



## Essentials of Georgia

(5NIGHTS/6DAYS)

### Day 1: Arrival and Tbilisi City Orientation

Arrive at Tbilisi International Airport, where your private driver will transfer you to your hotel for check-in and a chance to freshen up, depending on early room availability. Once settled, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant serving traditional Georgian dishes before embarking on your introduction to Tbilisi. Take a leisurely walk along Rustaveli Avenue, the city's historic backbone lined with significant buildings and shops, then explore the enchanting Old Town and bustling Chardin Street with its cafés and galleries. Discover the famous Tbilisi Sulphur Baths, stroll across the sleek Bridge of Peace, and pause for photos at Freedom Square. Later, admire the Leghvtakhevi Waterfall, see the iconic Clock Tower, and take the funicular to Mtatsminda Park for sweeping views of the city. Wrap up the day with dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel for overnight in Tbilisi.

### Day 2: Mtskheta and Tbilisi Heritage Tour

Following breakfast, set out for a half-day excursion to Mtskheta, one of Georgia's oldest towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to explore the scenic Jvari Monastery and the impressive Svetitskhoveli Cathedral.

Back in Tbilisi, visit the towering Chronicles of Georgia monument, then ride the cable car up to Narikala Fortress for panoramic vistas, stopping briefly at the Mother of Georgia statue. Continue to discover the Bridge of Love, Metekhi Church, the grand Holy Trinity Cathedral, and Sioni Cathedral.

If time allows, stroll through lively downtown lanes before ending the day with dinner at a local restaurant and an overnight stay in Tbilisi.

### Day 3: Kakheti Wine Region and Countryside

After breakfast, head east to the Kakheti wine region, stopping in Bidauri village for a taste of fresh Georgian bread and cheese. Continue on to Signaghi, the "City of Love", renowned for its charming streets and sweeping views of the Alazani Valley, as well as the nearby Bodbe Monastery. Enjoy a peaceful walk around Ilia Lake before visiting a traditional Kakhetian wine cellar, sampling wines and learning about Georgia's qvevri winemaking tradition.

Return to Tbilisi for dinner and another restful night at your hotel.



#### **Day 4: Ananuri–Gudauri–Kazbegi Scenic Route**

Begin the day with a scenic drive along the Georgian Military Highway, stopping first at the turquoise Zhinvali Reservoir for photos, then visiting the historic Ananuri Fortress. Continue your ascent to Gudauri, a well-known mountain resort, and pause at the Gudauri Panorama for unforgettable Caucasus views.

You can opt for a cable car ride between Gudauri and Kobi to enjoy dramatic landscapes. After some leisure time in Gudauri, travel onward to Kazbegi, check in at your hotel, and dine at a local restaurant for the night.

#### **Day 5: Kazbegi Highlights and Mountain Adventures**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before setting out on a 4x4 adventure to the iconic Gergeti Trinity Church, perched spectacularly beneath Mount Kazbek. Take in the peaceful alpine view, and if conditions allow, continue to the rugged Dariali Valley and Gorge. Return to Kazbegi for browsing the local market filled with crafts and souvenirs, have dinner at a local restaurant, and spend another night in Kazbegi.

#### **Day 6: Departure**

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and take your transfer to the airport, bringing your Georgian journey to a close