

## Georgia / 6 Days / Prime Class Tour Package

### Note:

Due to 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

- Dinner restaurant
- Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 2 Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Gori-Bordjomi

- **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.



- **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.



-**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.



- Drive towards Bordjomi.

- **Borjomi**, the Mineral Water Park of Borjomi is a fascinating year round experience. Everyone has their own favorite season here, and they all have their own splendor and beauty. The park covers 30 hectares of the gorge and is the recreation center of Borjomi.

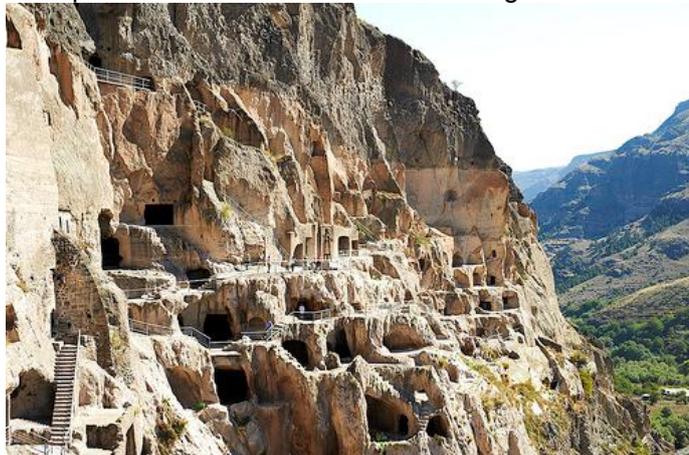
Free time in bordjomi  
Overnight at the hotel.



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

### Day 3 Bordjomi-Vardzia-Akhaltse-AbasTumani-Bordjomi

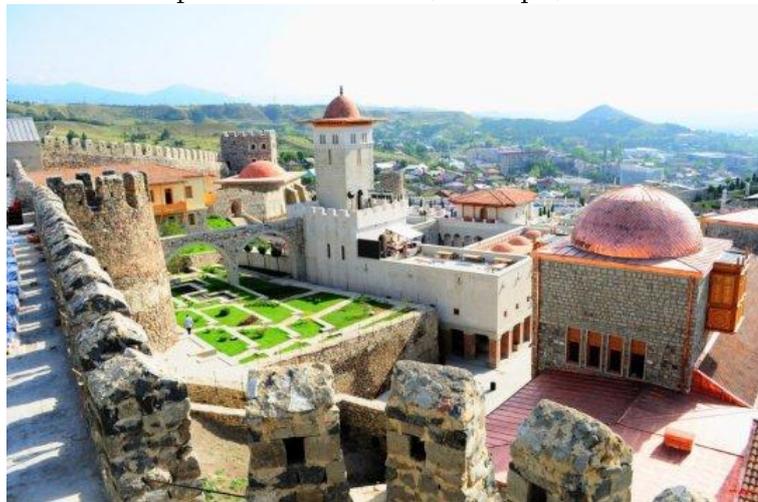
- **Vardzia** -is a cave monastery site in southern Georgia, excavated from the slopes of the Erusheti Mountain on the left bank of the Mtkvari River, thirty kilometres from Aspindza. The main period of construction was the second half of the twelfth century. The caves stretch along the cliff for some five hundred metres and in up to nineteen tiers. The Church of the Dormition, dating to the 1180s during the golden age of Tamar and Rustaveli, has an important series of wall paintings. The site was largely abandoned after the Ottoman takeover in the sixteenth century. Now part of a state heritage reserve, the extended area of Vardzia-Khertvisi has been submitted for future inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List



-**Khertvisi fortress** -is situated in the Meskheti region of southern Georgia. Its strategic location guards the road connecting the towns of Akhalkalaki and Akhaltsikhe. A fortification was first built on the site in the 2nd century BC but was reputedly destroyed by Alexander the Great. The present fortress dates from the fourteenth century.



- **Rabati Castle in Akhaltsikhe** - Built in the 13th century, Rabati castle developed under the influence of different cultures over subsequent centuries and this is reflected in its architecture. Within the 7 hectares castle complex there is a Church, a Mosque, a Minaret and a Synagogue.



