

# Georgia

6 Days / 5 Nights

*Georgia offers much more than any other small country. What is to stay in Georgia? It is a land of contrasts, located at the intersection of East and West. From the architecture of old Tbilisi to Kakheti vineyards, from ancient stone towers of Svaneti to the coast of Batumi, with its nightlife.*



## DEPARTURE DATES:

10 – 15 May, 2017

7 – 12 June, 2017

21 – 26 June, 2017

5 – 10 July, 2017

19 – 24 July, 2017

10 – 15 August, 2017

23 – 28 August, 2017

6 – 11 September, 2017

13 – 18 September, 2017

4 – 9 October, 2017

(The dates coincide with flights Air Baltic Riga -Tbilisi - Riga)

## Day 1: Departure from Riga

## Day 2: Arrival to Tbilisi

Arrival in Tbilisi International Airport, meeting with the hosts representatives, transfer to the hotel. Relaxing till the morning.

### Tbilisi city tour – Mtskheta – Tbilisi (60 km)

After breakfast, we have a sightseeing tour of the city Tbilisi. It will be a few unforgettable hours of familiarization with the capital. A charming town built in the 5th century along the twisting valley of Mtkvari River. All the places of interest are very close to each other, within a few minutes' walk. Start excursion from **Metekhi** (13th century) plateau, visit **Narikala Fortress** (4th century), which dominates the skyline of the Old Town. Continue to explore brick-domed underground **sulfur baths** (17th cen.) – the district of naturally hot mineral waters, cafe street **Shardeni, Synagogue, Sioni Cathedral**, the **Anchiskhati Basilica** of St Mary (6 th century).

Afterwards Drive to visit the ancient capital and religious center of Georgia – **Mtskheta** and its historical places: Jvari church (6th cen.) and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11th cen.) where the Robe of Christ is buried (UNESCO World Heritage sites); the city is located on an ancient trade route, at the confluence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi rivers. It has been inhabited since before 1,000 BC. Drive back to Tbilisi and overnight (**B/-/-**).

**Optional Program:** In the evening, if you want we can book dinner with folklore in Georgian Restaurant (price person – 15 Euro).

## Day 3: Kakheti - Cradle of Wine

### Tbilisi – Bodbe – Signagi – Velistsikhe – Tbilisi (270 km)

After Breakfast at a hotel drive to Kakheti's wine growing region. Today you will learn all about Georgian wine and hospitality explore the rural life of Georgia. First we visit **Bodbe monastery** (4th century) that holds the tomb of St. Nino, the Cappadocian maiden who converted Georgian people to Christianity as early as 337 AD. After Bodbe we visit fortified town of **Signaghi** - City of love. The town preserved its original image and now offers visitors stunning views of the surrounding Caucasus Mountains. Proceed to **Velistsikhe**, where we will visit a local family winery that dates about 300 yrs. Taste wine directly from ""Kvevri". Making of wine in Kvevri is the oldest known method of wine production. Approximately 8000 years ago, this method spread from the region around the Caucasus across the world. It represents UNSCO Intangible cultural heritage. Here you will have traditional Lunch with delicious Georgian dishes, wine and chahca. In the evening you will be back to Tbilisi. Overnight in Tbilisi (**B/-/-**).

## Day 4: Great Caucasus

### Tbilisi – Gudauri - Kazbegi – Ananuri – Tbilisi (300 km)

After breakfast start very scenic drive up through the High Caucasus Mountains and reach Georgian Military Highway's maximum altitude (2,395 m) meters at **Jvari Pass**. The drive along the **Tergi River** will bring us **to Kazbegi** - the main town in the region famous for its remarkable landscapes. Walk from Kazbegi through Gergeti village and up to the **Gergeti Holy Trinity (14th century)** church, stunningly located on a hilltop both overlooking the surrounding snowy peaks of the Greater Caucasus Mountains. Here we will enjoy unique nature with beautiful panoramic views of Caucasus, including mount **Kazbegi (5047m.)**. The round trip walk takes 3-4 hours. **Optional: drive up to the Gergeti Holy Trinity church, by Local Car (4 x 4 Mitsubishi Delica with 6 seats. 35 Euro per car)** - we will pass winter Resort **Gudauri** (2200 m); Visit **Ananuri** architectural complex (17th century) overlooking a reservoir on the Aragvi River. Drive back to Tbilisi and overnight (**B/-/-**).

#### **Day 5: Tbilisi Free Day**

After breakfast you can enjoy your free time in Tbilisi (**B/- / -**).

#### **Day 6: Departure from Tbilisi to Riga**

After check out from the hotel, you will be transferred to Tbilisi international airport. Departure for Riga (**-/-/-**).

- **End of the package** -

## Quotation

Tour package price per person based on double occupancy: **399 EUR**

Single room supplement: **54 EUR**

### THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Airport transfers;
- Excursions;
- Professional tour guide service (Russian speaking);
- Hotel accommodation with BB - 5 x nights in Tbilisi
- Water complimentary (1 bottle per day);
- Meals:
  - 5 x Breakfasts in the hotel;
  - 1 x Lunch in the winnery;
- Degustation of wine and chacha in the winnery;

### THE PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Flight tickets;
- Travel insurance;
- 4x4 vehicles (Mitsubishi Delica with 6 seats) to visit Gergeti Trinity Church in Kazbegi – 35 EUR per car;
- Dinner in Georgian restaurant with folk show - 15 EUR per person.

### HOTEL:

**TBILISI:** Hotel Grand Palace 3\* - <http://www.grandpalacetbilisi.com/?lang=en> or the same category hotel.

# Optional Package in Batumi

**3 Days / 2 Nights**

*Batumi a seaside city on the Black Sea coast and capital of Adjara. Batumi serves as an important port and a commercial center. The main sights of modern Batumi are the oldest historic-architectural monuments, places of rest and culture with great variety of subtropical plants. You can enjoy a famous Seaside Park (Boulevard) that is stretched along the beaches, occupying 5 km of area with its infrastructure.*



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#### **Day 6: Departure from Tbilisi to Batumi (390 km)**

Breakfast in the hotel. We drive from Tbilisi to Batumi. Accommodation in the hotel. Overnight in Batumi (**B**, -, -).

#### **Day 7: Batumi Free day**

Breakfast in the hotel. Relax and get pleasure (**B**, -, -).

#### **Day 8: Transfer to the Tbilisi Int. Airport (145 km)**

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Tbilisi International Airport (**B**, -, -).

#### **Day 9: Departure for Riga**

Check out from the hotel and departure for Riga (-, -, -).

– *End of the package* –

### **Quotation**

**Tour package price per person based on double occupancy: 219 EURO**

Single room supplement: **40 EUR**

#### **THE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Airport transfers;
- Hotel accommodation with BB;
- 2 x nights in Batumi

#### **THE PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:**

- Professional tour guide service;
- Meals and alcoholic beverage;
- Tips and porter service;

#### **HOTEL:**

**Batumi: Prestige 3\*** - ([www.hotel-prestige.ge](http://www.hotel-prestige.ge)) or same category hotel;