

Seven Days Tour in West Georgia

“From Snowy Peaks to Sea”

Regions: Imereti, Samegrelo, Svaneti and Adjara

Price 550.00 EUR Number of people in a group: from 25 to 35.



Flag of Georgia



Capital City of Georgia Tbilisi

Coat of Georgia



Population of Georgia 3.5 mln

Program

Tour includes two meals, i.e. breakfast and dinner (lunch could be added, if requested).

At Airport groups are met by comfortable bus with a professional driver and guide. Representative of ICCT accompanies groups during all seven days in the role of Tour Manager.

Imereti is a region of Georgia situated in western part of the country along the middle and upper reaches of the Rioni River. Imereti is the most populous region in Georgia. It consists of 11 municipalities and the central city of Kutaisi, which is the capital of the region

Area: 6,680 km²; **Population:** 486,986



Day I

1. Arrival at Kutaisi International Airport-23 km from city Kutaisi



Setting up at hotel “Argo Palace”. Located in the historical place on the hill with a splendid view of Kutaisi, within 5 minutes’ walk to the Bagrati Cathedral (XI c) and 10 minutes walk to the center of the city. <https://www.booking.com/hotel/ge/argopalace.en->

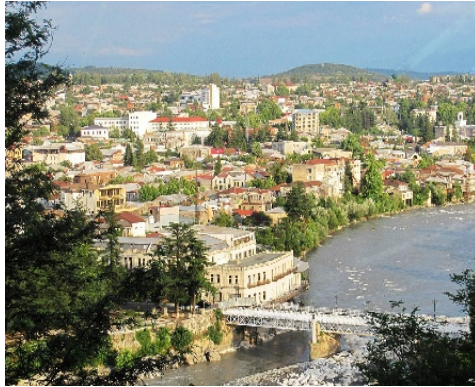
Note: Breakfast or Lunch depends of time of arrival (both are inclusive)



Kutaisi is a largest city in West Georgia and the oldest in the world, 3500 years (UN). It's home to the centuries-old Bagrati Cathedral. On the city's outskirts, the Gelati Monastery is a medieval cathedral with elaborate frescoes. The nearby hillside Motsameta Monastery has martyrs' remains. Historical Georgian manuscripts, ceramics and textiles are on display at the Kutaisi State Historical Museum. To the northwest, Prometheus Cave features petrified waterfalls. — Google

Area: 67.7 km

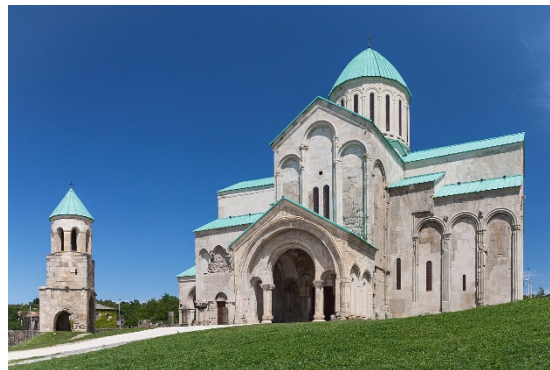
Weather: 14°C: **Population** 247,500



2. Bagrati Cathedral

The **Cathedral of the Dormition**, or the **Kutaisi Cathedral**, more commonly known as **Bagrati Cathedral** (Georgian: ბაგრატის ტაძარი, or *Bagrat's tadzari*), is an 11th-century cathedral in the city of Kutaisi, in the Imereti region of Georgia. A masterpiece of the medieval Georgian architecture, the cathedral suffered heavy damage throughout centuries and was reconstructed to its present state through a gradual process starting in the 1950s, with controversial conservation works concluding in 2012

In July 2010 UNESCO added Bagrati cathedral to its list of endangered world heritage sites



3. Drive to Gelati Monastery (10 km)

On the lower southern slopes of the mountains of the Northern Caucasus, Gelati Monastery reflects the 'golden age' of medieval Georgia, a period of political strength and economic growth between the reigns of King David IV 'the Builder' (1089-1125) and Queen Tamar (1184-1213). It was David who, in 1106 began building the monastery near his capital Kutaisi on a wooded hill above the river Tskaltsitela. The monastery is richly decorated with mural paintings from the 12th to 17th centuries, as well as a 12th century mosaic in the apse of the main church, depicting the Virgin with Child flanked by archangels. Its high architectural quality, outstanding decoration, size, and clear spatial quality combine to offer a vivid expression of the artistic idiom of the architecture of the Georgian "Golden Age" and its almost completely intact surroundings allow an understanding of the intended fusion between architecture and landscape.

