

## Grand Georgia Tour — Detailed description

Trip Length: 13   Group: 1-4   Departure: Fixed   Period: December - January

### Trip overview

In 2022 we are exploring further the Caucasus so we would like to offer one of the best destinations for holiday - majestic Georgia, the country of contrasts and amazing diversity. It's no wonder that many people call Georgia an Eden of the Caucasus, located in the western Transcaucasia, on the Black Sea coast.

Georgia is famous for its thousand-year history and interesting traditions. Could you imagine that some of the oldest human remains on earth were found here, that dated 1 million 770 thousand years old! There are also many references from the middle of the first millennium BC about the ancient Colchis state on the territory of modern Georgia. Every sight of Georgia is permeated with rich history, covered with ancient legends and tales. Also, it is one of the first Christian countries in the world. Now on the territory of the country there are many magnificent Orthodox churches and monasteries, which have an ancient history and are distinguished by beautiful architecture with excellent forms and carvings.

Georgia is not only about rich history, but, first of all, it is about amazing nature combined with mountain landscapes, alpine meadows, grape plantations and the shining Black Sea coast. Traveling to Georgia you will find many places with wildlife, and so far untouched by man landscapes, which makes the country even more attractive to tourists.

We begin our journey with the main capital of Georgia – Tbilisi that is more than 1500 years old, as well as the ancient capital of Georgia - Mtsekhta with its famous UNESCO world heritage sites like Jvari Monastery and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Then take an enjoyable trip to the village of Kazbegi along the picturesque Georgian military road with a plenty of instagram locations. Let's not forget about Kutaisi - one of the oldest cities in the world, the capital of the Kingdom of Colchis with the unique natural canyons of Okatse and Martvili... Do not miss the majestic mountainous province - Svaneti, the land of a thousand unique towers. Then, we will descend from the snowy mountains to the blooming southern resort city - Batumi, if the soul craves the sea and fresh breeze. Finally, we will enjoy the cool climate of the resort town of Borjomi with its mineral springs and touch to the history of the ancient fortress Rabat and the cave city of Vardzia.

And what about wine? Of course, many people associate this country with the famous Georgian wine, because the local traditions of making wine are already 8000 years old. Now, the country produces many varieties of wines, popular both at home and abroad. During our tour, we will look into the province of Kakheti - the cradle of Georgian winemaking and the mecca for winemakers and wine lovers.

When it comes to Georgian hospitality, you won't feel like a stranger. Georgians believe that "the guest is by the Lord" and therefore warm hospitality is well known for all guests. Generous Georgian feasts, beautiful toasts, a huge variety of delicious dishes are unlikely to leave anyone indifferent. How is fascinating Georgian cuisine! Food for Georgians is not a simple meal, it is part of the national culture.

Talking about the beauty and diversity of Georgia can be endlessly.... It is better to see everything with your own eyes, so we offer a Grand tour through all Georgia, combining all the best, so as not to rush and discover more and more delights of this region, like a magic box, filled with various treasures....

### Highlights

- Visit Georgia - one of the first Christian countries in the world
- Discovery of Tbilisi - the largest and ancient city of Georgia
- Admire beautiful views of Caucasus Mountains and Alazani Valley Sighnaghi town
- Acquaintance with the traditions of Georgian winemaking, which is already about 8000 years old
- Discover wonderful, wild and remote regions of Georgia, such as Kazbegi
- Explore UNESCO world heritage sites from Jvari Monastery & Svetitskhoveli Cathedral to Mestia town in Svaneti
- Discover natural wonders of Okatse Canyon and Martvili Canyon
- Feel the modern rhythm of the largest city Batumi located on the Black Sea coast
- Visit of the remote authentic village of Svaneti - Ushguli

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- Touch the walls of the ancient cave cities built 2 B.C.
- Visit Rabati Fortress and Borjomi Park and taste famous mineral water Borjomi
- Acquaintance with the hospitable local people

**Tour type**

DISCOVERYNATURE

**Difficulty**

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

**Comfort**

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

**Begining / end of the tour**

Tour starts: Tbilisi, End of the tour: Tbilisi

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**Program****Day 1 — Gamarjoba! Welcome to Georgia!**

10:00 — Transfer from the airport

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

14:00 — City tour in Tbilisi

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at the hotel Old Side Boutique Hotel, Standart twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 2 — Wandering the Streets of Tbilisi**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Explore "Tbilisi Europe"

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Excursion to the Turtle lake

19:00 — Dinner in the restaurant (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at the hotel Old Side Boutique Hotel, Standart twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 3 — Georgia's Premier Wine Region - Kakhetia**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

11:00 — Driving on the beautiful Kakhetia highway

13:00 — Lunch in Telavi (Not included)

