




GUARANTEED TOUR 2011 (8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS)

<p>DAY 01</p>	<p><u>ARRIVAL IN TBILISI</u> Arrival in Tbilisi. Airport meeting and greeting with a guide. Transfer to hotel. Accommodation. Short rest.</p>
<p>DAY 02</p> 	<p><u>TBILISI CITY-TOUR – MTSKHETA - TBILISI</u> Half-day City-tour: Metekhi church (XIIIc); Abanot-ubani (natural sulphur springs, bath –houses built in XVI-XVII cc); Narikala church (the church, first was built in IV c. and in XI it was destroyed. Finally, it was rebuilt in late XX c. There is a great view of old district of Tbilisi from this church); Karvasla: where you can see ancient Georgians clothes and hand made goods. Souvenir shopping (optional). Proceed to ancient capital of Georgia – Mtskheta, Lunch in a restaurant: Drive to Mtskheta (35minutes to drive). In the ancient times, Mtskheta was the capital of Georgia and is most important religious centre. It is situated at the convergence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi Rivers. There are a number of very significant archaeological and religious monuments in and around town. Lunch in a Georgian restaurant “Aragvi” or similar. Visits to Jvari church (VI c), Svetitskhoveli cathedral (XI c) and Dedata/Mothers’ Monastery. Return to Tbilisi and overnight at the hotel.</p>
<p>DAY 03</p> 	<p><u>TBILISI – KAKHETI REGION – TELAVI</u> Breakfast at the hotel. Full day trip to Kakheti region with Lunch: Kakheti is synonymous with wine. There are hundreds of different grapes grown here, and every village has its own particular variety. Visit to Signaghi, beautiful old city surrounded by defensive wall, thanks to it city was never concurred. Lunch in Gurjaani. Tour to Tsinandali-village that is a source of famous white wine, visiting museum of prince Chavchavadze with wine factory, wine tasting and tour inside the factory. Proceed to Telavi (main city of Kakheti). Visit to Alaverdi Cathedral (VI c). The cathedral was originally founded as a monastery in the 6th century. This 50m tall building is one of the biggest structures of its time. Dinner at the guesthouse. Overnight at the guesthouse in Telavi.</p>
<p>DAY 04</p> 	<p><u>TELAVI – KAZBEGI TOWN</u> Breakfast at the hotel. Full day trip to Kazbegi town, drive through Akhmeta & Tianeti: Kazbegi town is located 157km from Tbilisi (1740m above sea level) on the south slopes of Caucasus main range. Drive along the Georgian military highway. This ancient route through the Caucasus has been much celebrated by everyone from poets to guidebook writers for the romantic image of it. The place is remarkable for its landscapes; flora and fauna, people and history, and many travelers to Georgia will regard this as a highlight of their visit. On the way, all sightseeing including Ananuri fortified monastery. Lunch in a Georgian restaurant in Pasaauri. Visit to Holy trinity monastery on the top of a mount by 4x4 vehicles (optional, for extra cost). Arrive to Kazbegi, Transfer to the guesthouse and overnight.</p>
<p>DAY 05</p> 	<p><u>KAZBEGI–UPLISTSIKHE CAVE TOWN–BATUMI</u> Breakfast at the hotel. Proceed to Uplistsikhe cave town. Lunch en route. Proceed to Uplistsikhe cave town, which is one of the oldest places of settlement in the Caucasus. It was founded in the late Bronze Age, (around 900 BC), but developed mainly from the 5th century to the 1st centuries BC. Before Georgia became a Christian country, this was a special site for pagan rituals. The main caravan road from Asia to Europe used to run just 2km northern of the city, which became a very important trade centre. Proceed to Gori – an ancient city, which still draws people that are fascinated by the figure of Stalin. Visit to Stalin museum (optional). Proceed to Batumi, arrival late evening, overnight.</p>

<p>DAY 06</p> 	<p><u>BATUMI</u></p> <p>FREE TIME In May-September you can swim in the sea, optionally we can organize fishing. Overnight in Batumi</p>
<p>DAY 07</p>  	<p><u>BATUMI – KUTAISI - TBILISI</u></p> <p>Breakfast at the hotel, Proceed for Tbilisi, en-route Kutaisi main sightseeing: Kutaisi is one of the most beautiful and ancient Georgian cities situated in West Georgia on both banks of the picturesque Rioni river. Visit Gelati - once a major centre of enlightenment in Georgia, founded by King Davit Aghmashenebeli (David the Builder) in 1106 that represents the flourishing medieval architecture in Georgia. The tomb of Davit Aghmashenebeli is located in the porch to the south of the precinct wall; Visit Bagrati Temple ruins - the cross-domed, tri-conch Cathedral located on the top of Ukimerioni Hill, built in the 11th century. The cathedral is distinguished for its elegant proportions, grand size, facade composition, ornaments and relief carvings; Visit Sataplia cave, where Dinosaurs footsteps are preserved. Proceed to Tbilisi, lunch en route. Free evening for leisure and overnight</p>
<p>DAY 08</p>	<p><u>DEPARTURE FROM TBILISI</u></p> <p>Early transfer to Tbilisi airport, departure.</p>

Price per person EUR 489.00 in DBL room occupancy

DATES: 19 – 26 JUNE; 10 – 17 JULY; 28 AUGUST-04 SEPTEMBER; 25 SEPTEMBER-02 OCTOBER;

GROUP SIZE: 04-15 (TOURS AVAILABLE FOR 4 AND MORE PEOPLE ONLY)

GUIDE: ENGLISH-SPEAKING (OTHER LANGUAGES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

TRANSPORT: MINIBUS

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

1. 3* Hotel accommodation on DBL occupancy in Tbilisi and Batumi, Telavi and Kazbegi guesthouses;
2. Full transportation and transfers as specified in itinerary;
3. Guide service;
4. Breakfast at hotels and lunches en-route; plus dinners in Kakheti region and Kazbegi;
5. Wine tasting in Kakheti;
6. Entrance fees to all sightseeing destinations;
7. Local taxes.

NOTES:

1. Advance payment is required to book a tour.
2. A non refundable deposit is required to book any tour. Final balance should be paid 30 days prior to arrival at destination. Minor changes to itinerary possible depending on flight schedule and preferences.
3. Cancellation penalties applicable.
4. We suggest to organize dinners every evening in various restaurants with different wines and dishes, prices vary 30-60\$ per person per dinner, depending on restaurant.
5. Dinner (optional, for extra cost) at farmers house in Napareuli or Kindzmarauli wine factory (possibility to taste wine from clay pitchers, taking part in Vodka Distillation - "Zavodoba" and fresh distilled chacha tasting), 30-40\$ depending on menu.
6. In Tbilisi we strongly recommend to attend sulphur bathes, with KISA (famous Georgian kind of massage), it's not expensive, around 30\$ per person for whole package and worth every cent of it, after it you feel like reborn.