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# One week tour in Georgia – Imereti and Racha –

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**“International Center for Caucasus Tourism” (ICCT)**

from Georgia





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## Autumn offer

**WHERE:** Imereti – Racha (Georgia)

**WHEN:** September-October

**HOW:** Direct flights to Kutaisi from many European cities

**PRICE:** € 500,0 + flight cost

**ON-SITE:** insurance, accommodation, meals, guided tours and guaranteed unforgettable impressions

**GROUP:** maximum 15 person



# How to reach Kutaisi?

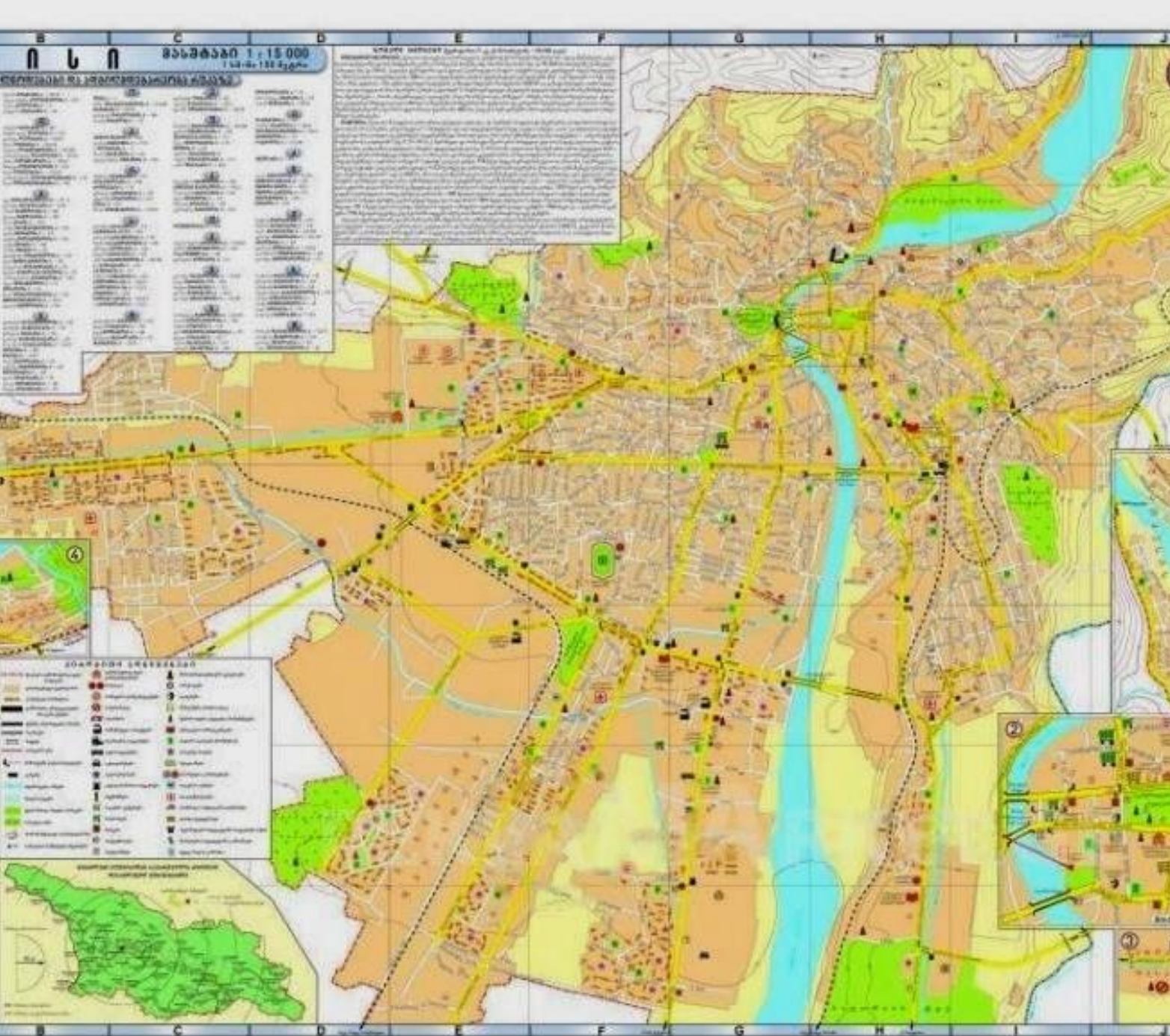


- DIRECT flights to KUTAISI “Kopitnari” FROM: Barcelona, Berlin, Birmingham, Budapest, Dortmund, Katowice, Larnaca, Memmingen, Milan, Moscow, Paris, Prague, Riga, Thessaloniki, Vilnius, Warsaw, Wroclaw.  
Flights schedule with present time <http://kutaishi.aero/Flights>
- Georgian Currency GEL (Lari) (USD: 2.57; EUR: 2.92). Withdrawing of GEL from ATM from your card or exchange USD /EUR into GEL at the relevant points.
- Language – Georgian, possibility to communicate in English, Polish and Russian (mostly with aged people)
- Convenient dress - sports ware
- Perceptible temperature – about +18
- Telephone code +995

## NOTE:

- Air ticket price changes daily. The above mentioned cost reflects the situation on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- One can buy a group ticket (more than 9 people)



