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ONE DAY TRIPS  
FROM TBILISI



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# TBILISI CITY TOUR

**If you still have not been in the capital of Georgia, and you are interested in culture, history and architecture a walking tour around Old Tbilisi is specially designed for you!**

Explore the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi, and wander the old districts of the city with its narrow streets, patterned balconies, and colorful houses. Tbilisi city tour starts at Metekhi plateau, from where is a panoramic view of the old city.

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We will go across the well-known "Bridge of Peace", which spanned the Mtkhvari (Kura) River. It is remarkable for its futuristic design.

Walking through the street «Bambis rigi»

We will pass by the Clock Tower of the well-known Theatre of Marionette by Rezo Gabriadze

**PRICE INCLUDES:**  
TRANSPORTATION  
GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

**PRICE EXCLUDES:**  
CABLE CAR TICKETS- 5 USD P.P.

# MTSKHETA AND TBILISI

**Great opportunity to see two capitals of Georgia, the ancient city of Mtskheta and Tbilisi just in one day. The unforgettable beauty of ancient temples, gorgeous and breathtaking landscapes, charming narrow streets are waiting for you.**

**Mtskheta** is an ancient city, it can be also called the open-air museum, and many centuries ago it was the former capital of Eastern Georgia. It is the spiritual heart of the entire country.

First stop - we'll explore the ancient and unique **Jvari Monastery**. It is considered to be the first monastery in Georgia. According to historians it was built in the V-VI century. The monastery stands on the top of the hill. The slope of this hill goes down, straight to the place where two rivers, Kura and Aragvi, meet, to prolong their way together. The place is famous not only for its cultural and historical roots but also for the spectacular, unforgettable view of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

Visit monastery **Svetitskhoveli**, where the central cathedral of Georgia is situated.

We will explore the lovely and cozy pedestrian streets of Mtskheta. The center of the city was renovated and restored not so long ago, and now looks charming and attractive. Here we can find lots of small cafes, cute and unique stores. On the main street, there is a small street market where one can see or even try different local products, such as churchkhela, honey, or house wine.

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BOTTLE OF WATER PP

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**DISTANCE: TBILISI-MTSKHETA -30 KM.**





# MTSKHETA AND TBILISI WITH CULINARY CLASS AND WINE TASTING

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GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

**PRICE EXCLUDES:**  
DEGUSTATION  
MASTERCLASSES & LUNCH- 30 USD P.P.

**DISTANCE: TBILISI-MTSKHETA -30 KM**

**Visit one of the wine - cellars near Mtskheta.** That's the best place to learn new facts about the traditions of winemaking in Georgia, and local technologies of grapes breeding. We'll try 2 different sorts of local wine - red and white one, and taste the fantastic chacha ( Georgian Vodka). This will definitely inspire us to take part in the culinary class. Today we'll learn how to cook a traditional dish - "khinkali". Afterward, we'll take part in Traditional Georgian Lunch.





## GORI - UPLISTSIKHE

Today, our way goes to the Shida Kartli region. We'll explore the unique, mysterious city of Uplistsikhe, one of the oldest settlements on the territory of Georgia.

The other point of our excursion will be the Gori city. Gori is known as a native city of Stalin, here we'll find the museums dedicated to this historical figure.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**  
TRANSPORTATION  
GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

**PRICE EXCLUDES:**  
ENTRANCE TICKETS AT THE MUSEUMS:  
UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN - 15 USD;  
STALIN'S MUSEUM - 7 USD

**DISTANCE: TBILISI - UPLISTSIKHE 120 KM, UPLISTSIKHE - GORI 15 KM, GORI - TBILISI: 105 KM**

# ANANURI - KAZBEGI

Today we are visiting one of the most spectacular regions of Georgia - surroundings of the Kazbegi mountain. Breathtaking views on the gorgeous mountain range, charming city of Stepantsminda and ancient Ananuri fortress. This will be the trip combining both - natural beauties of Georgia and its history and cultural heritage.

Our trip will start in the center of Tbilisi. After the short drive through the capital of Georgia, we will enter the famous Georgian Military Road. This is a historic name for the main route which connects Georgia and Russia and passes through the Caucasus mountains.

