# TRAVEL IN GEORGIA





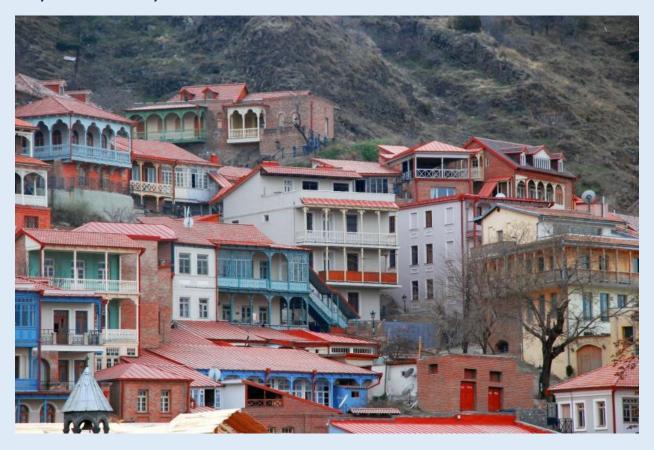
# **ITINERARY**

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#### Day 1: Arrival in Tbilisi

- Transfer from Tbilisi International Airport to the hotel
- Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 2: Tbilisi City Tour



On this day, we will go on **Tbilisi City Tour**, which takes us on a captivating journey through the heart of Georgia's vibrant capital. As we set off, we'll visit the iconic **Narikala Fortress**, offering breathtaking views of Tbilisi's landscape. We will pass by the renowned sulphur baths at **Abanotubani**, the very source of Tbilisi's founding and a testament to its cultural heritage. The tour lets us explore the enchanting **Old Town**, a maze of cobblestone streets filled with charming houses and hidden courtyards, where stories of centuries past come to life. During our Tbilisi city tour, we will also have the opportunity to visit **the Georgian National Museum**. We will immerse ourselves in Georgia's rich history and cultural heritage as we explore the impressive exhibits showcasing artefacts that date back thousands of years. The museum provides a captivating glimpse into the fascinating tapestry of Georgian civilization.

Day 3: Tbilisi – Ananuri – Gudauri – Kazbegi – Tbilisi (from the 15<sup>th</sup> of April till end of the October)



In the morning, we will embark on a journey northward along the renowned **Georgian Military Highway**, where nature's splendour and history blend harmoniously. Our first stop will be at the magnificent **Ananuri Fortress Complex**, nestled along the picturesque Aragvi River. At the centre of the complex, there is a fortified 17<sup>th</sup> century church adorned with captivating carvings influenced by Persian and pagan art.

On our way to the mountain resort town of **Gudauri**, we will stop by the famous **Gudauri view-point**, which offers stunning views and is an ideal spot for taking the most beautiful pictures. In Gudauri, Surrounded by the towering Caucasus Mountains, we will be captivated by the awe-inspiring panoramas and embrace the thrill of the high-altitude experience.

We will continue our exhilarating journey to Kazbegi, where 4WDs will take us up through the forest to **the Gergeti Trinity Church**. Perched dramatically on a hilltop against the majestic Mount Kazbegi backdrop, we'll explore this 14<sup>th</sup> century marvel.

We will spend the rest of the day exploring this beautiful remote area acquiring an experience one doesn't easily forget. Drive back to Tbilisi.

Supplement: we will be hosted at **Ketino's Guesthouse**, where Ketino herself will give us a master class on making Georgian traditional dumplings – khinkali-15 EUR.

Day 4: Tbilisi – Mtskheta – Gori – Uplistsikhe – Kutaisi



Our first destination of the day is located just a short drive from Tbilisi. **Mtskheta** offers a glimpse into the country's glorious past. Our journey will lead us to the stunning **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, a masterpiece of medieval architecture and a revered religious symbol, where, according to a legend, Christ's robe is buried.

Our next stop is the captivating **Uplistsikhe Cave Town-Fortress** – an ancient rock-hewn settlement. Uplistsikhe holds great historical importance in Georgian history, spanning nearly 3000 years.