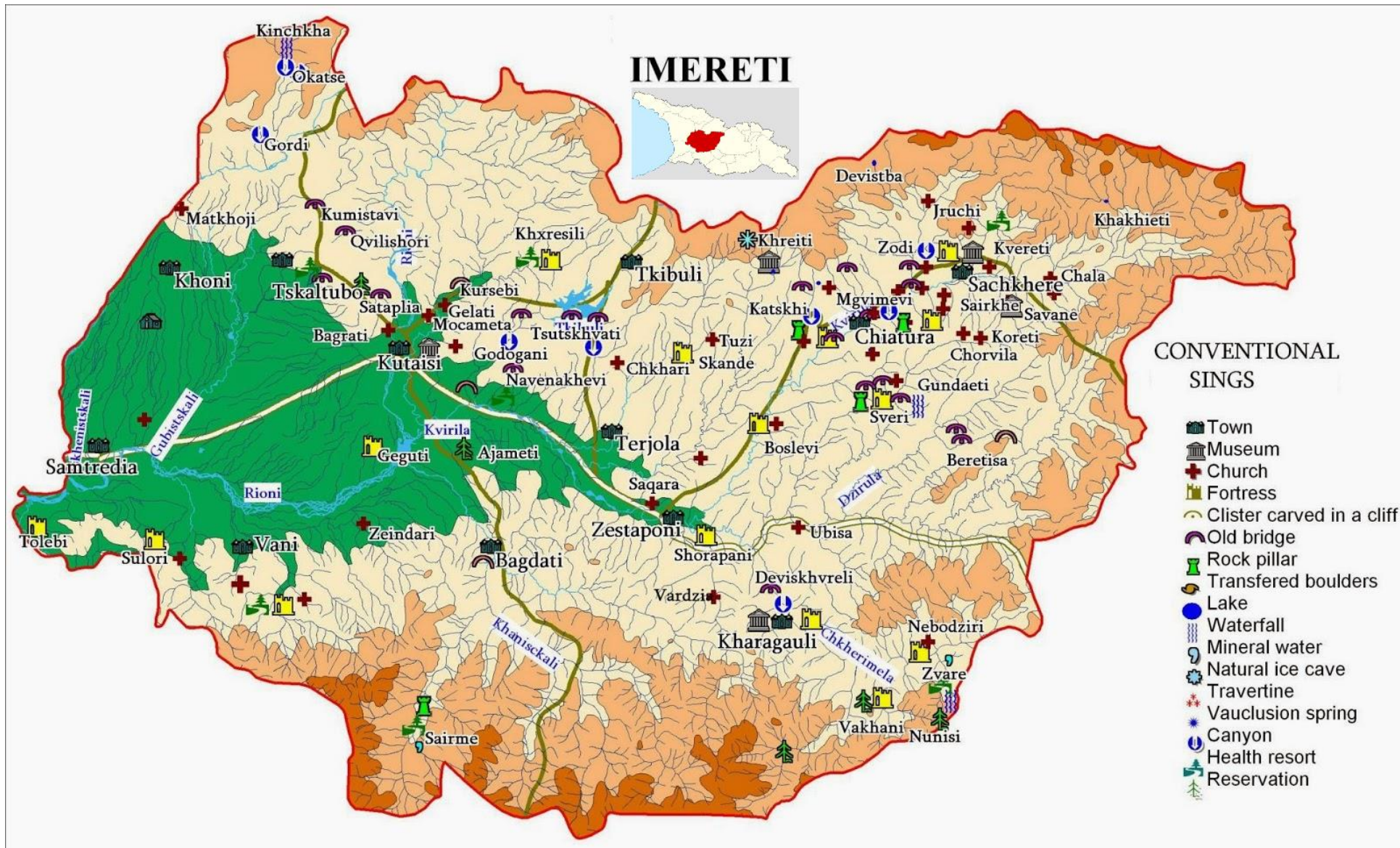


# Map of KUTAISI

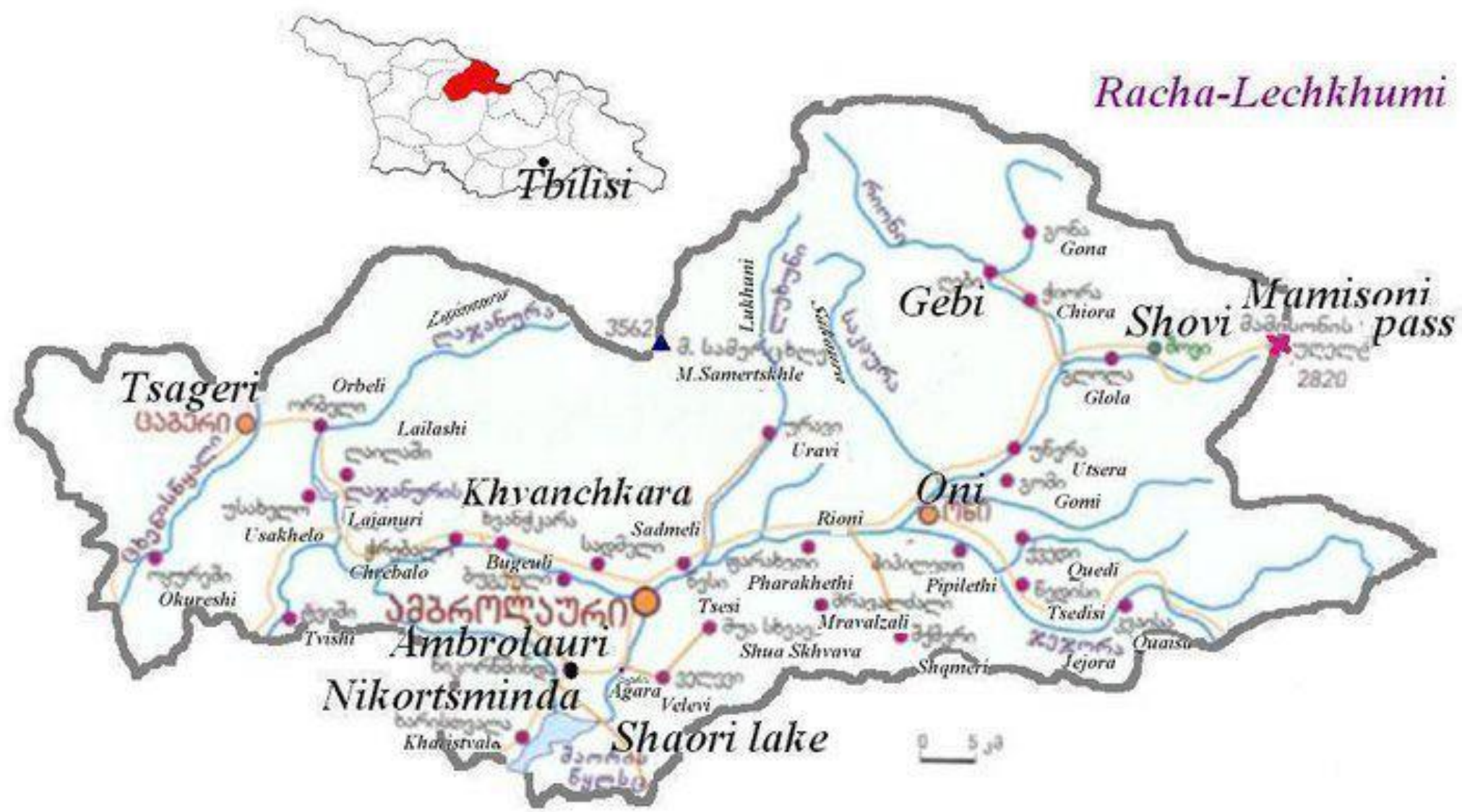
Google Map image highlights the most important tourist destinations in the city. The system "Street View" functions properly

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### **Imereti - Day 1.**

- Arrival in Kutaisi “Kopitnari” International Airport from ....
- Picking up at the Airport and setting up at hotel “ Eurica” near Bagrati Cathedral.
- Lunch.
- Free time for arranging personal belongings.
- Walk on foot in Kutaisi to see: bridges over riv. Rioni, gardens, parks, Bagrati Cathedral (UNESCO), acquaintance with legends and stories about famous people/events.
- Night tour.
- Return to hotel.