Gelati was not simply a monastery: it was also a centre of science and education, and the Academy established.



4. Drive to Motsameta Monastery (6 km)

Motsameta monastery, Georgian Orthodox Church, VIII century, is a complex of monasteries at the Imereti region, approximately 6 km northeast of the center of Kutaisi, Georgia. The monastery is picturesquely located on the cliff of a promontory in the curve of the Ckalcitela River, a tributary of the Rioni River.



5. Dinner at Old Motsameta Restaurant

19:00

Imereti Cuisine and Wine

You can find Georgian staples such as ojakhuri and phkhali **at most restaurants** Imeruli Khachapuri is the first you are recommended to try. Imereti is one of the most diverse wine regions in Georgia. The varieties spread in Imereti are: Tsolikauri, Tsitska, Krakhuna.



6. Back to Kutaisi Hotel “Argo Palace”

22:00

Day II

1. Breakfast at Kutaisi Hotel “Argo Palace”

08:00

2. Drive to Cave Sataplia

10:00 (12 km)

Sataplia and Prometheus caves are one of the main tourist sights around Kutaisi town, in Georgia.

Established in 1935 to protect the Sataplia Cave and dinosaur footprints found in the area, this visitor attraction recently benefited from a very attractive refurbishment of its **Sataplia Cave** visitor center.

Sataplia Cave is named after Sataplia Mountain, which gained its name from the local tradition of collecting honey from the bees that inhabit the mountain's southern slope. Sataplia means 'place of honey'.

Sataphlia Cave - an unique reservoir with its special microclimate and endemic tree-plants (Kolkheti forest).

The place is known for the dinosaurs' footprint dated back to millions of years. Also, karst caves.

In Sataplia Nature Reserve you can see the Glass Trench, from which all Imereti is visible



3. Drive to Prometheus Cave (23 km)

12:00

Prometheus Cave developed 60-70 million years ago in the Sataphlia-Tskaltubo karsts massif. While it is known to be the largest cave in Georgia, the cave's exact size is unclear as exploration work remains underway. However, a 1.8km long segment, thought to represent just 10% of the entire cave, is open to visitors.

To date, 22 halls have been discovered inside the cave. Only the following six halls are accessible to tourists: Argonauts, Kolkheti, Medea, Love, Hall, and Iberia. It takes about 45 minutes to explore these magical halls full of stalactites, stalagmites, and underground waterfalls, lakes, and rivers. The spectacular colored lighting, combined with soft classical music, evokes a beautiful and mysterious atmosphere.

Prometheus Cave is open from 10:00 to 19:00 every day, all year round.

You may wish to bring a jacket – the temperature in the cave is a constant +14°C, while humidity varies between 96 and 98%.



Prometheus Cave



4. Visit of **Kutaisi State Historical Museum**

15:00

Kutaisi State Historical Museum, formally known as the Niko Berdzenishvili Kutaisi State History Museum is a museum in Kutaisi, Georgia. A major museum, it is also considered to be one of the most important scientific-research institutions in Georgia with its extensive research library and laboratory.

The museum, which was established in 1921–22 in the former National Bank of Georgia building, contains more than 190,000 artifacts, displaying the archaeological, numismatic, paleographical, ethnographical and spiritual heritage of Georgia.



5. A walk through the center of Kutaisi

17:00

6. Dinner -- Restaurant could be named just after the tour is approved

19:00 (შეირჩევა რესტორანი)

7. Back to Kutaisi Hotel “Argo Palace”

22:00

Day III

1. Breakfast at Kutaisi Hotel “Argo Palace”

08:00

Move to Samegrelo Region

Samegrelo is a region in Western Georgia which includes the historical Georgian province of Samegrelo and has Zugdidi as its capital city.

