

Unveiling the Treasures of the Caucasus Georgia



6 days in Tbilisi, Kutaisi & Gudauri

Destinations Covered	No of Nights
Tbilisi	3 Night
Kutaisi	1 Night
Gudauri	1 Night

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN TBILISI AIRPORT

Meet and greet, transfer to the hotel.
Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 2: TBILISI CITY TOUR

10:00 is the recommended time to start the Tbilisi City tour.

After breakfast, the guide will meet you at the hotel lobby. Visit the main cathedral of Georgia - Sameba – the Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi located in Avlabari district. This Cathedral is the tallest in Georgia and is surrounded by a beautiful yard. From here the Tbilisi panorama opens the view of Mount **Mtatsminda** and old Tbilisi. Sightseeing will take about 30 minutes. Continue Tbilisi city tour to **Metekhi Church** of 13th c. that is situated on the rocky bank of the river **Mtkvari**. From Rike Park in the downtown we take a cable car to the ancient **Narikala Fortress** (built in the 4th c.). Narikala is located on the hilltop overlooking the downtown, enjoying panoramic views of the old Tbilisi. Perfect place for Instagram pictures! Afterwards, take a walk in Historical District of Tbilisi – visit Legvtakhevi canyon and waterfall, the Sulphur bath house district and head to the narrow streets of Cotton Row, Iron Row, Shardeni and Erekle II streets, where cafes, art galleries and souvenir shops are located. The pedestrian glass **Bridge of Peace** is another attraction in old Tbilisi. Today's city tour includes also visiting the **National Museum** of Georgia. Among the numerous collections and exhibitions, one of the most amazing specimens is the prehistoric human remains found in Dmanisi – the earliest signs of human existence outside of Africa. The collection of Treasures features gold and silver artefacts and jewellery from the pre-Christian period. In the evening, enjoy free time on Rustaveli Avenue, walk in front of Parliament house, Blue Gallery, **Kashveti Church**, Opera House and Republic Square. Some souvenirs and handicrafts are available to buy near the statue of Rustaveli. Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 3: TBILISI – MTSKHETA – GORI – UPLISTSIKHE – KUTAISI

After breakfast in Tbilisi hotel check out and depart for Kutaisi. Drive to **Mtskheta**, the former capital of Georgian Kingdom Iberia. Visit its major monuments: **Jvari Monastery**, constructed in the 6th c., and **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, built in the 11th c. Both are included in the list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The next city to visit is Gori, the historical and cultural center of **Kartli** region. Easy walk up to the **Gori Fortress** and visit the museum of Joseph Stalin. Museum and memorial houses keep collections of Stalin's personal items, gifts

and private trains. Head to Uplistsikhe cave complex, 12 km away from Gori. The caves represent the oldest urban settlement on the territory of Georgia dating back to the Early Iron Age. The town is cut in rock; some residential halls' design reflects imitation of the wooden structure on the ceiling. The secret tunnels and passes connecting ancient chambers and halls run towards the river and park. Nearby Uplistsikhe, there are different local outdoor areas for lunch. Take time, enjoy the Mtkvari river scenery and after lunch-break continue the tour. Drive through the Raikoti Pass – the natural watershed between East and West Georgia, to the **Imereti** region. In the evening arrive at the Gelati Academy and Monastery, founded in the 12th c., This UNESCO site is prominent for beautiful mosaics and frescoes inside the main church. The western window of the mediaeval academy building is the best place to enjoy the breathtaking sunset. Overnight in **Kutaisi**.

DAY 4: KUTAISI – PROMETHEUS CAVE – ANANURI – GUDAURI

After breakfast at the hotel, pay a short visit to Bagrati **Cathedral**, located on top of the hill. Here was the residential area of the Bagrationy Royal Dynasty. Cathedral was constructed in early 11th c and was dedicated to the unification of all Georgian Kingdoms. Head to the karst Caves named by **Prometheus**, also known as Kumistavi. The cave trail opens for visitors' various natural forms: stalactites, stalagmites, curtains, petrified waterfalls, cave pearls, underground rivers, and lakes. The cluster of six caves differs significantly from each other in scale and have unique shapes of petrified flow stones found within. This is the most popular attraction in Georgia. After a tour in the Imereti region, we return back to Eastern Georgia and drive towards the resort **Gudauri**. Follow Georgian Military Road, stop near Zhinvali reserve and at **Ananuri Fortress**, built in the 16-17th cc., Ananuri castle was residence of Aragvi Eristavi - local duke, controlling the main trade route to the North. Continue to the Great Caucasus Mountains and arrive at **Gudauri** hotel for overnights. **Dinner and overnight stay in Gudauri.**

DAY 5: GUDAURI – GERGETI – DARIALI – GVELETI – TBILISI

Check out after breakfast and start exploration of the Caucasus Mountains. We make several stops on the way to Kazbegi area – at the observation platform - Peace Monument, **Jvari Pass** (2379 m), and Kazbegi travertines to taste bobbling mineral water. Arrive in Stepantsminda, an alpine townley and administrative center of Kazbegi municipality. Drive to **Mount Gergeti** and see the breathtaking view from **Gergeti Trinity Church**, (14th c.), If the weather is clear, we can see the Kazbegi glacier (5047m) very close from here. In the evening drive back to Tbilisi. Overnight in **Tbilisi**.

DAY 6: TBILISI – TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Airport for departure. We wish you a nice flight and hope to greet you again in Georgia.

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2. Professional guide service during the tour
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5. Professional guide service during the tour
6. Excursions in accordance fees with accordance of the program
7. All taxes
8. Georgia Visa

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1. Any Airfare
2. Any Kind of Personal Expenses or Optional Tours / Extra Meals Ordered
3. Anything not specifically mentioned under the head "Prices included".

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