Our first stop will be at the Ananuri fortress. This is a medieval castle that was constructed to protect the trade route. The place is well-known not only for its rich history but also for the breathtaking views of the Zhinvali water reservoir. Ananuri castle was a scene of many battles through the centuries. It was protecting the surrounding lands from the numerous invaders, coming from the Darial Gorge. Now it is a peaceful place, famous for its outstanding views of the surrounding mountains.

We will prolong our way along the Georgian Military Road, pass through the Gudauri Ski resort (one of the most popular in Georgia).

Our next stop will be at Jvari pass (also known as a Cross pass) famous for its outstanding views and also travertine terraces. We'll make lots of photos of the surroundings and also try the mineral water. Then we'll prolong our way towards Kazbegi. Each turn of the road gives us a new stunning view.

Soon we'll reach the small town of Stepantsminda. This place is known as the best observation point giving a fantastic view of the gorgeous Kazbegi mountain, Caucasus, and emerald alpine meadows. The height of Kazbegi is 5033 meters. We will go up to the Gergeti Trinity church on the 4x4 cars. The church is situated on the right bank of the river Chkheri, at an elevation of 2170 meters (7120 feet), under Mount Kazbegi. The church, lonely staying at the top of the mountain, surrounded by a breathtaking landscape, is one of the most famous Georgian landmarks.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**  
TRANSPORTATION  
GUIDE SERVICE  
JEEP TOUR TO GERGETI  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

*DISTANCE : TBILISI - ANANURI 70 KM, ANANURI-STEPHANTSMINDA - 90 KM, STEPHANTSMINDA - TBILISI: 160 KM.*





# MTSKHETA - CHATEAU MUKHRANI

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Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, built in the 11-th century. Though the site itself is even older dating back to the early 4th century and is surrounded by a number of legends associated primarily with the early Christian traditions. The church counts UNESCO world heritage sites.

**DISTANCE: TBILISI-MTSKHETA -30 KM. ; MTSKHETA-CHATEAU MUKHRANI - 35 KM;**

Chateau Mukhrani, one of the must-visit venues to get a fascinating insight into the traditions and secrets of Georgian wine-making, blended with remarkable stories about the Georgian royal family. In 1873, designed by French architects, Ivane Mukhranbatoni began construction of the castle that took 12 years to complete. The surrounding gardens were designed by a Versailles gardener. Both castle and grounds captured visitors' attentions. The huge venue was a cultural centre for the Georgian elite.

Chateau Mukhrani is the first Georgian Chateau. Fabulous castle and cellars, wonderful gardens and vineyards made Chateau Mukhrani world-famous. Here you will discover the Georgian royal family history and breath-taking legends, a flavor of antiquity and enchanting wines.

## PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION  
GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

## PRICE EXCLUDES:

EXCURSION &  
DEGUSTATION AT  
CHATEAU MUKHRANI-30  
USD P.P.



# SIGNAGHI - BODBE

Today we'll go to Kakheti - the region which is famous for traditional wine-making. Here we will visit the monastery Bodbe and explore the picturesque streets of Signaghi.



Our first stop will be at the Bodbe Monastery one of the most popular places of pilgrimage in Georgia. One can find here St. Nino's shrined relics (thanks to her Christianity became the official religion of Georgia in 326). Besides, there is St. Nino's bath where it is possible to plunge into the consecrated water. Then we follow our way to Signaghi which is called the city of Love. Despite recently carried out restoration, a natural historical view of the town was kept. While wandering around the picturesque city center, and exploring the narrow, cozy streets, we will feel the atmosphere of the last centuries and learn a lot about the history of this place. We will go up the hill, to enjoy the fascinating views of the Alazani Valley and the Caucasus Mountains. One of the Signaghi attractions is the ancient fortress walls, which still can be explored here. The walls do not only offer a nice walk but also present the visitors with a spectacular view.

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TRANSPORTATION  
GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

*DISTANCE: TBILISI - SIGNAGHI 115 KM.*





# IKALTO – ALAVERDI – TSINANDALY

Today we will explore the Eastern part of Georgia, famous Kakheti region. This land is known for the ancient monasteries and temples, enormous vineyards and beautiful landscapes. This is a perfect journey for those who prefer to combine cultural travel and enjoy the beautiful natural sites.