### **Imereti - Day 2.**

- Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00
- Visits to Gelati and Motsameta Cathedrals.
- Lunch at the restaurant near Gelati with possible participation in cooking Georgian dishes.
- Visits to Tskaltubo, Kolkheti Forest, Sataplia and Prometheus Caves, Dinosaur footprints, Glass panoramic pitch.
- Dinner at restaurant “ Stalaktida”.
- Back to Kutaisi hotel

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- Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00
- Departure to Utsera with lunch boxes.
- Day trip with stops and sightseeing: Rioni Gorge, Nakerala Pass, Shaori Water Reservation, Ambrolauri, Oni (Synagogue), Utsera. Accommodation at Utsera Guesthouse.
- Dinner.

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- Back to guesthouse and rest time.
- Dinner

### **Racha - Day 5.**

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### **Racha - Day 6.**

- Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00
- On the way back to Kutaisi:
- Day trip to Kutaisi with stops and sightseeing.
- Visit Nikortsminda and Barakoni Churches.
- Welcome lunch with degustation at Khavnchka Marani.
- Return to Kutaisi Hotel “Eurica”.
- Rest time.
- Dinner.

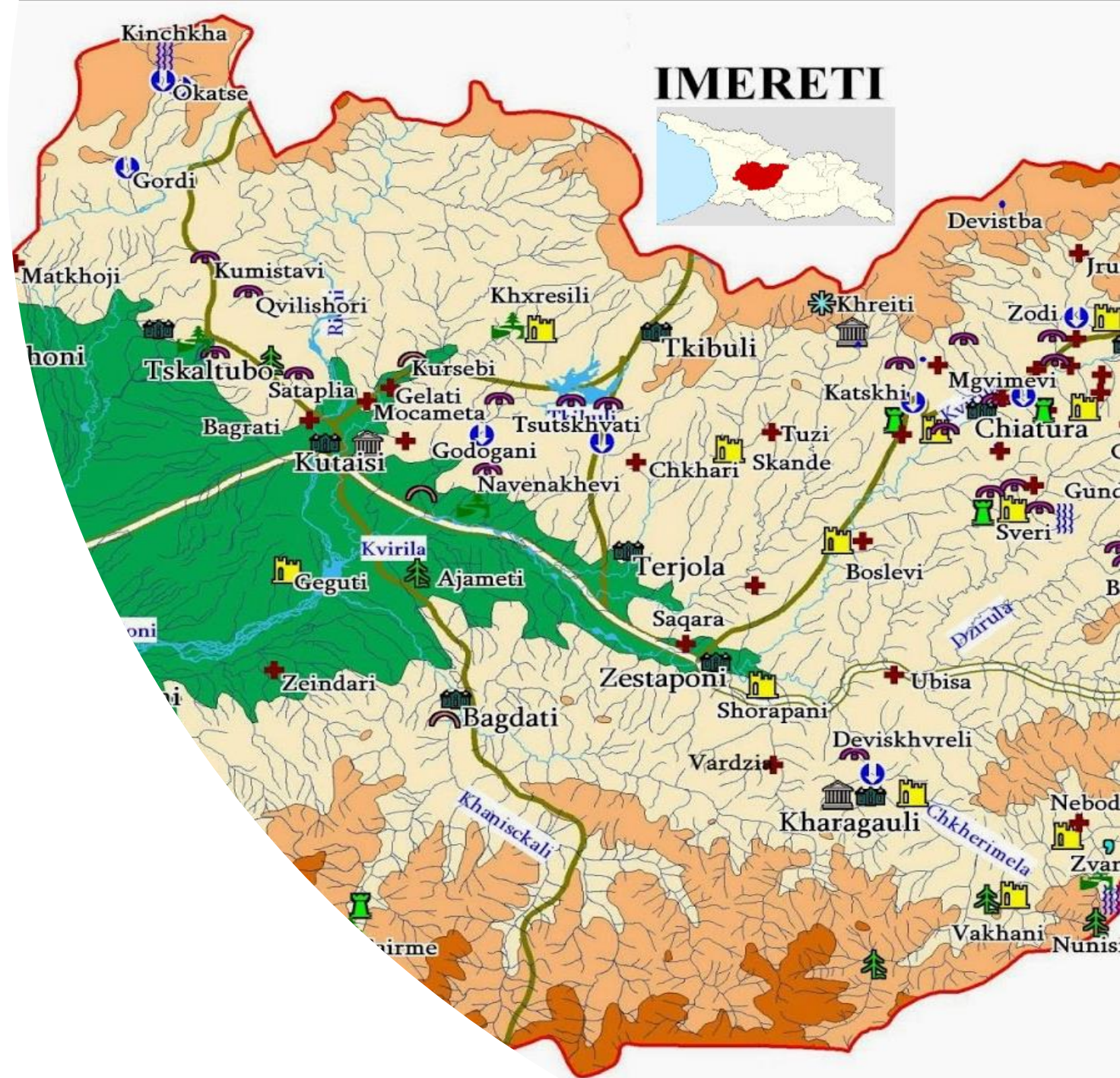
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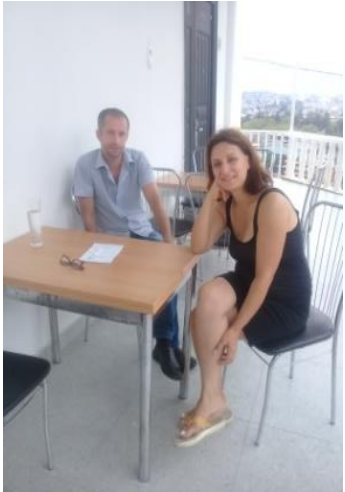


Day 1

# Guesthouse EURICA

Guesthouse Eurica is comfortable and situates close to Bagrati Cathedral. It has courty and cosy yard. Hotel is managed by family young couple.

Tourists could cook Georgian dishes under the chef's guidance, fly over Kutaisi by helicopter.





## Day 1

# Kutaisi

- the city named **Aia** in the Hellenistic era, where the argonauts flowed and wherever they went. Currently the municipality of Imereti, located on the river Rioni (former Phazisi) and the seat of the Parliament of Georgia.

The documentary history of the city dates back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC, but the ancient sources refer to Aia as the capital of Colchis from the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC.

In the medieval times Kutaisi is connected to King David the Builder; in a new era Akaki Tsereteli (poet), Zakaria Paliashvili (composer), Kote Marjanishvili (Theater director).

Nearby is the Gelati Monastery Complex (UNESCO), Bagrati Cathedral (XI c.), Sataplia Cave (Paleolite) and Tskhaltubo SPA Resort.



House on the bridge



Museum (IX c.)



Mcvanekvavila (1889y.)



Geguti (VIII c.)



Bridge



Botanic Garden



Opera



Parlament



Theater



Ukimerion (VI c.)



Bazaar



Bazaar



Commercial street



# Bagrati Cathedral

Bagrati Cathedral, the most important sightseeing, protected by UNESCO from 1994.