Before reaching the final destination of the day, we will stop by **Gori** to visit **the Joseph Stalin Museum**, which doesn't only retain its Soviet-era characteristics but also showcases a small wooden hut, in which Stalin was born and spent his childhood years.

Our day ends in **Kutaisi** – one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe.

**Overnight in Kutaisi** 

Day 5: Kutaisi City Tour – Gelati – Prometheus Cave – Tbilisi



We will wander through the lively streets of the enchanting Kutaisi, captivated by the warm hospitality of its people. A city tour of Kutaisi will reveal its rich heritage as it will take us to see sites like **the Colchis Fountain** and **the White Bridge**. With its welcoming spirit and fascinating landmarks, Kutaisi promises an authentic Georgian experience that will leave a lasting impression.

Located just outside of Kutaisi, **Gelati Monastery** is our next destination. This is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the country's most important cultural landmarks. This is not simply a monastery: it was also an important centre of science and education, with a library that housed thousands of ancient manuscripts. The monastery's architecture is also remarkable, featuring intricate stone carvings, frescoes, and mosaics that showcase the artistic achievements of the Georgian Golden Age.

Next, we will discover the wonder of **Prometheus Cave**. This mesmerizing natural monument will let us sail through its illuminated passages on boats, marvelling at stalactites, stalagmites, and the underground waterfalls that will leave us in awe.

We will then drive back to the capital – Tbilisi.

**Overnight in Tbilisi** 

Day 6: Tbilisi – Telavi-Tsinandali – Kvareli – Sighnaghi – Tbilisi



We leave Tbilisi in the morning, as our journey takes us to the Kakheti region. It is important to mention that the whole region of Kakheti is considered to be the "cradle of wine" and its winemaking method uses **Kvevri**, a unique ancient vessel, which has been recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage.

First, we will explore **Telavi bazaar**, where we will immerse ourselves in the sights and sounds of a traditional Georgian market and sample some of the locally produced artisanal goods. First, we will be travelling to **Tsinandali**, where we explore the main attraction – **the manor house museum** dedicated to the 19<sup>th</sup> century prominent Georgian aristocrat, poet, and military figure Alexander Chavchavadze.

Since Kakheti is considered as "the cradle of wine", we will then stop in **Kvareli** to explore its scenic vineyards and indulge in wine tastings. We will visit the unique wine cellar known as **Kvareli Wine Cave**. The cave is carved into the Caucasus rock massif and its temperature ranges from 12-16 ° C, which created an ideal environment for wine storage and aging. The tunnel is 7.7 km in length.

Then, we will explore **Sighnaghi**, a picturesque town overlooking the stunning Alazani Valley. Known as the "City of Love", Sighnaghi is famous for its charming cobblestone streets and beautiful architecture.

After our Kakheti adventure, we drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight in Tbilisi

### Day 7: Departure from Tbilisi

- Transfer from the hotel to Tbilisi International Airport
- Enjoy your flight!

## **Price Per person in EUR**

Pax	Price per person in	Price per person in
	Double/Twin room in 3*	Double/Twin room in 4*
	Hotel	Hotel
5	738	782
10	585	627
15	582	624
20	528	573
Single		
Supplement	155	170

- Supplement per person per Lunch-27 EUR
- Supplement per person per Dinner-28 EUR

Hotel Examples:	Tbilisi	Kutaisi
***	Hotel Tiflis or similar	Hotel Gelati Tower or similar
****	Hotel Clocks or similar	Hotel Kutaisi inn or similar

#### **Price includes:**

- Transportation according to the program
  - Professional English speaking Guide
- 05 overnights in Tbilisi
  - 01 overnight in Kutaisi
- All breakfasts
- Wine degustations in Tsinandali and Kvareli
  - 4x4 jeeps in Kazbegi
- All enterance fees according to the Program
- 0,5 liter water per person per day
- Narikala lift fee

### Price excludes:

- Travel insurance
- Flights
- Bank transfer fees
- Visa Fees (if needed) Alcoholic beverages not mentioned in the Program Other Meals not mentioned above lunches and dinners
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