

Georgia Wine Tour - 8 days

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Georgia's long association with wine production makes it a fascinating destination for wine connoisseurs. Numerous vineyards still process grapes the traditional way, allowing them to ferment in stone pots known as qvevri. This tour visits some of the best vineyards in the country, where you'll learn about the Georgian art of viticulture and taste some of its finest wines. Along the way, you'll stop at some of the many historical and religious sites, giving you a flavour of this beautiful country's stunning and often dramatic landscapes.

DEPARTURE DATES: 30.05.2022; 06.06.2022; 13.06.2022; 20.06.2022; 27.06.2022; 04.07.2022; 11.07.2022; 18.07.2022; 25.07.2022; 01.08.2022; 08.08.2022; 15.08.2022; 22.08.2022; 29.08.2022; 05.09.2022; 12.09.2022; 19.09.2022; 26.09.2022; 03.10.2022; 10.10.2022; 17.10.2022; 24.10.2022; 31.10.2022; 07.11.2022; 14.11.2022.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Tbilisi

Your tour begins in the Georgian capital Tbilisi, a city with a long past and an exciting future. Transfer to your hotel and settle in. Overnight in Tbilisi. (D)

Day 2 - Tbilisi

Tbilisi's old town is packed with ancient monuments and, built on the side of a hill, panoramic views. You'll begin your city tour at the 13th century Metekhi Church, which occupies a prime site on the banks of the River Mtkvari. From there, ride the gondola up to the Narikala Fortress; Mother Georgia towers above you, her eyes fixed on the city below. Descend to walk the cobbled streets to a centuries-old synagogue, Anchiskhati Church and Sioni Cathedral. Passing Liberty Square with the golden statue of St George, you'll make your way along Rustaveli Avenue to the Georgian National Museum and beyond. Overnight in Tbilisi. (B, D)

Day 3 - Tbilisi - Signagi - Telavi

It's a relatively short drive to the characterful town of Signagi, the most important place in the winelands of the Kakheti region. You'll walk the walls of this 18th century royal town, which are punctuated by twenty-three towers. The views over the surrounding countryside from this lofty vantage point stretch for miles. You'll visit one of the town's acclaimed wineries and enjoy a wine flight to learn more about Georgia's long history with wine and the techniques used in its production. On the edge of town is the delightful Bodbe Monastery. You'll enjoy a guided tour before driving to Telavi in time for dinner. Overnight in Telavi. (B, D)

Day 4 - Telavi - Alaverdi - Napareuli - Gremi - Telavi

Alaverdi's St George's Cathedral is one of Kakheti's architectural and religious highlights. This UNESCO listed cathedral forms part of a larger 11th century Georgian Orthodox monastery founded by a monk named Joseph. When it came to picking a site, he chose well, setting his monastery in a fertile river valley nestled against the Caucasus Mountains. Next you'll drive to Napareuli where a visit has been scheduled to the "Twins Cellar" Winery. There's an interesting museum to explore and you'll have the chance to taste wine stored in traditional kvevris, earthenware jars which are sunk into the ground. Finally, we'll move on to the ancient Church of Gremi before returning to Telavi in time for our evening meal. Overnight in Telavi. (B, D)

Day 5 - Telavi - Tsinandali - Vardisubani - Tbilisi

After breakfast a visit has been arranged to the former residence of Alexander Chavchavadze. This prince was born in St Petersburg in the late 18th century, the son of the Kakheti-Kartli ambassador to Russia. The palace and gardens that he commissioned in Tsinandali are spectacular, with lavish furnishings and formal planting. The home is as colourful as the man who created it and a joy to discover. Afterwards, you'll be driven to Vardisubani, where you'll watch a local artisan create amphorae, the earthenware wine pots used to ferment and store wine. Overnight Tbilisi. (B, D)

Day 6 - Tbilisi - Mtskheta and Iago's winery - Tbilisi

On the outskirts of Tbilisi you'll find the country's ancient capital Mtskheta. This 3000 year old city is home to two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Jvari Monastery (6th century) and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11th century). Both are

of special interest, particularly the latter. According to local legend, a monk named Elias bought Jesus' robes from a soldier at Golgotha. He returned to Georgia to be met by his sister; on touching the robe, she was overcome and died. She's buried here, with the robes themselves. On leaving the cathedral, you'll be driven to Iago's Winery in Chardakhi for a wine tasting, after which you'll return to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi. (B, D)

Day 7 - Tbilisi - Chateau Mukhrani - Tbilisi

Your final wine tasting will be at the Chateau Mukhrani. Built in 1512 as the estate of a prince, wine production was established here in the 19th century. Abandoned during the Soviet era, the winery was resurrected in the 21st century and as a result, it boasts some of the most up to date technology of any winery in the country. The reconstructed cellar has space to store over 1000 barrels of wine. After a wine tasting, there'll be free time back in Tbilisi. This evening, round off your trip with a gala dinner where you'll be treated to a performance of traditional music and dancing. Overnight in Tbilisi. (B, D)

Day 8 - Tbilisi

Transfer to the airport. Your visit to Georgia has sadly come to an end. We trust you'll return home with plenty of memories from your trip. (B)

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

[International flights](#)
[Accommodation](#)
[Guided tours & cultural programme](#)
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[Half board meals](#)
[Evening entertainment](#)
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Not included

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AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
30/05/2022 - 06/06/2022	£1195	£1595	£125
06/06/2022 - 13/06/2022	£1195	£1595	£125
13/06/2022 - 20/06/2022	£1195	£1595	£125
20/06/2022 - 27/06/2022	£1195	£1595	£125
27/06/2022 - 04/07/2022	£1195	£1595	£125
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14/11/2022 - 21/11/2022	£1195	£1595	£125

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

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ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

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

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- > [Best of Georgia and Azerbaijan - 12 days \(CT-03\)](#), Price from £2,045, 12 days
- > [Great Georgian Discovery - 11 days \(GE-03\)](#), Price from £1,695, 11 days
- > [Best of Georgia - 10 days \(GE-02\)](#), 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.

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Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - 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.