After leaving the capital of Georgia, we will prolong our way to the Gombori pass. This is a picturesque road with lots of turns, which goes through the Tsvi-Gombori range straight to Kakheti. This path is beautiful at any time of the year. The highest altitude is 1991 meters above sea level, so be prepared for the changes in the air pressure. We will stop at the pass, to make several breathtaking photos.

In 2 hours of drive from Tbilisi, we will find the Ikalto Monastery. It was founded by Saint Zenon, one of the 13 Syrian Fathers, in the late 6th century.

In 12 km from here, we'll stop to explore the Alaverdi Monastery. It was found by the Assyrian monk Joseph Alaverdeli. Alaverdi Cathedral was the tallest religious building in Georgia, until the construction of the Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi.

Then we'll drive to Tsinandali, famous for its gardens and historic winery which once belonged to the 19th-century aristocrat Alexander Chavchavadze. The place itself is charming and beautiful and managed to secure the incredible and peaceful atmosphere of the ancient country estate. Alexander Chavchavadze constructed a new palace in the Italian style and built a decorative garden.

## PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION  
GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

ÜDISTANCE: TBILISI – IKALTO 100KM; IKALTO- ALAVERDI: 15KM;  
ALAVERDI – TSINANDALI 30KM; TSINANDALI – TBILISI 110KM.



# BODBE - SIGNAGHI - WINE FACTORY

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Today we will have a fantastic trip to Kakheti, beautiful land famous for its vineyards, rich traditions of winemaking, picturesque landscapes, and wide cultural traditions. As soon as we'll enter this region, the view beneath the window changes, and we can enjoy the pictures of the emerald valleys, cuddled with blue mountains.

The first stop on our way is a winery. Here we learn a lot of facts about the traditions of Kakheti winemaking. By the way, the history of winemaking in Georgia goes back centuries.

After the tour, we will be able to taste different types of wines, and in practice understand all the taste nuances and features of each type.

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GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

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DEGUSTATION AT THE WINERY - 10 USD

***DISTANCE: TBILISI - SIGNAGHI 115 KM.***

# BORJOMI - RABATI CASTLE

Today we are going to the unique natural resort – Borjomi. This is a popular health resort, famous for its mineral water springs, mild climate, and fresh air. A small cozy town lies on the banks of the Kura River. It was beloved by the aristocracy in the 19th century already, the summer residences of noble people can still be found here. The ancient stone baths were discovered in Borjomi, which means that even many centuries ago the inhabitants knew about the healing properties of Borjomi natural water.

We will enjoy the mysterious silence of the coniferous forest in the National Park and taste the famous mineral water.

In Borjomi we will be surrounded by the breathtaking views of the emerald mountains and incredible fresh air.

Next we are going to the city of Akhaltsikhe.

It is situated on the both banks of a small river Potskhovi, which separates the city to the old city in the north and new in the south.

We are going to the old part of the city, where one can see the great Rabati Castle, built by the Ottomans around a mosque, and St. Marine's Church

The fortress was rebuilt and renovated not so long ago, and boast its picturesque city views. From the castle wall one can enjoy the view of amazing mountain landscapes.

The first military fortifications in Akhaltsikhe was erected by Ottoman empire in XVI – XVII centuries. Once powerful walls protected the peace of the Pasha and preserved one of the richest libraries of the Muslim East.

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GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

**PRICE EXCLUDES:**  
ENTRANCE TICKETS AT THE MUSEUMS:  
RABATI CASTLE- 15 USD; BORJOMI  
PARK -2 USD

**DISTANCE: TBILISI - BORJOMI-160 KM, BORJOMI – AKHALTSIKHE 50 KM,  
AKHALTSIKHE - TBILISI 220KM.**





# BORJOMI - VARDZIA CAVE TOWN

Early in the morning, we'll start our way in the South-West direction, towards the unique health resort, Borjomi. Today we will explore the magic natural beauty and fantastical cultural heritage of this region. Small cozy town Borjomi lies on the banks of the Kura River. It was beloved by the aristocracy in the 19th century already, the summer residences of noble people can still be found here. The ancient stone baths were discovered in Borjomi, which means that even many centuries ago the inhabitants knew about the healing properties of Borjomi natural water.