- **Abastumani Astrophysical Observatory** - was founded in 1932 on Mount Kanobili, near resort Abastumani (in Samtskhe-Javakheti, southeastern part of Georgia). The different places of Mt. Kanobili are located between 1650-1700 m. above sea level. The observatory is located ~250 km far from the capital city Tbilisi of Georgia in the west direction.



Return to Bordjomi

Overnight at the hotel

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

#### Day 4 Bordjomi-Kutaisi-Batumi

Drive towards Kutaisi.

- **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 Batumi.



Free time in Batumi.

- Breakfast at hotel

- Lunch at restaurant
- Dinner at restaurant

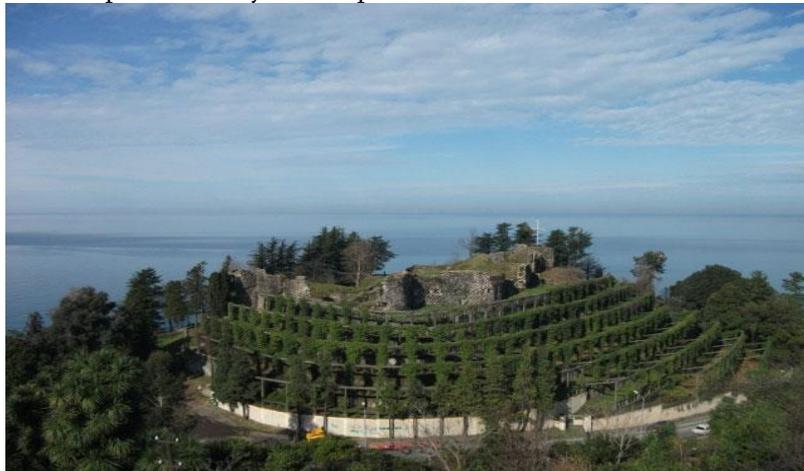
### Day 5 Batumi - Tbilisi

Batumi city tour

- **Batumi Botanical Garden**, Just 9km north of Batumi at Mtsvane Kontskhi (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 Tbilisi.

Free time night Tbilisi

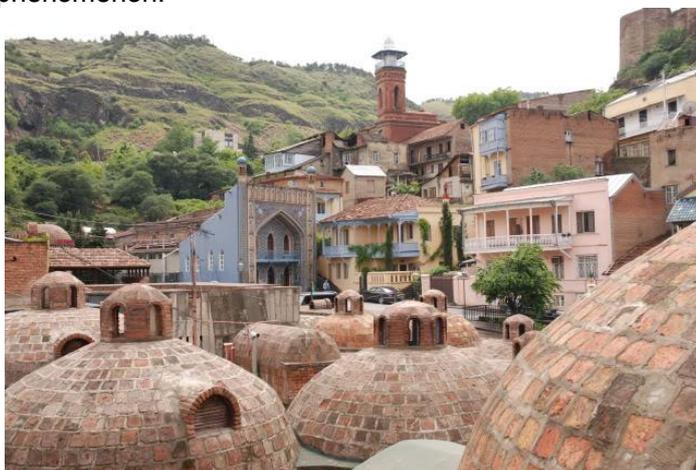
- Breakfast at hotel
- Lunch at restaurant
- Dinner at restaurant

### Day 6 City tour in Tbilisi

**The State Museum of Georgia**; Art Museum; Ethnographical museum under open air (folk houses of 19th century);



**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.



**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.



Free time in Tbilisi for souvenir shopping;

- 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*

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

Prices:

5\* Hotel in Tbilisi

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>1650-2150 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>1250-1450 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>1000-1150 \$(USD)</b>

4\* Hotel in Tbilisi

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>1450-1850 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>950-1150 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>850-950 \$(USD)</b>

Guest house & 3\* Hotel

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>1250-1650 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>800-1050 \$(USD)</b>
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	<b>700-800 \$(USD)</b>