

A Holiday in Georgia: from the Mountains to the Black Sea - Batumi - 10 days

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This 10 day cultural tour of Georgia gives you the opportunity to visit some of the country's most significant cities. You'll discover why so many people rate the capital Tbilisi so highly as you explore its charming old town. Travelling out into the countryside, you'll be treated to the spectacular mountain panoramas of Kazbegi and atmospheric subterranean caverns, via ancient churches and historic fortresses. We've built in plenty of time in Batumi towards the end of your tour for you to unwind and relax. If you prefer to be on the go, there's plenty to occupy your time in this popular seaside resort beside the glittering Black Sea.

DEPARTURE DATES: 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.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Tbilisi

Begin your adventure as you touch down in the capital Tbilisi. Our representative will be waiting in the arrivals hall to welcome you to Georgia and see that you reach your city centre hotel safely. Overnight Tbilisi. (Dinner)

Day 2 - Tbilisi

Tbilisi has bags of charm and you'll soon see why it's a favourite with travellers. After breakfast we'll help you get acquainted with the characterful old town, starting at the 8th century Methekhi church from which there's a fabulous view over the city. There are several key sites that any visitor should include on their itinerary and we'll make sure you don't miss them: the 4th century Narikala fortress, the 6th century Antchiskhati church, Sioni cathedral built in the 12th century and Tbilisi's synagogue. Over in the newer part of town, you'll admire the exhibits on display in the Georgian National Museum and also take a stroll along the main shopping street, Rustaveli Avenue. Tonight's dinner is a special one - you can get to know your fellow travellers as you enjoy a typically Georgian meal and some folk dancing or singing. Breakfast, dinner and overnight Tbilisi.

Day 3 - Mtskheta - Kazbegi - Gudauri

Before Tbilisi was the Georgian capital, that status was awarded to Mtskheta, so we'll call in and pay a visit to the UNESCO-listed Jvari Church, and the 11th century Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Today's highlight, however, is likely to be the 14th century Gergeti Trinity Church, which we'll reach by jeep as the road is a bumpy one. Located on a lofty hillside in the shadow of a glacier, this extraordinary place is well worth the bumpy ride and the views from all sides are simply magnificent. Tonight our base is in the ski resort of Gudauri, where the breathtaking mountain scenery of the Kazbegi region awaits. Breakfast, dinner and overnight Gudauri

Day 4 - Gori - Uplistikhe - Gelati - Kutaisi

It's time to head west, on the trail of one of history's most infamous leaders. Though Joseph Stalin is best known for his role as leader of the Soviet Union, he wasn't born in Russia. Instead, he began life's journey in Gori, and we'll learn a little of his early years when we make our first stop today. Afterwards, we'll drive 6 miles or so to Uplistikhe. It's one of the oldest settlements in the country, dating back as far as the second millennium BC; people lived here in ancient times in caves hewn from the rock. Continuing on towards Kutaisi, we visit the Gelati Monastery and Academy Complex, a 12th century UNESCO World Heritage Site. Breakfast, dinner and overnight Kutaisi.

Day 5 - Kutaisi - Bagrati - Prometheus - Batumi

Georgia's third largest city, Kutaisi is best known for the Bagrati Cathedral. This reconstructed church dates from the 11th century and attracts many pilgrims and tourists. After we've explored this important site, we'll move on to Prometheus Cave. This karst cavern system consists of more than twenty caves, six of which are open to the public. With its colourfully lit stalactites and stalagmites, it's a must-see while we're in the area. From there, we'll push on to Batumi, our base for the next four nights. Breakfast, dinner and overnight Batumi.

Day 6 - Batumi

As well as being known for its jaw-dropping mountain scenery, Georgia also shares a Black Sea coastline. Batumi is one of the main resorts and makes a convenient base to relax and unwind. First, though, we'll show you around on an included city tour. Our guide will lead you around the old town and you'll visit the piazza, the Catholic Church and the Kissing Monument of Ali and Nino. This afternoon we'll drive over to Gonio Fortress, which dates from the 1st century AD. Its position at the head of the Chorokhi and Adjara valleys meant that it sat at the intersection of southwestern Georgia with the Black Sea coast. For that reason it was strategically important to the Romans, Byzantines and Ottomans. After returning to the hotel, the guide will leave you for a few nights so that you can enjoy some independent travel. Breakfast and overnight Batumi.

Day 7 - Batumi

Today's a free day so you can explore Batumi at your own pace. If you're undecided as to what to do, we recommend strolling along the seafront and taking a closer look at Batumi's promenade and beach. For a wider view, why not climb to the top of the 130 metre high Alphabetic Tower, which is easy to identify as it is adorned with Georgian script. From its observation deck, you'll have an uninterrupted view over the waterfront, city and surrounding countryside. Overnight Batumi.

Day 8 - Batumi

As yesterday, this is a free day, giving you the opportunity again to pursue your own interests. Perhaps you might enjoy a stroll through the Batumi Botanical Garden, established in 1912. Across a 111 hectare site, this glorious garden contains many native species as well as displays focused on places as far afield as Australia and Mexico. Overnight Batumi.

Day 9 - Batumi

One more day to freely relish the delights of Batumi. Overnight Batumi. (Breakfast)

Day 10 - Batumi

It's time to say farewell to Georgia and head home. Our driver will take you to the airport in good time for your flight. We trust that you have enjoyed your tour and hope to see you again soon.

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

[International flights](#)
[Accommodation](#)
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Not included

[Personal travel insurance](#)
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AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

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PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

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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:

- > [Highlights of Georgia - 8 days \(GE-01\)](#), Price from £1,295, 8 days
- > [Great Georgian Discovery - 11 days \(GE-03\)](#), Price from £1,795, 11 days
- > [A Short Trip to Georgia - 6 days \(GE-05\)](#), Price from £1,095, 6 days
- > [Great Georgian Discovery with Trekking Extension - 13 days \(GE-11\)](#), Price from £2,195, 13 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 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, 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.