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VARDZIA- 15 USD; BORJOMI PARK -2  
USD

*DISTANCE: TBILISI - BORJOMI: 160 KM, BORJOMI -  
VARDZIA: 100 KM, VARDZIA - TBILISI 230 KM.*

After that, we will continue our road to Vardzia Cave city.

The fortress was built to protect the Borjomi gorge from enemies who tried to conquer these territories from the south. First, the rocks covered the inside part of the building from the enemy's eyes. The monastery by itself was connected to the surface by several secret passages – tunnels. The whole settlement was hiding behind a huge rock. At that time Vardzia consisted of about 600 rooms.

There were temples, living cells, food warehouses, and a library. And once even the little Queen Tamar was lost (and successfully found) in that labyrinth.

The fortress was designed in such a way that it was completely invisible from the outside. However, the earthquake that shook the area in the 13th century, exposed the fortress-monastery, dropping a large block of rock down to the gorge.

From that moment Vardzia lost her defensive assignment. But its story did not end there. And the details of this amazing legend you will learn during the tour.



# ABOUT CHEESE AND WINE TRAVEL TO KAKHETI

When talking about the culinary traditions of Georgia, they primarily recall wine, khachapuri, shoti, barbecue and bean dishes. At the same time, cheeses, which are truly a treasure of the gastronomic heritage of this country, are often undeservedly ignored. The history of cheeses here goes back centuries, and the variety of varieties is simply amazing. The taste palette of cheeses will delight a real gourmet. In Georgia, you can taste both sweet almost dessert varieties and hard cheeses with an extremely burning aroma. To visit Georgia, and not to learn a little more about the history and traditions of cheese making, and also not to try so dissimilar, but amazingly tasty cheeses - this is at least a shame.

The Kakheti region has been considered the cradle of Georgian winemaking since ancient times. This is a very picturesque region with ancient monuments of architecture and hospitable locals.

A visit to the cheese factory of Civiskveli. Many people know and love Imereti cheeses and suluguni. However, in addition to these well-known names, about 30 different types of cheese are produced in Georgia, 14 of which are officially registered. One of the most delicious, with a unique texture, surprisingly tender and fatty - Tenili cheese. It is prepared using a unique old technology that originated in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region, and it is listed as a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage.

We will go on excursions in a real cheese factory. This is a true paradise for fans of delicate and fragrant cheese. Here we will see how the process of creating a unique cheese is going on and even will be able to participate in this sacrament. And then you can taste not only tenil, but also smoked cheeses, dambal khacho, guda, suluguni, etc. During the tasting of cheeses, we will try various dishes prepared on their basis: cottage cheese balls rolled in ground pepper, nuts and Georgian herbs, cheeses pressed with spices, cheese rolls with adjika or mint, cheese plaits and much more. The fantastic taste of these dishes, prepared exclusively from natural, environmentally friendly products, perfectly set off the rich and tart Kakheti wine.

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TRANSPORTATION  
GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

**PRICE EXCLUDES:**  
CHEESE & WINE DEGUSTATIONION - 30  
USD P.P.

**DISTANCE: TBILISI-TELAVI -120 KM.**





# TBILISI IN DANCE RHYTHM

It will be an unforgettable day in Tbilisi. You can see the unique and vibrant architectural monuments of the Georgian capital, as well as feel the beauty of Georgian dance with all your body. Nothing brings understanding of Georgian culture so much as acquaintance with national cuisine and dance traditions. We prepare comfortable shoes, a good mood and go on an excursion!

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Having got acquainted more closely with the architectural traditions of Tbilisi, we will go to a master class in Georgian dances. An exciting 2 hours awaits us here, filled with vivid musical rhythms.

First, we will be told some fascinating facts about the traditions of Georgian dance, which have been carefully preserved for many centuries.

After an easy warm-up, under the strict guidance of a teacher, we will comprehend stunning, mesmerizing movement, and a whimsical drawing of Georgian dance. Time will fly by and by the end of classes you will not only learn a lot about this art form, but you can also perform the dance yourself.

Now you can safely go somewhere in the evening in order to proudly demonstrate the acquired skills to the public!

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GUIDE SERVICE  
BOTTLE OF WATER PP

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