h 57 min)

Kartli one day private wine tour is designed for wine professionals to discover the best combination of traditional wines and experience a variety of wineries in the microzone of Inner Kartli, Georgia.

The trip includes wine tasting and a tour of the oldest historical winery of the <u>Uplistsikhe Museum</u>-Reserve, "Atenuri" wine (PDO- Protected Designation of Origin) at <u>Chateau Ateni</u> and <u>Vacheishvili Rural House</u>, artisan wine cellar Merebashvili Marani in Kaspi municipality, and one of the largest wineries of Georgia Guramshvili`s Marani in Saguramo village, where the sommelier will discuss the general and detailed specifics of Georgian winemaking methods.

Have a wonderful day!

Tour details	<ul> <li>Code: GH-93</li> <li>Starts from: Tbilisi</li> <li>Max. Group Size: 15 Adults</li> <li>Duration: Full Day</li> </ul>
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Sights to Visit	<ul> <li><u>Uplistsikhe Caves</u></li> <li><u>Chateau Ateni</u></li> <li><u>Merebashvili's Marani</u></li> <li><u>Kartli</u></li> <li><u>Nika Vacheishvili Cellar</u></li> <li><u>Vacheishvili Rural House</u></li> <li><u>Guramishvili's Winery</u></li> </ul>

### Itinerary

#### KASPI, UPLISTSIKE, ATENI, SAGURAMO

9:00 Pick up from Tbilisi hotel.

Drive to a wine cellar of <u>Merebashvili's Marani</u>, in a small town Kaspi. The host follows traditional technologies for producing, fermenting and storing unique artisan natural wines in underground qvevri vessels. The tour takes placein the vineyards, where the oldest and endemic grapevarieties (Chinuri, Tavkveri, Goruli Mtsvane, Shavkapito,etc.) are cultivated. Wine tasting is arranged by family.

Drive to **Uplistsike**, the ancient cave settlement inGeorgia. The unique wine cellar is cut in a send rock, on theterritory of **Uplistsikhe Museum**-**Reserve**. The wine cellaris roofed in a mixed style of Meskhetian "wooden crown" and the flat Bany roof and includes two areas: Qvevri cellar(clay pitchers) wine storage and a tasting area. The yard is decorated with vine terraces. Tasting includes natural wines produced from local vine varieties (Khidistauri, Atenuri, Chinebli and Tavkveri).

Next village to visit is **Ateni**, just in 15 km from the town **Gori**. Ateni is the only appellation micro zone of the **Kartli** region, distinguished with the wine "Atenuri" (sparkling white wine, blend of Chinuri, Goruli Mtsvane, and Aligote grapes). Visit two wineries **Chateau Ateni** and **Vacheishvili Rural House**, get introduced with the winemakers, see the vineyards and taste red and white wines.

After exploring the unique **Kartli** grape varieties head to **Guramshvili`s Marani** (wine cellar) in the village Saguramo, operated by the **Kakheti**an Traditional Winemaking company. The tour includes traditional wine cellar, classic wine-making section, bottling and laboratory section. Here, visitors have a chance to see the handmade production method of sparkling wine (French Champagne). Taste 3 types of **Kartli** wines.

From Saguramo, drive back to Tbilisi.

At the end of the day, we drop you off at the hotel.

Have a lovely evening!

# Inclusions

## Included

### Transportation:

• Private Transportation

#### Staff:

• Private Professional Guide

#### **Other:**

- 5 x wine tastings at Merebashvili Marani, Uplistsikhe winery, Chateau Ateni, Vacheishvili Rural House and Guramshvili`s Maran
- 2 x 0.5 l. bottle of mineral water per person
- All entrance fees per program
- All local taxes

### Excluded

• More Beverages and personal expenses, which are not mentioned in the itinerary

### **More Info**

### **Additional Info**

To arrange airport transfers and pre-(post) tour hotel overnights, contact us info[at]georgianholidays.com

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

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.











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