Cathedral was constructed by the King Bagrat the 3<sup>rd</sup> and this is the place where in X century the most famous King of Georgia, David the Builder, was crowned. Buried in Gelati.

The construction is on the top of Gora to be seen from any spot of Kutaisi





# Day 2.

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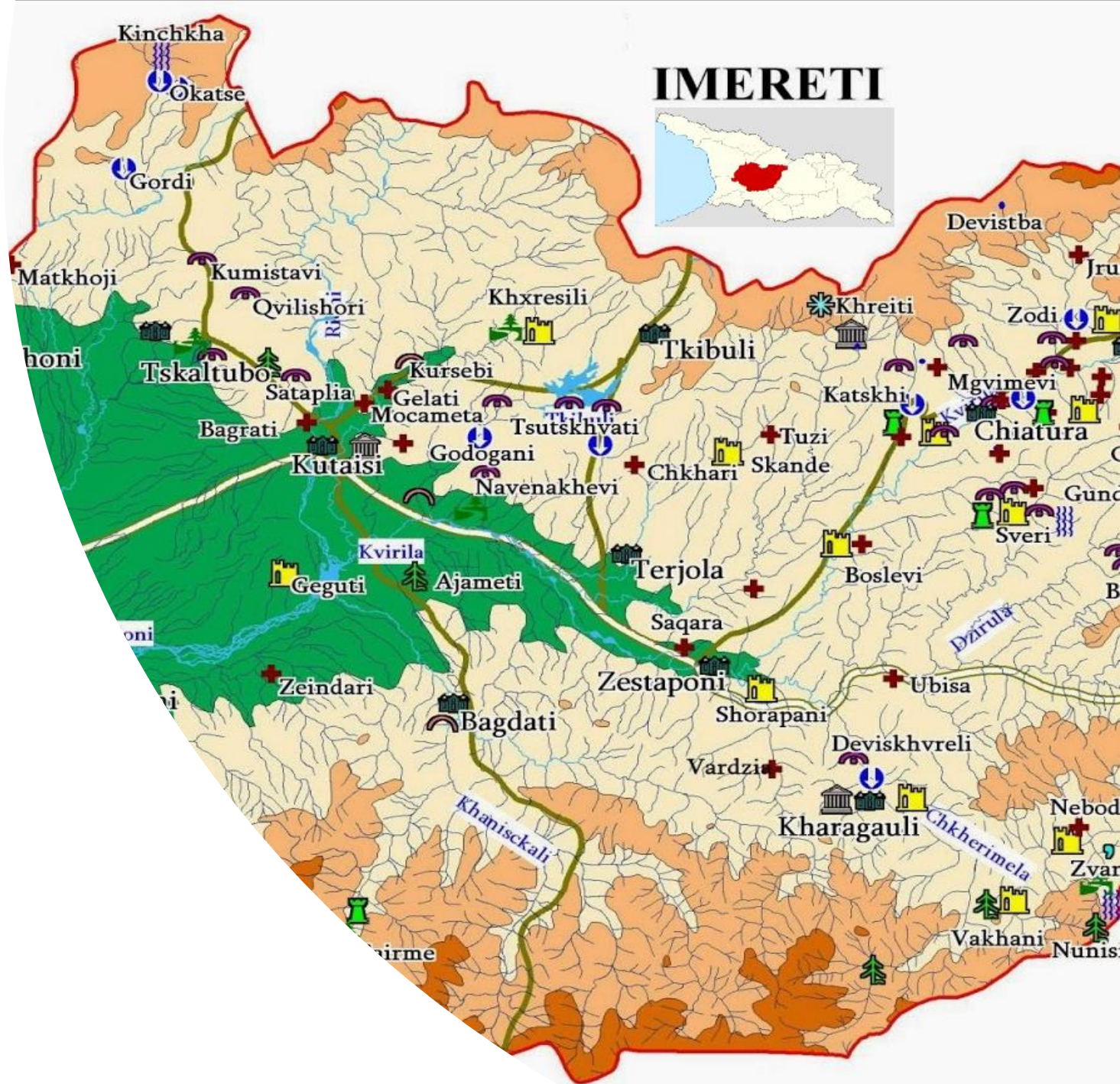
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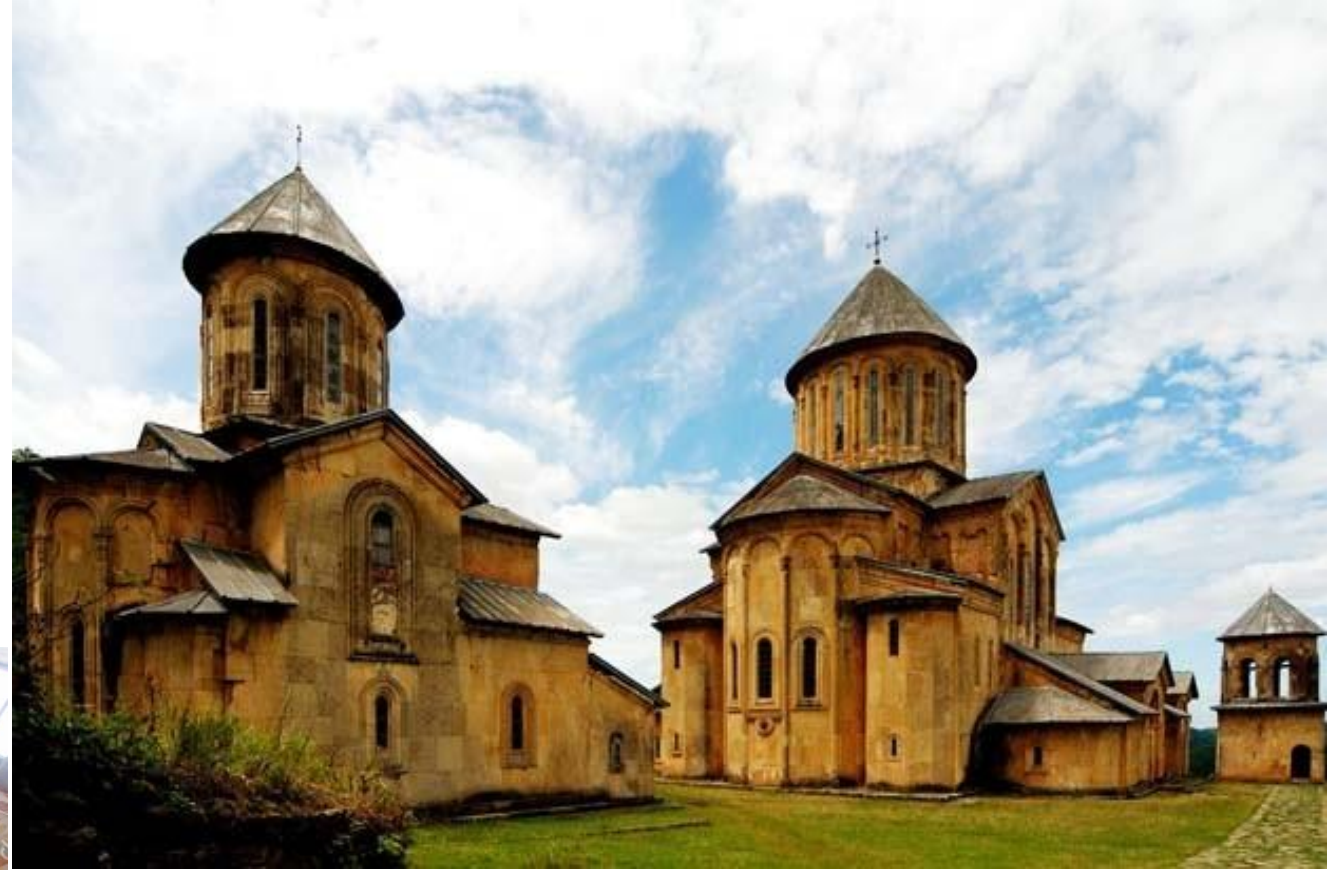




