

## Georgia / 4 Days / Prime Class Tour Package

### **Note:**

Due of its location, Georgia was not only the crossroad of political, cultural and linguistically exchange, but the meeting point of both conflict and tolerance with respect to religious diversity and it always could accept other nation's spiritual views. Georgia with its unique language and Alphabet has a position of a crossroad in Linguistic terms too. It stands between the Semitic world on the one hand and the Indo-European on other. A comparatively mild climate, a fertile soil, natural resources, a diversity of flora and fauna, has created in Georgia the advantageous conditions for earliest inhabitants in human history.

### **Day 1 Arrival day, Check in at the hotel in Tbilisi**

#### Short tour of Tbilisi at night



### **Day 2 Tbilisi- Kazbegi**

#### Visits to:

- **Ananuri Church** - The fairy-tale Ananuri ensemble is beautifully situated on the Georgian Military Highway, on the shore of the azure blue Zhinvali reservoir.



- **Gergeti Trinity Church** - This spectacular building says "Georgia" like no other buildings can. The TsmindaSameba or GergetisTrinity Church has been the subject of a million tourist photos, book covers and postcards. Built of massive granite blocks at a height of 2,170 meters, the 14th century cross-domed church and bell tower are an amazing feat of architecture and sheer human dedication.



- **Alexander Kazbegi Museum** -The museum dedicated to the well-known Georgian 19th century poet Alexander Kazbegi is a 5-minute walk away from the main square of Stepantsminda. The museum gives a good insight into the life of this pastoral poet and the life in Georgia on his time in general. Bring along a local friend – or a dictionary and a lot of patience. The information is in Georgian only—so take your local friends with you.



- Breakfast at hotel
- Lunch at restaurant
- Dinner at restaurant

### Day 3 Kazbegi–Gori –Mtskheta–Tbilisi

Visit to:

-**Joseph Stalin Museum** -The Stalin Museum includes the memorial house where Joseph Stalin (1879-1953) was born, a museum building with a tower, and Stalin's personal carriage he used to visit Tehran, Yalta, and Potsdam. There are many unique exhibits displayed there, including Stalin's personal belongings and collections of paintings, photos, films, and other important historical works and items.



- **Uplistsikhe Historical-Architectural Museum-Reserve** - The museum include the rock streets and squares, see heathen temples, palaces, depressions used for several ritual purposes, richly adorned halls, bakeries, secret tunnel, etc. Besides, the remains of ancient three-nave basilica, early medieval “crown-prince” church erected over the basement of once heathen temple in the central neighborhood of Uplistsikhe, coupled with medieval houses and palaces make the site one of the most requested visiting points in Georgia. Several valuable artifacts excavated on the territory of the ancient settlement and its surroundings are exhibited in the museum, the most noteworthy of which are the unique samples of small plastics, embroidery, weaponry, agricultural tools and cult service goods.



- **Mtskheta Cross Monastery (Jvari)** -Jvari is one of the masterpieces of Georgian architecture and is now listed as one of the World Heritage sites by UNESCO. It was built on a hill near Mtskheta overlooking the estuary of two rivers, the Mtkvari and Aragvi. However the original structure was much smaller. After converting to Christianity, King Mirian erected a tall wooden cross on the hill, which was venerated by various Christian nations.



- **The Great Mtskheta Archaeological State Museum-Reserve** -The museum-reserve encompasses several different sites from the 4th century BC to the 12th century AD: the Royal residence Armaztsikhe, the Royal crypt, the residence of Pitiakhshes in Armaziskhevi, and the ancient burial grounds of Samtavro. The museum houses an impressive collection of the various archaeological discoveries from the sites.



- **Svetitskhoveli** - the biggest Christian temple in Georgia - was erected in the 11th c in the same place where the first Christian church in Georgia stood in the 4th c.

- Evening Arrival in Tbilisi.



Free time in Tbilisi

- Breakfast at hotel
- Lunch at restaurant
- Dinner at restaurant

#### Day 4 City tour in Tbilisi

**Abanotubani** - one of the ancient neighbourhoods of Tbilisi where the first settlement of Old Tiflisi must have appeared. In the Middle Ages, Abanotubani and its neighbouring Seidanabadi were mainly resided by Persians. This neighbourhood was famous for its hot springs which later gave basis to opening numerous bath houses in this area. The legend about foundation of Tbilisi says that King Vakhtang Gorgasali decided to build a capital city on this very place after he saw a pheasant falling in the hot spring. The name Tbilisi derives from the word warm and is also related to this phenomenon.



**Narikala** -Fortress was the common name for fortresses in different towns of Georgia. The name derives from Mongolian Narin (junior) and means Little Fortress.