Area: 7,441 km²; **Population:** 311,113

Samegrelo Cuisine and wine

Samegrelo is very famous for its Megrelian cuisine.

Megrelian food is hot and spicy. We will tell you a short story of why Megrelians love to use plenty of spices, flavors, and walnuts.

Megrelian cuisine is enriched with **peppers, spices, and walnuts.**



2. Drive to Martvili Canyon (45km)

09:00

Just remember that Martvili Canyon is 45 km away from Kutaisi, and before discovering the Black Sea, experience a part of Georgia, which used to be a bathing place of Dadiani. Here you have the opportunity to take a trip by boat, 300 meters (one way) section of Abasha and enjoy the beautiful views of canyon. Here you have a great chance to enjoy diving and explore beautiful places under the water. Canyon welcomes visitors during week-end as well, thus put hiking clothes into the backpack and enjoy the vacations in Western Georgia. **Boat Tour** lovers, Martvili Canyon offers you unforgettable memories. **(The child's height must be more than 1 meter if he/she eagers to have a boat tour)**



3. Drive to Zugdidi (70 km)

4. Accommodation at Zugdidi Hotel

12:00

<https://www.hotelscombined.com/hotels/Zugdidi,Georgia-c81752/2021-12-12/2021-12->

5. Visit of Dadiani Palace

14:00

The Dadiani Palaces History and Architecture Museum houses some exhibits of natural cultural heritage of Georgia – Tagiloni treasure materials, Mother of God holy vesture, the icon of queen Bordokhan – mother of queen Tamar of Georgia, manuscripts from 13th – 14th centuries, miniatures, memorial relics of Dadiani dynasty, and objects connected to emperor of France Napoleon Bonaparte – brought to the palace by the husband of David Dadiani's daughter, prince Prince Charles Louise Napoléon Achille Murat (1847-1895), grandson of Napoleon's sister, Caroline Bonaparte. The palace was fully transformed into a museum on May 1, 1921, at the initiative of Georgian ethnographer and geologist Akaki Chanturia.



6. Walk through Zugdidi Center

16:00

7. Dinner at restaurant ()

19:00

8. Back to Zugdidi hotel

Day IV

1. Breakfast at Zugdidi Hotel 08:00
2. Drive to Mestia (140 km) 09:00

Svaneti is divided into two regions: Lower Svaneti (Center Lentekhi) and Upper Svaneti (Center Mestia). Svaneti is a historical region in north-west Georgia, bordering Russia. Sitting in the southern Greater Caucasus mountain range, it's characterized by snow capped peaks and deep gorges. The medieval villages of Upper Svaneti are dotted with koshki, defensive stone structures built from the 9th century onwards. The village of Chazhashi in eastern Svaneti's Ushguli area features many of these towers.

3. Accommodation at Mestia Hotel / Guesthouse 12:00
<http://sastumroebi.ge/elite-house-mestia>

Visit of Mestia Museum of History and Ethnography

13:00



Museum chronicling Georgian /Svanetian history & culture, with medieval religious icons, manuscripts & jewelry.

4. Drive to Ushguli (45 km)

14:00

Ushguli is a community of four villages located at the head of the Enguri gorge in Svaneti, Georgia. Recognized as the Upper Svaneti UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ushguli is one of the highest continuously inhabited settlements in Europe.



Svaneti Cuisine

“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication” – Leonardo Da Vinci. This is most true for Svanetian food: weak on creativity but perfect in taste. Most of the food you can find in Svaneti (and most of Georgia) are variations of potato, cheese, and dough ingredients. Most popular are: Kubdari and Chvishtari. Due to the freeze climate and the highest mountainous zone Upper Svanetians do not manufacture sorts of wine. Rakhi is a quite acceptable toasting drink in Svaneti alongside or instead of wine.