Day 2

# Gelati monastery complex

Gelati monastery complex (UNESCO) was founded by King David the Builder in 1106. His desire was to establish Gelati Academy as the Second Jerusalem and one of the first institutions of higher education in the world. According to legend, King himself took part in construction of Gelati. King was buried in the entrance of Gelati yard.



In the past Gelati Academy united the famous (not only Georgian) scientists, theologians and philosophers.

Gelati complex consists of 5 essential elements:

1. The main cathedral is the name of the Assumption of the Virgin
2. St. George church
3. St. Nicholas two-storied church
4. The ruins of the Gelati Academy
5. The bell tower



Day 2

# Motsameta



The name means "place of Martyr". The monastery was built in honor of two Georgian brothers, Davit and Konstantine, the prince of Argveti. They were fighting against Arabs. Because of the refusal to accept Islam, the brothers were murdered.



# Sataplia Nature Reserve

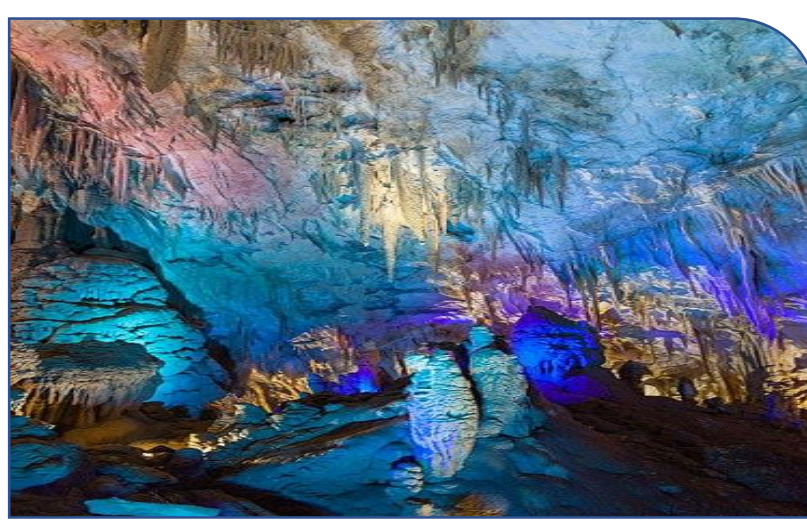
**Sataphlia** - reservoir with its special microclimate and endemic tree-plants (Kolkheti forest).

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

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







Day 2

# Caves



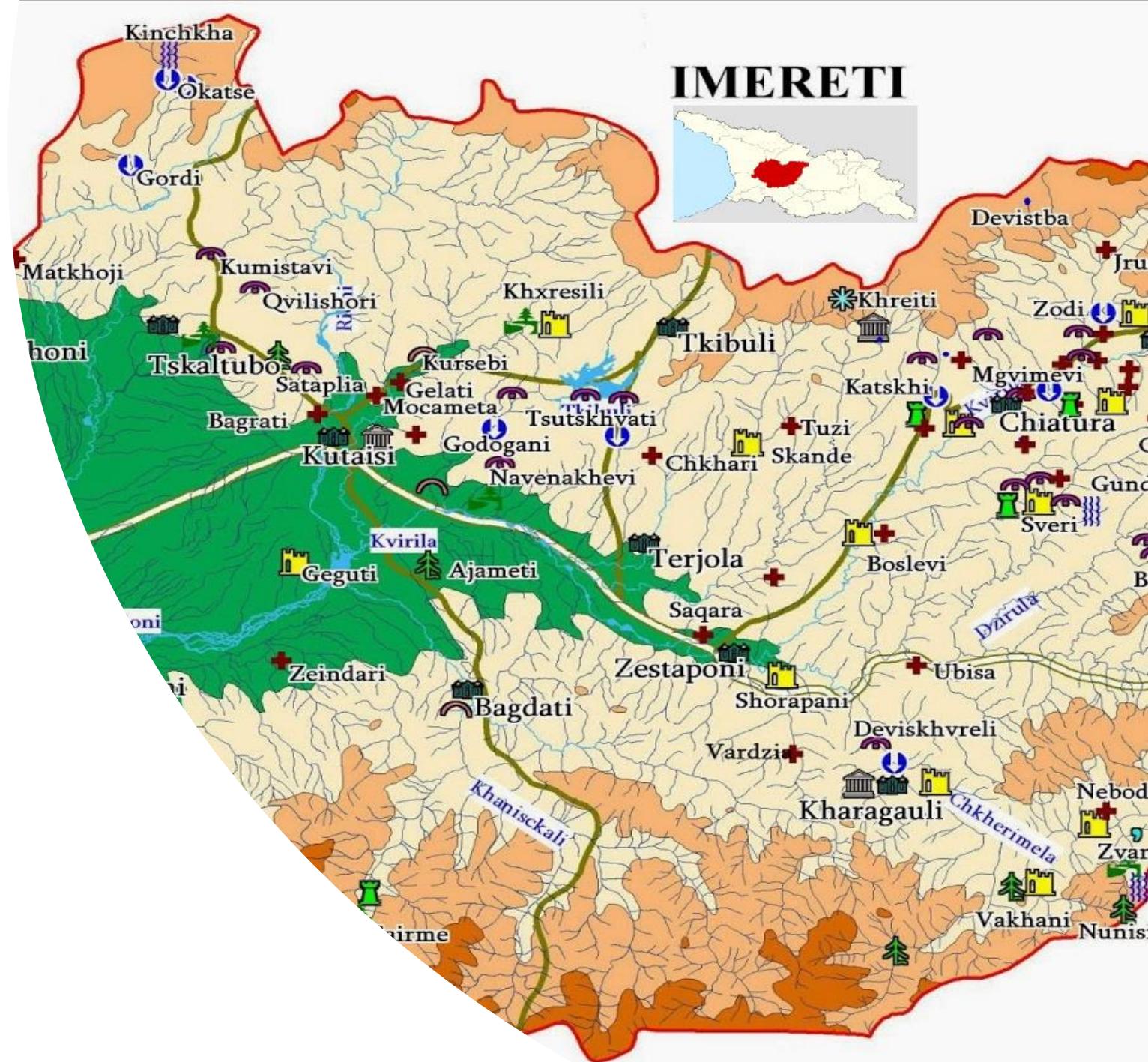
- Sataplia and Prometheus Caves are ready to receive the tourists.
- In the Prometheus Cave three halls recollect Argonauts' epoch. Their names are: Argonauts Hall, Colchis Hall, Medea Hall.
- In the tourist complex there are catering and accommodations facilities.





