

## Highlights of Georgia - 8 days

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On this eight day tour, you'll get to know why Georgia wins a place in the hearts of those who visit. You'll explore the charming capital Tbilisi and its predecessor, the religious centre of Mtskheta. The country's treasures aren't confined to those above ground, as you'll see in Vardzia and Uplistikhe. Visits to Gori, the birthplace of Stalin, the UNESCO-listed Gelati monastery and Rabati fortress complete this captivating introduction to one of the most welcoming countries in the Caucasus.

## DEPARTURE DATES:

16.03.2024; 23.03.2024; 30.03.2024; 06.04.2024; 13.04.2024; 20.04.2024; 27.04.2024; 04.05.2024; 11.05.2024; 18.05.2024; 25.05.2024; 01.06.2024; 08.06.2024; 15.06.2024; 22.06.2024; 29.06.2024; 06.07.2024; 13.07.2024; 20.07.2024; 27.07.2024; 03.08.2024; 10.08.2024; 17.08.2024; 24.08.2024; 31.08.2024; 07.09.2024; 14.09.2024; 21.09.2024; 28.09.2024; 05.10.2024; 12.10.2024; 19.10.2024; 26.10.2024; 02.11.2024; 09.11.2024; 16.11.2024; 23.11.2024; 30.11.2024; 07.12.2024; 14.12.2024.

## ITINERARY

**Day 1 - Tbilisi**

Arrival in Tbilisi and check in to the hotel. (D)

**Day 2 - Tbilisi**

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll enjoy guided sightseeing of the Georgian capital. We begin in the characterful old town where the Methekhi Church has been a fixture on the landscape since the 13th century. From the riverfront, we'll hop on a cable car which will take us to the 4th century Narikala Fortress, which occupies a prominent position on a hill overlooking the city. The view's fabulous. Later, we complete our tour, ticking off the 6th century Antchiskhati Church, 12th century Sioni Cathedral and an ancient synagogue. Afterwards we visit the treasury of Georgian National Museum and take a stroll along Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi's main street. Dinner and overnight in Tbilisi. (B, D)

**Day 3 - Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Prometheus Cave - Kutaisi**

The former capital and religious heart of Georgia is located at Mtskheta, just a short drive from Tbilisi. There we'll show you the 6th century Djvari Church and the 11th century Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, both of which are recognised by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. Afterwards, we drive to Kutaisi, the second largest city in Georgia. On the way to Kutaisi we enjoy wine tasting at Merebashvil's Marani. Near Kutaisi we visit Prometheus Cave. Inside there's a breathtaking array of stalactites and stalagmites. Dinner and overnight at the spa resort of Tskaltubo. (B, D)

**Day 4 - Kutaisi - Gelati - Bagrati - Akhaltsikhe**

A visit to a bazaar is always an enjoyable activity; today we start at a local farmers' market and check out the fresh produce. From there we check out the UNESCO-listed Gelati monastery complex, located close to Kutaisi, which was founded in 1106 by King David IV of Georgia, and then move on to the 12th century Academy Complex and Bagrati Cathedral. Afterwards we drive to Akhaltsikhe, tonight's dinner and accommodation stop. (B, D)

**Day 5 - Akhaltsikhe - Vardzia - Rabati Fortress - Akhaltsikhe**

It's a splendid drive to Vardzia hugging the upper Mtkvari River and squeezing through arid, narrow canyons. Vardzia is the magnificent reward, a subterranean complex consisting of 300 or so caves cut from the mountain. We'll explore churches, refectories and wine cellars to get a feel for what life used to be like before the site was abandoned many centuries ago. Later, we'll return to Akhaltsikhe, where we visit the Ethnographic Museum housed in Rabati Fortress. Dinner and overnight at Akhaltsikhe. (B, D)

**Day 6 - Akhaltsikhe - Borjomi - Gori - Uplistikhe - Tbilisi**

Departing Akhaltsikhe after breakfast, we drive towards Borjomi, where we break our journey at Borjomi Park to stretch our legs. Next stop is the town of Gori, best known as the birthplace of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. A museum dedicated to his life offers a fascinating glimpse into his formative years. Nearby, we pay a visit to

Uplistikhe, another atmospheric cave city that once formed part of the ancient Silk Road. Afterwards we return to Tbilisi, for dinner in a traditional restaurant accompanied by folk dancing and/or singing. Overnight in Tbilisi. (B, D)

Day 7 - Tbilisi

Today is free for you to explore Tbilisi a little more. Perhaps you'd like to experience one of its traditional thermal baths, or settle into one of the many cafés and lounge bars for a relaxing drink while you watch the world go by. (B, D)

Day 8 - Tbilisi

Our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and take you to the airport to catch your flight home. (B)

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

- [International flights](#)
- [Accommodation](#)
- [Guided tours & cultural programme](#)
- [English - speaking guides](#)
- [Half board meals](#)
- [Evening entertainment](#)
- [Ground transportation](#)
- [Airport transfers](#)

Not included

- [Personal travel insurance](#)
- [Optional excursions](#)

Practical information

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AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3\* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
16/03/2024 - 23/03/2024	£1295	£1695	£155
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#### ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Best of Caucasus" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > Best of Armenia - 8 days (AM-02), Price from £1,295, 8 days
- > Best of Georgia and Azerbaijan - 12 days (CT-03), Price from £2,195, 12 days
- > Luxury Georgia Tour: Tbilisi, Signagi, Borjomi – 8 days (GE-09), Price from £1,995, 8 days
- > A Holiday in Georgia: from the Mountains to the Black Sea - Batumi - 10 days (GE-10), Price from £1,495, 10 days

## HOW TO BOOK

### Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Best of Caucasus holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

### Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

**Online:** log on to [www.best-of-caucasus.co.uk](http://www.best-of-caucasus.co.uk) and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Best of Caucasus, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

**Email:** alternatively, you can book your tour per email - [info@best-of-caucasus.co.uk](mailto:info@best-of-caucasus.co.uk), or

**Phone:** call us on **+44 (0)20 30 51 76 40**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel category), and available upgrades.

### Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

### Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.



On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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