



Discovering Georgia Heart & Soul

4 Nights

July –October 2017



Summary

With the towering Caucasus Mountains forming the border between Europe and Asia, Georgia has long been an important contact zone. In this mystical land you will be captivated by a thrilling blend of eastern enigma and western elegance. The traditions of the East and West meet in Georgia to form a culture unlike any other in the world.

Overview

Dates: July –October 2017

Interest: group, couple, family

Level of Comfort: 4/5

Minimum # of passengers: none

Maximum # of passengers: none

Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Tbilisi (economy class)
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport
4-night accommodation at hotel
Meal: daily breakfast
All transfers by air conditioned motor coach
English speaking local guides
Half day tour of Tbilisi
Half day tour of Mtskheta
Full day tour of Borjomo, Rabati & Vardzia
Full day tour of Telavi + visit of Shumi winery
Assistance of our representative in Georgia

Prices Exclude

Airport taxes
Fuel surcharge
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket
Optional Tours
Visa fees
Travel insurance
All other expenses

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**Day 1: Tbilisi**

Upon arrival at Tbilisi airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel

Day 2: Tbilisi - Mtskheta – Tbilisi

Today you will have an opportunity to visit Georgia's ancient and vibrant capital city which spreads out on both banks of the Mtkvari River, and is surrounded on three sides by mountains. The main sights of the city are clustered in the Old Tbilisi district. This area is well-known for its sulfur bathhouses fed by natural hot springs.

Nearby on Shardeni Street you will find plenty of modern, popular restaurants, open air café-bars, trendy night clubs and art galleries.

You will also visit Mtskheta which is one of the oldest towns and the cultural and religious centre of Georgia. Mtskheta was the capital of the Eastern Georgian Kingdom of Iberia from the third century BC. Visit Jvari Church, a true architectural masterpiece of the early Medieval Period overlooking the confluence of Aragvi and Mtkvari rivers from the top of the hill, and Svetitskhoveli, the main cathedral of Mtskheta and a sacred place where the robe of Christ is being kept

Day 3: Tbilisi – Borjomi – Rabati - Vardzia – Tbilisi

With this one day trip you will be able to visit one of the most popular cities in Georgia which is called Borjomi. This place is internationally renowned for its curative mineral springs, and its crystal clear air saturated with the aroma of pines; Next stop is the huge freshly renovated fortress of Rabati which remains the main landmark of Akhaltsikhe. It includes an Akhmediye Mosque, an orthodox church, an amphitheatre and a citadel. The other part of Rabati includes touristic objects as hotels, cafes, restaurants, an information center, and even a marriage hall. It is a very beautiful place for a wedding ceremony and a romantic photo shooting, indeed!

If we talk about important landmarks of Samtskhe-Javakheti region, we can't avoid mentioning Vardzia, an impressive cave town founded by King George III in the XII century. During its golden time it accommodated around 50.000 people. The infrastructure included living quarters, wine cellars, religious places like churches or monasteries, and even a library. There was even a sewerage system in the town! Hard to believe, that already in XII century far in the mountains people could live in such a developed town hewn in rocks... That's why you have to go to Vardzia to see it with your own eyes!

Day 4: Tbilisi – Wine Region - Tbilisi

Today you will visit Telavi - the capital of the Eastern province of Kakheti which is home to several of the region's world-famous wineries, art museums, castles and a theater highlighting folk singing and dancing; We will also visit Shumi winery which produces several varieties of wine: Tsinandali, Mukuzani, Kindzmarauli, etc. Near the wine factory are located museum, collectional grape plantation (with about a several hundreds of different grape sorts), terrace for degustation and shop. We will have wine-tasting here;

After that drive directly to Tsinandali, which was the estate of the Chavchavadze family – representatives of the 19th century Georgian aristocracy. A walk through the beautiful English- style garden will take you to the house-museum of the famous poet and to his collection of old wines; Next stop is Signaghi (city of love) – which offers visitors stunning views of the surrounding Caucasus Mountains

Day 5: Tbilisi

Transfer to airport for your departure flight

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Starting price per person in US\$

Hotel	Double
4* Hotel	1090

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Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Istanbul	TK 829	02:45	04:40
Istanbul	Tbilisi	TK 378	06:40	10:00
Tbilisi	Istanbul	TK 383	17:20	18:55
Istanbul	Beirut	TK 826	21:05	22:55

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