14:00 — Visit of House-Museum of Alexander Chavchavadze

16:00 — Excursion to the Gremi Castle

18:00 — Arrival in Signagi city

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

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Overnight in the guest house

Hotels: Accommodation at the guest house Alazani Valley, Chambre twin standart  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, shared WC and bath / shower

#### **Day 4 — Georgian Military Road: steeped in trade, wars, and legends**

08:00 — Breakfast (Not included)

09:00 — Early departure to Kazbegi village

14:00 — Arrival in Kazbegi village

14:30 — Lunch at the local cafe (Not included)

16:00 — Walking to the Church of the Holy Trinity

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation in the hotel Sunshine Kazbegi, Standart twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

#### **Day 5 — Mtskheta and Uplistsikhe Cave Town in the history of Georgia**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Departure to Mtskheta city

12:00 — Svetitskhoveli Cathedral and Jvari Monastery

13:00 — Lunch in the city cafe (Not included)

14:00 — Excursion to Uplistsikhe Cave Town

16:00 — Continuation of the way to Gory city

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at Hestia, Standart twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

#### **Day 6 — Nature wonders of Georgia**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Departure to Kutaisi

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

13:00 — Medieval Gelati and Prometheus Cave (Kumistavi)

16:00 — Picturesque canyons Okatse and Martvili

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at Hotel Terrace Kutaisi, Standart Twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

#### **Day 7 — Svanetia - the Gateway to Georgia's ancient highlands and pristine nature**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Road to Svaneti

13:00 — Lunch on the roadside cafe (Not included)

16:00 — Arrival in Mestia and accommodation at the hotel

19:00 — Dinner in the local cafe (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at Hotel Svaneti, Standart twin room  
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**Day 8 — Ushguli - hight mountain community in Svaneti**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

11:00 — Excursion to Ushguli village

13:00 — Lunch in the local cage with traditional dishes (Not included)

15:00 — Time at leisure

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at Hotel Svaneti, Standart twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 9 — Georgia's Las Vegas on the Black Sea**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — To the Black sea cost

13:00 — Lunch at the roadside cafe (Not included)

15:00 — Arrival in Batumi

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at Light Palace Hotel, Standart twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 10 — Free day in the city**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

11:00 — Time at leisure

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at Light Palace Hotel, Standart twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 11 — The best famous resort of Georgia - Borjomi city**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to Borjomi city

14:00 — Lunch in the city restaurant (Not included)

15:00 — Exploration of the city

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

Overnight in the hotel

Hotels: Accommodation at Milano Palace Borjomi, Standart twin room

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 12 — Vardzia cave city and Rabati castle**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Excursion to Rabat fortress

13:00 — Lunch (Not included)

15:00 — Visit of Vardzia city

17:00 — Return to Borjomi city

19:00 — Dinner (Not included)

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**Overnight in the hotel**

Hotels: Accommodation at Milano Palace Borjomi, Standart twin room  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and bath / shower in room

**Day 13 — The end of the tour**

09:00 — Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 — Transfer to Tbilisi

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**Departures**

Start	End	Basic price per person
21.05.2022	02.06.2022	1300.00 USD
18.06.2022	30.06.2022	1300.00 USD
16.07.2022	28.07.2022	1300.00 USD
13.08.2022	25.08.2022	1300.00 USD

**Note**

Price is indicated for the small group of 4 people. The price is indicated for the group of 4 people. If there are less people, the price is following: 1400 USD per person for the group of 3 people 1800 USD per person for the group of 2 people

**What's included****Price includes**

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-spaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Nature reserves and parks entrance permissions
- Meals according to the program

**Price does not include**

- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Airline tickets

**Checklist & Equipment**

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

**Recommended checklist**

warm mittens (for convenience, thin gloves and a second layer of mittens with fur) / ski gloves

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**Meals**

At restaurants and homestays in cities, traditional cuisine consists of local specialties.

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

**Health**

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You need to get a health examination before a great trip. Consult your doctor. Get a dental checkup. If you have health problems that could worsen during the trip, make sure you have taken all your medications with you.

Provide a first aid kit that includes among other items:

- aspirin or paracetamol,
- anti-diarrheal pills,
- antiseptic,
- adhesive plaster,
- sterile pads.

If you have individual diseases, make sure you have taken your medications.

### **Medical Form**

No particular physical condition is required.

### **Emergency Contact**

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 924 531 87 01 (What's App, Telegram, Viber)

In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

### **Legal Mentions**

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402. Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

### **Cancellation Options**

The cancellation options are:

- more than 40 days before departure - 30 % of the tour price,
- 39 - 10 days before departure - 60 % of the tour price,
- less than 10 days before departure - 100 % of the tour price.

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