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# Tskaltubo

Small town and spa with nostalgic atmosphere and a beautiful, large park located near the city center of Tskaltubo. The place with thermal waters and their medicinal properties were known for centuries.

Today's spa complex was built in the 40s. Has a typical socialist arrangement. The location was determined by thermal water resources (35-36°C).

Water baths facilitate the treatment and prevention of cardiovascular system, skin, pillow-driving system, metabolism, gynecological and nervous system diseases.





Day 3

# Nakerala Pass

(1218 m asl)

**Nakerala Pass** is made of limestone and sandstone and is decorated with deciduous forest (beech, hornbeam, chestnut).

Trough the Nakerala Pass lay the Tkibuli - Ambrolauri highway which connects the Tkibuli and Shaori cauldrons





# Shaori water reservoir



- Length: 7,1 km
- The largest width is: 2,7 km.
- Largest depth: 14.5 m
- Average depth: 9,8 m.
- Area 9,2 km<sup>2</sup>.
- Water volume: 90.6 mln m<sup>3</sup>.

Located on the slopes of Racha in Shaori cauldron. It is nourished by tributaries and sediments (1500 mm per year).

The cavity is constructed with carbonate rocks where karst processes are well developed. There were small karst lakes that are now covered with water reservoir .

The village Nikortsminda is located near the Shaori reservoir.





# Ambrolauri

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Town and municipality are on the bank of river Rioni (alt.550 m asl) One of the residences of Imereti Kings in the past. The ruins of the tower and the church are preserved from the royal palace complex. The most important architectural monument is Nikortsminda (XI c.).

The tourist attraction is the Khvanchkara monument located on the central square of the city.

Khvanchkara is red, naturally semi-sweet, the most rare and luxurious sorts of Georgian wines. It is made of Aleksandrouli and Mujuretuli grapes.





# Oni

Small town in Western Georgia on the bank of riv. Rioni, was founded in II c BC. by Iberia King. In the middle centuries the roads from North Caucasus, Kartli, Imereti and Lower Racha gathered here. Today, military road crosses Oni.

On the territory of Oni were discovered the Bronze Axes (Bronze Age) and Colchic Tetri (VI-III c. BC).

There are there the Fortress of middle centuries and Synagogue in the city. The residence of Nikortsminda Eparchy is also located in Oni







Arrival in Utsera and set up at family inn  
“Utsera”

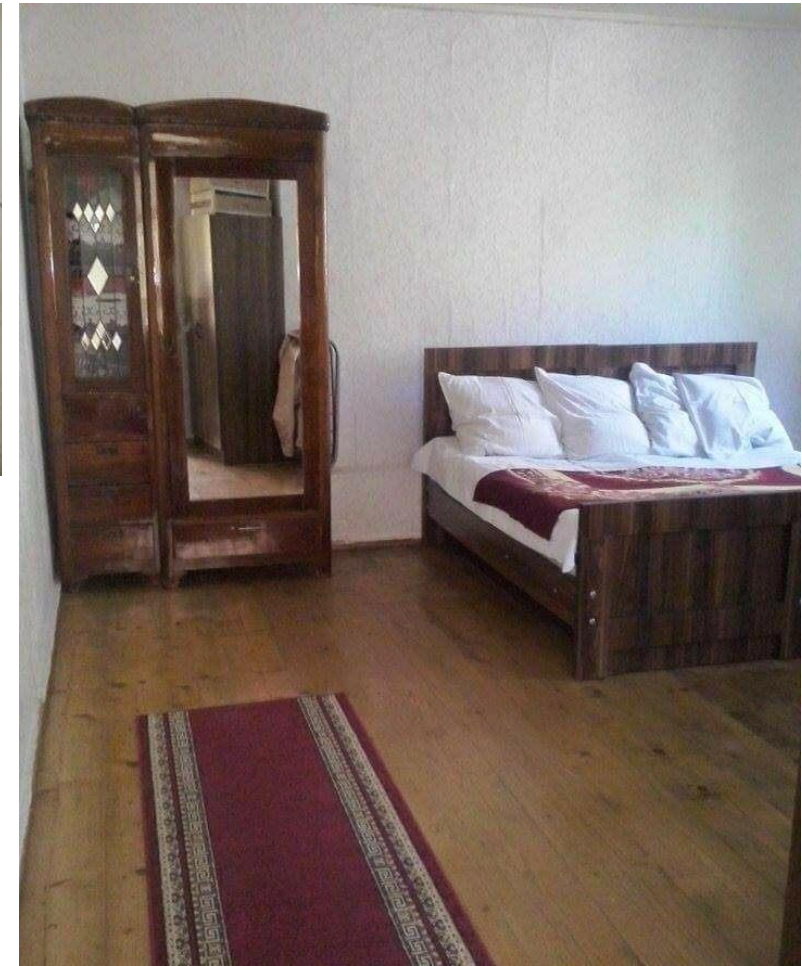


Day 3

# Utsera

Accommodation at family inn “**Utsera**”

