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Tbilisi

Discover Georgia

Small Group Tour - 9 days/8 nights



Inclusions

- 8 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3-star hotels
- Meals - 1 lunch, 3 dinners, bottled water daily
- Arrival/departure transfers by car
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- Escorted throughout by **English-speaking** guide
- Sightseeing as specified

Your hotels

- **Tbilisi** - KMM
- **Telavi** - Guesthouse
- **Gudauri** - Gudauri Inn
- **Akhaltzikhe** - Lomsia

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

of the highest glaciers in the Caucasus - Mt. Kazbegi (5047 m above sea level). Overnight Gudauri. **BD**

Day 6 Thu. Gudauri to Gori, Uplistsikhe & Akhaltsikhe

After breakfast, drive to the town of Gori, the heart of the Kartli region and birthplace of Josef Stalin. Visit the Stalin Museum and the ancient cave town of Uplistsikhe - the oldest cave town in Georgia. It was once a flourishing city and one of the major stops along the Silk Road. Continue to the south-western region of Georgia to Akhaltsikhe. Overnight Akhaltsikhe. **B**

Day 7 Fri. Akhaltsikhe & Vardzia

Today you drive to Vardzia, the magnificent cave town of the Golden Age. This awe-inspiring cave complex stretches over half a kilometre and consists of 3000 caves over 19 tiers. It's up to you how much of the complex you wish to explore. The tiny church hewn from the rock features some beautiful 12th century frescoes. During your trip you will also see the Khertvisi fortress and visit the fortress of Rabat. Rabat was occupied and liberated by Turks, Mongols, Arabs and Russians during its chequered history, resulting in a fascinating combination of architectural styles. Overnight Akhaltsikhe. **B**

Day 8 Sat. Akhaltsikhe to Tbilisi

After breakfast, return to Tbilisi. Overnight Tbilisi. **B**

Day 9 Sun. Tbilisi

Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to the airport. **B**

Day 1 Sat. Tbilisi

Arrival in Tbilisi, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Tbilisi.

Day 2 Sun. Tbilisi

After breakfast, begin your sightseeing tour of this ancient city from the Old Town, with its winding lanes and leafy courtyards, overhung by wooden balconies. See the 13th century Metekhi Church, the Synagogue, Sioni Cathedral (6th-7th centuries) and 6th century Anchiskhati Church. Then you'll be driven to the Mother Georgia statue and walk down to the 4th century Narikala Fortress and exotic brick-domed Sulphur Baths. Overnight Tbilisi. **B**

Day 3 Mon. Tbilisi to Signaghi, Kvareli, Gremi & Telavi

Today you explore the Kakheti wine region, offering superb views of the Great Caucasus Mountains. Visit the picturesque fortified

town of Signaghi, followed by lunch with a local family to taste their delicious food and home-made wine. Continue to Telavi, with a stop to admire the 16th century architectural complex of Gremi, set on a hilltop. In Telavi you have the unique opportunity to taste wine made by the traditional Kvevri method (fermented underground in a clay vessel). This wine-making method is UNESCO World Heritage listed. Dinner and overnight Telavi. **BLD**

Day 4 Tue. Telavi to Gombori Pass, Mtskheta & Gudauri

After breakfast, visit the local farmers market and drive through the dramatic Gombori Pass to Mtskheta, Georgia's ancient capital and centre of religion. You will visit the two UNESCO World Heritage sites of Jvari and Svetitskhoveli. The 6th century Jvari monastery is perched on a rocky mountain top overlooking Mtskheta. Svetitskhoveli, the royal cathedral of

Georgia, was used for centuries as the coronation and burial place of the Georgian monarchs. It is considered to be one of the holiest places in Georgia. Continue up the Georgian Military Highway and visit the 17th century fortified church complex of Ananuri, which overlooks the turquoise water of the Zhinali reservoir. Arrive at the ski resort of Gudauri for dinner and overnight. Overnight Gudauri. **BD**

Day 5 Wed. Gudauri & Stepantsminda

This morning, your drive follows the Tergi River through some impressive scenery to Stepantsminda (Kazbegi) - the major town in the region. You will visit the remote 14th century Gergeti Monastery, dramatically perched on a rocky outcrop 2170 m above sea level. You have the option of walking (1.5-3 hrs depending on your pace and level of fitness) or travelling by car (supplement applies). Weather permitting, you may catch a glance of one



Gergeti Trinity Church

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Saturday departures Apr-Oct 2020.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
18 Apr, 9 May, 4 Jul, 15 Aug, 17 Oct	1897	2395

■ **Maximum capacity - 20 guests.**