5. Dinner at the restaurant
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6. Back to Mestia Hotel 21:00

Day V

1. Breakfast at Mestia Hotel 08:00
2. Drive to Kobuleti (240 km) 09:00
3. Accommodation at Kobuleti Hotel 14:00 (could be offered lunch)
<https://www.booking.com/hotel/ge/seashell.html?label=gen173nr->
4. Drive to Batumi (30 km) 16:00

Batumi, a Black Sea resort and port city, is the capital of the Georgian republic of Adjara. Batumi Boulevard encompasses a waterfront promenade with a park and beach. The 130m-high Alphabetic Tower, adorned with Georgian script, has a seaside observation deck. The old town district is lined with renovated 19th-century buildings. North of the city, Batumi Botanical Garden showcases flora from around the world.

Area: 64.9 km²; **Population:** 255,000



5. Visit of Batumi Arts Museum

17:00

6. Walk through Batumi Center, Tasting Adjara Khachapuri



7. Back to Kobuleti Hotel

20:00

8. Dinner

9. Rest

22:00

DAY VI

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| 1. Breakfast at Kobuleti Hotel | 08:00 |
| 2. Visit of Kobuleti National Park “Mtirala” (25 km) | 10:00 |

MTIRALA NATIONAL PARK

Mtirala National Park is located between the territories of Kobuleti, Khelvachauri and Keda municipalities. Park is 25 km far from Kobuleti and 27 km far from the Administrative building. Visitor Center is located in Village Chakvi. Mtirala National Park is the only place where 220 meters zip-line is arranged.

If you love adventures then we recommend you to mark Mtirala National Park in must-go destination.

One- and two-day experiences are available in Mtirala National Park, there are designated picnic areas and campsites, a tourist shelter is located at the 9th km and visitors can choose from hiking, horse-riding and educational tours.

Do not postpone and visit unforgettable Mtirala National Park.

Rope Park is a tourist attraction that is arranged at Mtirala



3. Drive to Shekvetili Dendrological Park (50 km)

14:00

Located in Georgia’s western Ozurgeti municipality, in Shekvetili seaside resort. Shekvetili Dendrological Park with over 200 giant trees of unique species, 58 species of birds from all continents and bamboo grove is ready to receive visitors. Shekvetili Dendrological Park is spread over 60 hectares and units thousands of species of local and foreign exotic flora. Thousands of different exotic trees have been imported in Georgia from five continents over the past years.

While approaching the unique trees, an electronic, sensor sound system will turn on, and a virtual guide will let visitors know the name, size and information about the tree. Amongst endemic species visitors can find Japanese Raisin trees, Camphor trees and different types of Cedar. An artificial lake located in the centre of the park is about six meters deep. The depth is tailored to the needs of the birds that live near the lake. Visitors can find pink flamingos, pelicans, storks and over 50 species of birds.



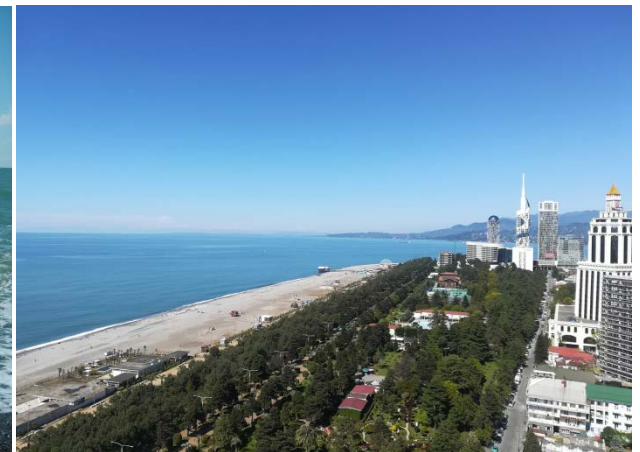
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| 4. Move to Kutaisi (105 km) | 15:00 |
| 5. Setting up at Kutaisi Hotel | 18:00 |
| 6. Farewell Dinner at restaurant | 20:00 |

Day VII

1. Breakfast at Kutaisi Hotel (depends on Departure time)
2. Drive to Kutaisi International Airport



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