Location of the Narikala citadel in Tbilisi was strategically chosen on the top of a steepy rock, the narrowest place of the river-bed of the River Mtkvari. Narikala fortress has witnessed and has even been a participant of multi-century adventures and history of Tbilisi. Its walls and towers have been ruined, restored and reconstructed multiple times. Fragments that have reached the current times belong to different periods. Tavrizi and Stambol towers are distinguished from other towers. Interestingly, Shakistakhti tower of the fortress was used as an observatory in the middle ages.



**Metekhi**- Church is one of the most important monuments of Tbilisi with its history, architectural style and location. St. Mary Orthodox Church of Metekhi, located on the left embankment of the river Mtkvari, is rested on Metechi Plateau in Isani, one of the oldest neighbourhoods of Tbilisi. Originally, the first church on this place was built in the 5th century by King Vakhtang Gorgasali. Later on, in the 13th century, during Mongols' invasions, the church was ruined. On the remains of the old Church, in the years of 1278-1289, King Demetre II Tavaddebuli built a new church. Over centuries, being ruined and restored many times, Metekhi church now consists of numerous construction layers. Dressed stone of the church and its ornament decorations are originated from Demetre Tavaddebuli's times; some parts were restored in the 17th and 18th centuries.



**Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi-** is the main Cathedral of the Georgian Orthodox Church located in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia. Constructed between 1995 and 2004, it is the third-tallest Eastern Orthodox Cathedral in the World. “Sameba” is a synthesis of traditional styles dominating the Georgian church architecture at various stages in history and has some Byzantine undertones.



**Mtatsminda Park-** Right on the top of the Holy Mountain (Mtatsminda) Bombora the amusement park is situated. One can take funicular or take a ride to visit the park. It is a perfect place for kids to have fun and adults to enjoy beautiful views of Tbilisi.



- Breakfast at hotel
- Lunch at restaurant
- Dinner at restaurant
- Farewell dinner at restaurant.
- Transfer to the Tbilisi International airport.

### **Package includes:**

- >Inland transportation by car 4x4 / by minibus
- >Guide assistance at the airport (arrival, departure)
- >Excursions & entrance fees
- >Accommodation according to the program
- >Meals / full board

### **Package Excludes:**

- >Flights
- >Visas

## **Tour Logistics**

### **General**

The above mentioned itinerary is specially designed for our guests. All upgrades, however, such as personal guide, single accommodation, private vehicle for optional tour, entertainment etc will be available on spot.

The logistics and the draft budget are based on number of participants in the group and English-speaking tour leader. The tour provides package service, including FB in the countryside and HB in Tbilisi, transportation and all entrance fees to the museums (as per the itinerary).

- Meantime, the program is flexible according to special demands or remarks.

### **Accommodation**

5\* class hotels are only available in Tbilisi, Batumi, and Bordjomi.

4\* class hotels are only available in Kvareli, Signagi, Telavi, and Kutaisi

### **Transportation**

For airport transfers and inland transportation air-conditioned Car, 8-10 seats Minibus or Full size modern Bus will be provided - depending on a group size.

**Staff / Cultural Tours Guide** - is a person with fluent knowledge of Chinese / Russian and English languages, history, culture and good management skills and rich experience. Guide together with Tour Operator will be in charge of Program's logistics and will be able to assist Group members in their personal requests.

**Season** - The season for this program is not limited; however, the ideal conditions are from March through summer and till the mid of November.

### **Food**

**Breakfast** is included in the rates of hotels in Tbilisi, as well as in Hotels and guesthouses in countryside, where dinner is also included.

**Lunch** 3 course meals, 1 bottle of mineral water per person, coffee or tea. Lunch menu has to be agreed additionally and adjusted to the customers' specific needs. In single places lunch boxes will be provided. **Lunch-pack menu** contains: two kinds of sandwiches, cucumber or tomato, cake and apple.

**Dinner** is served either at hotel restaurant / guesthouse or at one of the restaurants in Tbilisi with charming, traditional style interior and outstanding cuisine. Dinner will include variety of Georgian dishes.

### **General Information**

All members of the Group have to have coverage by a current comprehensive travel insurance policy

**Tour is not recommended for wheelchairs or those with serious walking difficulties!!!!**

**Some days on this tour are spent at high altitude!!!!**

Please NOTE that we reserve the right to change the above itinerary if local conditions make this necessary.

## *Tour in Georgia*

### **4 Days / Prime Class Tour Package**

Prices:

**5\* Hotel**

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>950-1350 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>650-850 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>550-750 \$(USD)</b>

**4\* Hotel**

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>850-1150 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>550-750 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>500-600 \$(USD)</b>

**Guest house & 3\* Hotel**

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>750-950 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>450-650 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>400-500 \$(USD)</b>