

Georgia / 5 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 Tbilisi, arrival day, Check in at the hotel.

Tbilisi – Check in at the hotel.

Visit to:

- Dinner at Chinese restaurant
- Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 Tbilisi - Signaghi - Telavi–Tbilisi(220km, 7-8 hours driving)(B,L,D)

Kakheti region borders the Great Caucasus range from the north Alazani Valley, summits of which are over 3,000 m. This region is known as a birthplace of viticulture and wine- making.

Visit to:

- **Bodbe Monastery** dates back to the 4th-9th century. This is where St. Nino, the enlightener of all Georgians died and is buried. “Bodbe” has always been an important religious and educational centre and had a significant role in the political life of the country and managed to retain its importance as a spiritual centre in the Caucasus for over thousand years.



- **Signaghi Museum** The Signaghi Museum, located in the regional capital of Kakheti, was founded in 1947. The first exhibition opened on December 31st, 1950, comprising seven hundred artifacts. The Painting Gallery was founded at the museum in 1967, furnished with donations from well-known and beginner artists. Today, the ethnographic collection features five thousand artifacts, including textiles, copper and wooden domestic items, agricultural instruments, materials

corresponding to viniculture, goldsmith works, different types of working instruments, and musical instruments.



- [Gurjaani Kvelatsminda Church](#) is a wonderful example of a transitional period in Georgian culture. This 8th century church of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary is the only two-domed temple in Georgia. It was also the scene of a miracle, attributed to the Virgin Mary where milk was found to pour from its bare walls. As a result it was frequently visited by nursing mothers. The pilgrims usually returned home once again able to feed their children.

- *[Drive towards Telavi](#)*



- [Tsinandali Museum](#) - Built in the early 19th century by the Chavchavadze family, the Tsinandali estate is encircled by well-maintained gardens and rare trees not found elsewhere in Georgia. The house itself has been converted into a museum honoring the poet Alexander Chavchavadze, leader of Georgian romanticism. Behind the museum, there is the famous Tsinandali wine cellar. You can taste wine on the ground floor of the Chavchavadze Palace.



- **King's castle**- Kig's Castle is located in Telavi and served as the main residence of the Kakhetian Kings in the 17th-18th centuries. The castle has two churches, the ruins of the royal baths, the pantheon, and the Persian-style Palace of King Erekle II. The Palace now houses King Erekle's House-Museum. The Ethnographic Museum and the Picture Gallery located within the walls of King's castle.

- *Lunch Break in Telavi.*



- **IkaltoAcademy** - Late in the 6th century Saint Zenon, one of the "Syrian Fathers" founded the Ikalto Monastery 7-8 km west of the town Telavi. The Monastery was famous as one of the most significant cultural-scholastic centres of Kakheti as well as of the whole of Georgia. A high school, the academy, was founded there; an outstanding Georgian philosopher ArsenIqaltoeli used to live and work in it.



- **Alaverdi Monastery** was founded in the second half of the 6th century by Assyrian Father Ioseb from Alaverdi who is buried in the Monastery. Alaverdi St. George Cathedral was built by Kakhetian King Kvirike in the 11th century. The cathedral has retained remains of artwork of the 11th and 15-16th centuries. The cathedral was damaged in battles and was first restored in 1476-95; In 1742 a strong earthquake destroyed the dome – Queen Tamar initiated the restoration project that was concluded by her offspring King Erekle II in 1750.



- *Drive towards Tbilisi.*

Free time

Overnight at the hotel

Day 3 Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Gori - batumi (320 km, 6-7 hours driving) (B,L,D)

Visits to:

- **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.



- **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral** - Located in Mtskheta, Svetitskhoveli Cathedral has been the burial site for Georgian kings and is built on the site where it is said that the robe of Jesus is buried. In 337 AD, when Georgia announced Christianity as its official religion, the first Christian King Mirian was advised by St. Nino, to build a church here, over the grave where Christ's robe was buried (having been brought back to Georgia by a Georgian Jew, who had bought it off from a Roman soldier at Golgotha).



- 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.



- Drive towards Gori.

- 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.



- Lunch Break in Gori.

- Drive towards Batumi.

- Dinner at restaurant.
- Free time in Batumi.
- Overnight at the hotel in Batumi.

Day 4 Batumi–Kutaisi -Tbilisi (320km, 6-7 hours driving) (B/L/D)

Visit to:

- **Batumi Botanical Garden**, Just 9km north of Batumi at MtsvaneKontskhi (Green Cape), the Batumi Botanical Garden grows thousands of beautiful species of plants – there are over 5,000 species of plants. Thanks to Adjara's unique micro-climate, gardens can grow an astonishing variety of plants from different regions and climates, all side by side. Marvel at the full impact of so many species together in one place, or simply breathe in the scent from these spectacular plants.



- **Petra Castle** ,The ruins of ancient historical city-fortress Petra are located in the village of Tsikhisdziri and dates back to VI Century A.D.The Byzantine Emperor Justinian built a city here because of its strategic location which enabled it to become a strong military base and powerful trading centre with Europe and the Byzantine provinces--Armenia and Persia.



- *Drive towards Kutaisi.*

- *Lunch Break on the road.*

- **Bagrati Cathedral** -Bagrati Cathedral proudly watches over Kutaisi and the Rioni River and has been the home of the Colchis Kings since ancient times. The cathedral, is regarded as a masterpiece in the history of medieval Georgian architecture. Since 1994 the Cathedral has been under the protection of UNESCO and there are regular religious services held in the cathedral. It's been renovated recently.



- Prometheus Cave - Prometheus cave is one of the most beautiful and interesting caves of Europe, rich with various stalagmites and stalactites. It is characterized by the variety of underground rivers and picturesque landscapes. Tourists can follow a 1200m path within the cave.



- Drive towards Tbilisi.

- Dinner at the Chinese restaurant.
- Overnight at the hotel in Tbilisi.

Day 5 Tbilisi; Departure day, Transfer the Airport(B,L)

Tbilisi Sightseeing Tour.

Visit to:

The State Museum of Georgia; Art Museum; Ethnographical museum under open air (folk houses of 19th century); Narikala Fortress - the 4th - 20th cc main citadel of the city; Sioni - cathedral of the 6th-7th c. ; Church of the Virgin; Metekhi (12th c) - cross-domed church; Anchiskhati (6th c) - one of the most ancient basilicas in Tbilisi; Mount Mtatsminda (The Holy mountain) - architectural and artistic symbol of Tbilisi, with the church of Father David, pantheon of famous writers and public figures, and a funicular on its slope; Sulphur baths - a favourite place of Tbilisi citizens and foreign guests (A. Pushkin, A. Duma, A. Tolstoy among them).

- Lunch break in Tbilisi;
- Free time in Tbilisi for souvenir shopping;
- 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

5 Days / Prime Class Tour Package

Prices:

5* Hotel in Tbilisi

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| In case of 2-4 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 1750-1350 \$(USD) |
| In case of 5-15 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 1200-1050 \$(USD) |
| In case of 15-25 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 1050-1150 \$(USD) |

4* Hotel in Tbilisi

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| In case of 2-4 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 1250-1550 \$(USD) |
| In case of 5-15 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 850-950 \$(USD) |
| In case of 15-25 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 650-750 \$(USD) |

Guest house & 3* Hotel

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| In case of 2-4 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 1050-1350\$(USD) |
| In case of 5-15 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 750-850 \$(USD) |
| In case of 15-25 tourists | for one Tourist in te price of | 450-550 \$(USD) |