

## New Year Tour to Georgia

### Key information

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Best season: Winter

Tour type: Small group / individual (starting from 2 persons)

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### What's included:

Transfer to/from the airport, accommodation in hotels, breakfast, comfortable transport, English speaking guide service for all days, 1 bottle of water per day (0.5lt.), all entrance fees

### What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival - Free Time

Day 2 - Tbilisi City Tour

Day 3 - Kakheti - New Shuamta - Alaverdi - Telavi

Day 4 - Tbilisi - Signaghi - Bodbe - Tbilisi

Day 5 - Borjomi - Vardzia - Akhaltsikhe

Day 6 - Tbilisi - Paravani - Fok

Day 7 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

After your arrival in Tbilisi airport, we will organize a transfer to the hotel for you. After the check in you will be able to enjoy free time in this colorful and vibrant city known for its ancient history and elegant architecture.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

### Day 2

The second day begins with a fascinating tour around Tbilisi, which will let you fully enjoy the festive atmosphere of this amazing city. To get started, we will visit the largest Orthodox church in the world – “Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi.” Our tour will continue to the Cathedral “Metekhi» (XIII c.) located on a hill, it holds a lot of memories from the past: it is here that according to the legends repeatedly prayed Queen Tamara. This day we will also visit the Cathedral “Zion» (XII century.), which is known not only for its architectural beauty, but also for a storage of valuable Christian relics. Under its arches, you can see the famous cross of St. Nino made of the vine and bonded with Nino’s hair. Next, we will continue the way to the famous creation of Italian architect, the pride of modern Tbilisi – The Bridge of Peace. The excursion won’t leave without attention one of the most popular attractions of the city – Narikala fortress, which we will get by the famous cable car. It offers a magnificent view of the old city and the surrounding mountains – a great place for those who want to make a memorable photo! After the city tour, we will continue our way to the picturesque small town of Mtskheta. Nowhere in Georgia there are such a large number of saints and religious places like in Mtskheta! Here we will visit the Cathedral “Svetitskhoveli» (XI c.), which houses the tunic of the Lord, as well as the Monastery of “Samtavro” and Jvari Monastery (V century), immortalized in literature by Mikhail Lermontov. This concludes our tour is over, and after returning to Tbilisi, you will have free time for a rest and walk.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 3

This day we will go with to the beautiful region of Georgia – Kakheti known for its traditions and secrets of the production of Georgian wine. On the way, we will stop to see the monastery “New Shuamta” and enjoy the surrounding beauty. Among the attractions, our program includes the Cathedral “Alaverdi” (XI cent.), and the VI century architectural complex “Ikalto.” According to the legend, it was at the academy Ikalto where studied famous poet and statesman Shota Rustaveli, who lived in the XII century. Our day will be over with a dinner at the guesthouse in Telavi, during which you can taste delicious national dishes and local wine. An overnight will also be organized here.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Telavi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 4

After breakfast at the guest house, we’ll go back to Tbilisi. On the way, there will be a stop in one of the coziest towns of Kakheti – Signaghi, which is called “the town of lovers”. The city fascinates with its amazingly beautiful architecture in the style of southern Italian classicism. Here we will organize an excursion to one of the most famous and largest castles in Georgia, as well as a visit to the wine cellar, where there will be wine tasting of 4 wines. Exactly in this region is located the famous convent “Bodbe”, which is also included in our program. Those who wish will have an opportunity to go down to the source of St. Nino, located thirty minutes away from the convent. After the arrival in Tbilisi, you will have dinner at the local dukan (for the add. fee).

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*



**Day 5**

On the fifth day, we'll go to the popular resort of Georgia –Borzhomi. Here, everyone can try healing mineral water straight from the sources! Then we will keep the way to Vardzia, which is famous for its unique cave city included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Accommodation will be organized in Akhaltsikhe – the city where all world cultures are intertwined.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Akhaltsikhe*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

**Day 6**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will return back to Tbilisi. On the way, we will visit the largest and the most picturesque lake of Georgia – Paravani and the Monastery Fok.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

**Day 7**

After the breakfast, you will have a transfer to the airport.



### **Booking terms and conditions**

Once we received your application, confirmed all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 50-100 euro per person (depending on the tour price) is received, we will start your hotel reservation and other service booking and will send your Tour Voucher with all the trip details.

### **Payment Terms**

After you have booked the tour, it is necessary to make a non-refundable deposit of 50-100 euros, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after your arrival on the spot. We reserve the right to cancel your booking and apply the relevant cancellation charges (detailed below) if we do not receive all payments at the due time.

### **Cancellation of the tour**

If you or a member of your group wants to cancel the tour, please, inform our company as soon as possible in writing form. Please, note that the prepayment (50-100 euros) is non-refundable, however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, our company will have to charge an extra 100 euros for re-booking the hotel.

### **Rights and obligations**

Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before its inception and are not the subject of change or cancellation. Under the obligation of forced circumstances (weather, holidays) we can make some changes in the itinerary, however, all that relates to services and attractions will remain unchanged.

Please note, that our tours require a minimum number of participants – 2 persons. We reserve the right to cancel the trip, if any tour will not have the minimum number of participants. We will inform you about the cancellation of the tour no later than 30 days before the start and will do the full refund of the amount paid, including the prepayment.

We also request immediately and promptly report all complaints and any claims during the tour. If possible, all problems will be solved. If the tourist does not report any complaint, the compensation will not be implemented.

Please, also note that the company AraraTour is not liable for services not included in the tour price. Our responsibility is limited only to the extent provided by our tour.

Force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control and which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part frees both parties from liability or obligation. In case of Force majeure, we don't issue any refund.

### **Insolvency or bankruptcy insurance**

Tour operator Arara guarantees the refund of clients' money for unfulfilled services even in the case of company's own insolvency or bankruptcy.

