

Georgia / 7 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

- Dinner restaurant
- Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 Tbilisi - Signaghi - Telavi – Tbilisi

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 viticulture, 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 Kakhnetian 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.

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

Day 3 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 Tsminda Sameba or Gergeti Trinity 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 4 Kazbegi-Kutisi

- Drive towards Kutaisi.

- **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.



- **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.

Free time Kutaisi



Overnight at the hotel

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

Day 5 Kutaisi-Batumi

- **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.



- **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



City tour in Batumi



Free time night Batumi

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

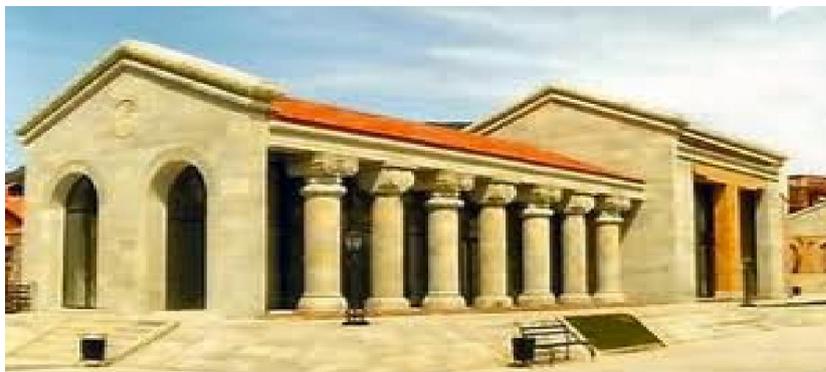
Day 6 Batumi-Mtskheta-Tbilisi

Drive towards Mtskheta

- **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.



- **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.



-Mtskheta



Free time in Tbilisi

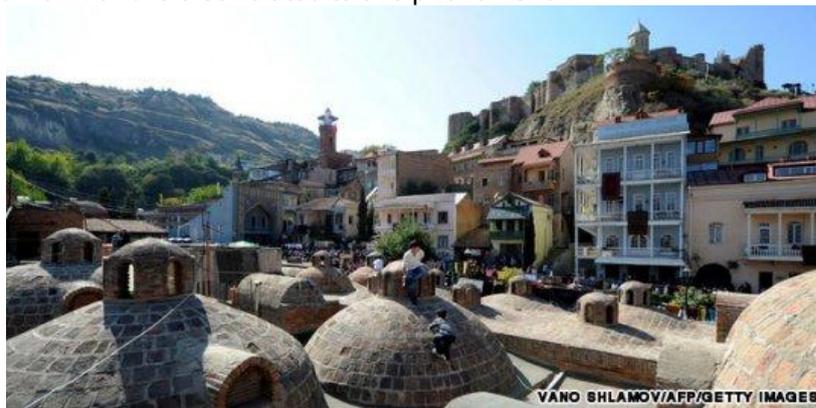
- Breakfast at hotel
- Lunch at restaurant
- Dinner at restaurant

Day 7 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!!!!

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Tour in Georgia

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Prices:

5* Hotel in Tbilisi

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	1950-2550 \$(USD)
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	1450-1650 \$(USD)
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	1250-1350 \$(USD)

4* Hotel in Tbilisi

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	1650-2250 \$(USD)
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	1150-1350 \$(USD)
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	950-1050 \$(USD)

Guest house & 3* Hotel

In case of 2-4 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	1500-2100 \$(USD)
In case of 5-15 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	1000-1200 \$(USD)
In case of 15-25 tourists	for one Tourist in te price of	800-900 \$(USD)

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