



## Southwestern Georgia Tour in 8 days

### Key information

**Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights

**Date:** High season

**Tour type:** Group of tourists

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### What's included:

Airport transfers, Accommodation for 7 nights, Meals: breakfast, All transfers in air-conditioned/heated vehicles, English-speaking guide/driver service for all days, All admission and tickets fees, 1 bottle of water per day

### What's not Included:

Air tickets, visa fee, medical insurance, breakfast, lunch and dinner

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Tbilisi

Day 2 - Tbilisi City Tour

Day 3 - Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Uplistsikhe - Borjomi Mineral Water Park - Borjomi

Day 4 - Borjomi - Rabati - Vardzia - Akhatsikhe

Day 5 - Akhaltsikhe - Martvili Canyons - Kutaisi - Gelati Monastery - Kutaisi

Day 6 - Kutaisi - Tskaltubo - Sataplia Nature Reserve - Kutaisi

Day 7 - Kutaisi - Sataplia Nature Reserve - Katskhi Pillar - Tbilisi

Day 8 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

You will be transferred from the airport and taken to the hotel in Tbilisi.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Tbilisi

### Day 2

Your second day in Georgia will be devoted to the full exploration of its capital – Tbilisi. Tbilisi attracts with its lively atmosphere, modern and ancient architecture, attractive Old Town and superb eating and drinking opportunities. Your city tour will start with a visit to an open-air Ethnographic Museum where traditional buildings from all Georgian regions are exhibited. Then you will explore the center and the Old Town. Meidani Square, the Assumption Church, Narikala Fortress, the sulfur baths, Mtatsminda Mount and other attractions will be included in the program.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Tbilisi

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 3

In the morning you will depart to Mtskheta town located just 25 kilometres north from Tbilisi. This small cozy town is of great importance to Georgian people. Mtskheta once was a capital of Georgia. Nowadays it is an important religious site as it was one of the first Georgian regions to accept Christianity. Mtskheta and its religious monuments are protected by UNESCO. After arrival you will start your tour with a visit to Svetitskhoveli Cathedral – one of the most significant architectural masterpieces of Georgia. Next you will go up the hill to Jvari Temple that stands on the hilltop overlooking the confluence of Mtkvari and Aragvi Rivers. At the end of the tour you will return to Tbilisi that is only 20 km from Mtskheta. After some sightseeing tour around the old city of Tbilisi you will have a trip to Uplistsikhe Cave town. This ancient town, carved in the rock, is one of the first towns in Georgia and it dates back to the end of II the beginning of I millennium BC. Your trip will continue to picturesque Borjomi resort town known for its healing mineral water.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Borjomi

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 4

After breakfast you will visit Borjomi Mineral Water Park to taste the world-famous mineral water from the spring. Today Borjomi mineral water is exported to about 30 countries around the world. Your tour will continue to Akhaltsikhe town which is the administrative center of Samtskhe-Javakheti region. Akhaltsikhe is well-known for its Rabat Fortress that has been recently renovated and became the hallmark of the town. Over its centuries-old history, the fortress had undergone many troubles including devastation, desolation, the rebuilding of churches. After the renovation project, the fortress turned into an impressive and very popular tourist attraction that occupies no less than 7 hectares. After the excursion you will continue your trip to the cave town of Vardzia. It is undoubtedly one of the most fascinating sights of Georgia! Vardzia is a town and monastery complex carved into the rock; it is an impressive monument of the 12th-13th centuries.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Akhaltsikhe

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 5

The day will start with a trip to Martvili Canyon – a beautiful and extraordinary natural gem located in the west of Georgia. It was discovered quite recently, but thanks to its beauty it has already become truly famous. Tourists from all over Georgia come to see this wonderful place, enjoy the scenery, the waterfalls and take a boat trip in the river. Your trip will continue to Kutaisi – the historical city of Georgia. Kutaisi is beautifully divided into two parts by the Rioni River,



the parts are connected by several bridges, among which the White Bridge stands out. First of all, you will visit Gelati Monastery which is a living symbol of Georgia's Golden Age and is protected by UNESCO. Unique for its mosaics and wall paintings Gelati represents the flourishing mediaeval architecture. The complex comprises a monastery, an academy and a church with one of the most well-preserved frescoes of Georgian iconography.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Kutaisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 6**

After breakfast you will start your tour to Tskhaltubo located not far from Kutaisi. Tskhaltubo is a spa resort known for its mineral springs, stunning nature and sanatoriums. After some walk and impressive photoshoot in the town you will visit Sataplia Nature Reserve known for the pavilion with dinosaur footprints and its karst Sataplia Cave. The cave attracts large number of visitors and is considered one of the most visited one in the country. The total length of the cave is 900 meters, but 300 meters are available for tourists to visit. A truly fabulous atmosphere reigns in the cave due to numerous stalactites and stalagmites that adorn everything around: the floor, walls, ceiling of the cave. The cave is illuminated with colored lamps that make stalactites and stalagmites look even more mysterious and attractive. In the evening you will return to Kutaisi.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Kutaisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 7**

After breakfast you will visit Motsameta Monastery located not far from Kutaisi in a picturesque place on a rocky ledge surrounded by a huge gorge and dense forests. According to the legend, on this place the Muslim invaders executed Georgian princes David and Konstantin Mkheidze who refused to be converted to Islam. Next you will head to Katskhi village to see Katskhi Pillar – a natural limestone monolith which is approximately 40 metres high, and overlooks the small river valley of Katskhura. At the top of the pillar there is a temple built in the 6th-8th centuries. After the tour you will have a transfer to Tbilisi.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 8**

Transfer to the airport, departure.

**Meals:** *Breakfast*





### **Booking conditions**

The contract between you and MyGeo is considered confirmed once we received your application, discuss all the details and receive your deposit of € 100 (per person). Immediately after that, you will receive a tour voucher confirming all the details.

### **Payment terms**

As noted above, first you need to make a non-refundable deposit of € 100. That will provide our managers with the opportunity to start the tour organization. The final payment can be made after your arrival in Georgia in cash or by credit card.

### **Cancellation of the tour by the clients**

If you or one of the group members has to cancel the tour for any reason, please let us know in written form. Please, keep in mind that in this case, the deposit of 100 euros cannot be refunded.

### **Cancellation of the tour by the company itself**

Our organizers start to plan the tour many months before its beginning, and from our side the tour cannot be changed or canceled. However, due to the unforeseen circumstances such as weather conditions, we can make some adjustments to the route. But everything else will remain unchanged.

Please, note that the minimum number of participants in our tours is 2 people. If the tour does not have the minimum number of people, we will have to cancel the tour. In this case, we will notify you of the cancellation no later than 30 days before your tour beginning, and will refund the full amount, including the prepayment.

### **Rights and obligations**

In case of unavoidable force majeure circumstances, both parties are released from the obligations and responsibilities. If during the tour you have any complaints and dissatisfaction, please immediately inform us about that. We will do our best to solve the problem. If you do not inform us about that, then at the end of the tour, we will not provide the compensation. We also are not responsible for anything that does a tourist in his/her free time outside of the tour program.