Hostess: Ms **Shorena Metreveli**





# Day 4.

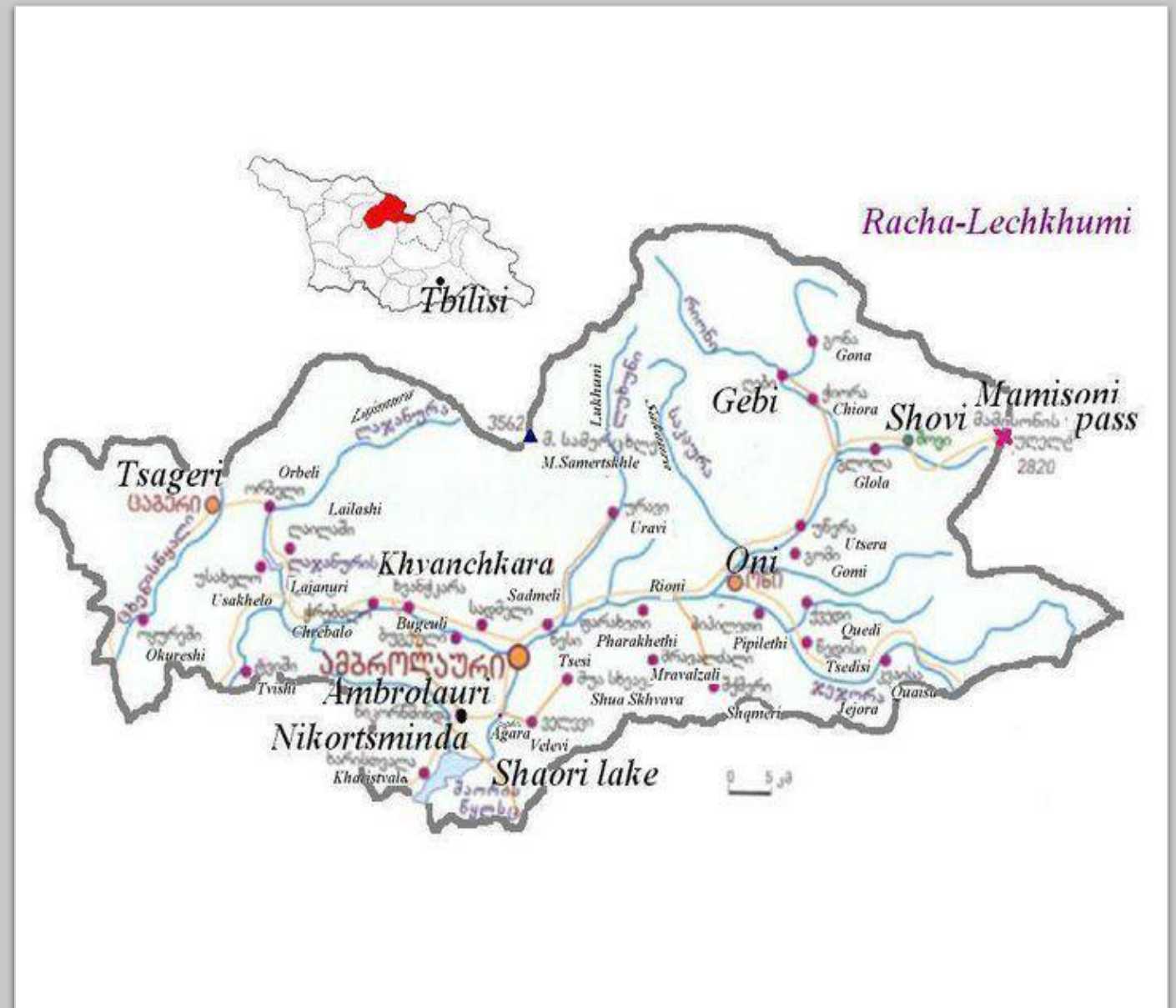
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## Day 4

# Utsera

Village in Upper Racha located on the river Rioni (1050 m asl). Climate-balneological resort (average temperature in Jan. -5.C, in Aug. +17. Sediment: 1400 mm annually). There are 28 mineral water springs with various medical factors.

### Medical factors:

- average height mountain climate
- three types of mineral water (contains: carbonic acid, iron, boron, hydrocarbonate, sodium and calcium).

### Medicinal indications:

- Digestive system (liver, gastrointestinal tract)
- Respiratory tract diseases
- Infection
- Bleeding,







## Cycle and Rural Tourism Center in Utsera



The Center was open in 2017 by Marine Metreveli and her Organization.  
Currently the way of its further development are sought.



# Mountain Dedakvini

Located in the West and above Utsera. It's also named as Rocky Crystal mountain as the Crystal pieces could be extracted there. Utsera with its surroundings is considered as one of the most ecologically valuable places. It owns the biggest potential for eco-tourism development.

The name Utsera is linked with Queen Tamar. While traveling in Racha she was puzzled with this place and said: "Indescribable beauty". The word indescribable in Georgian was later transformed into Utsera.





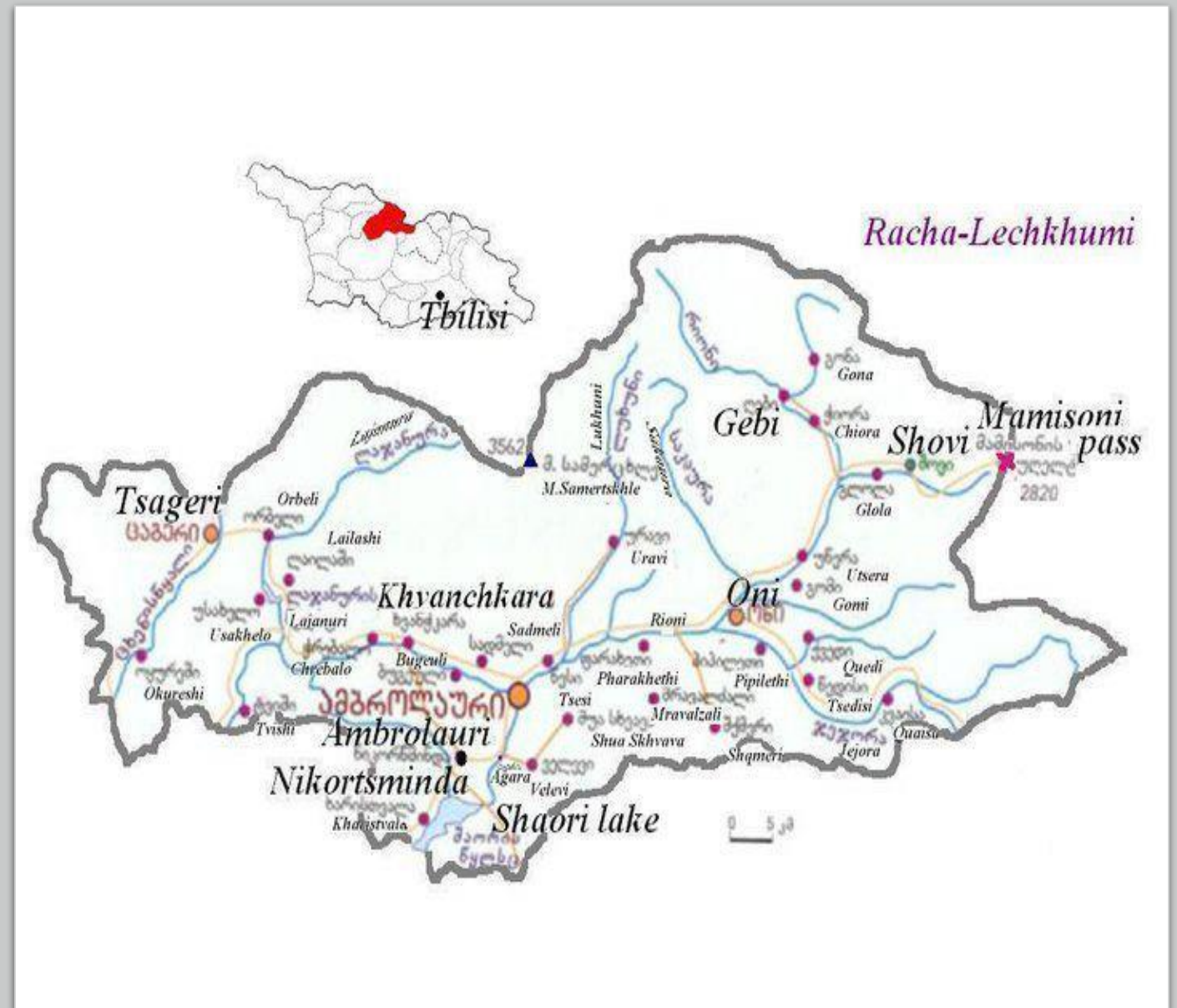
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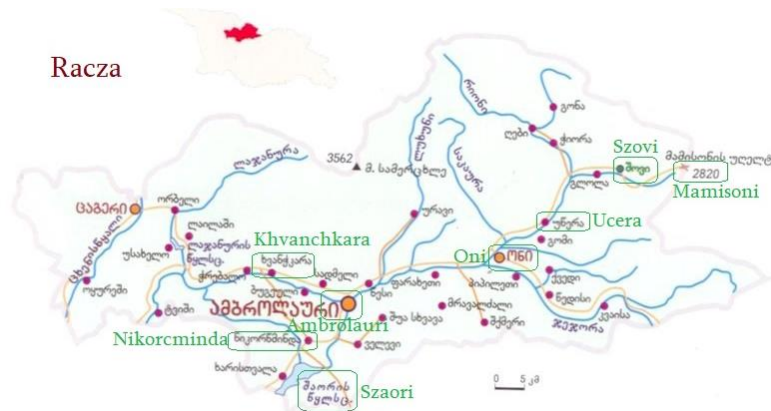
# Shovi

Day 5



Climatic-balneological resort (1520 m asl), located in the gorge of river Chanchakhi (the left tributary of riv. Rioni), the Georgian Military Road.

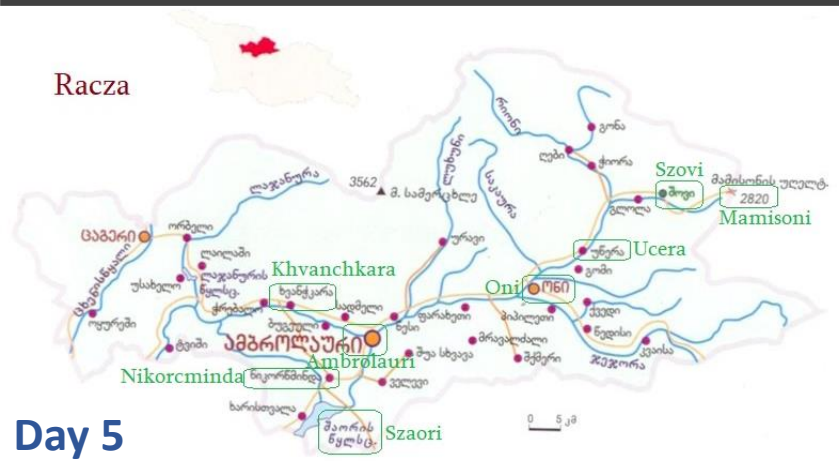




## Villages Ghebi and Chiora

<https://www.myvideo.ge/v/505898>





# Mamisoni Pass

Situates on the Russian-Georgian border, on the main watershed ridge of the Caucasus, between rivers Ardon and Rioni gorges (alt.2819 m asl).

The Georgian Military Road lies through the pass



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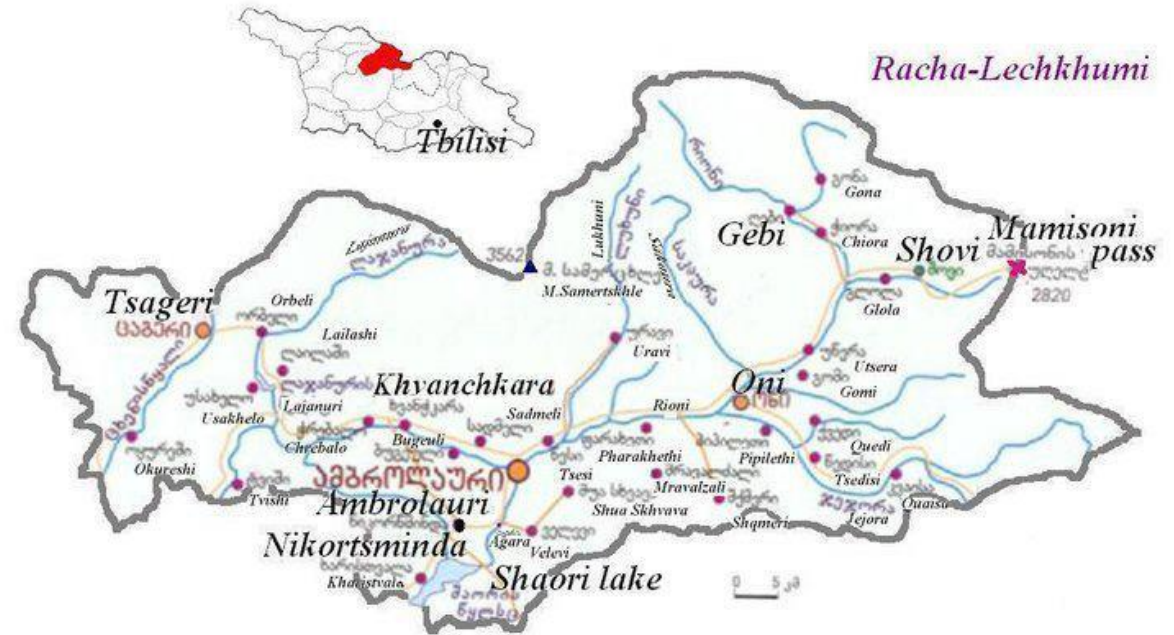
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## Day 6

Racza



# Nikortsminda

The temple – is in the village of the same name.

It was built approximately in 1014 in the period of the King Bagrat III reign.







## Day 6



# Barakoni

One of the last monuments of Georgian domed architecture is Racha (village Tsesi). It was built in 1753 by Rostom Eristavi's order.

Barakoni is located in the confluence of rivers Lukhuni and Rioni and due to it is compared with Svetitskhoveli (Mtkheta).

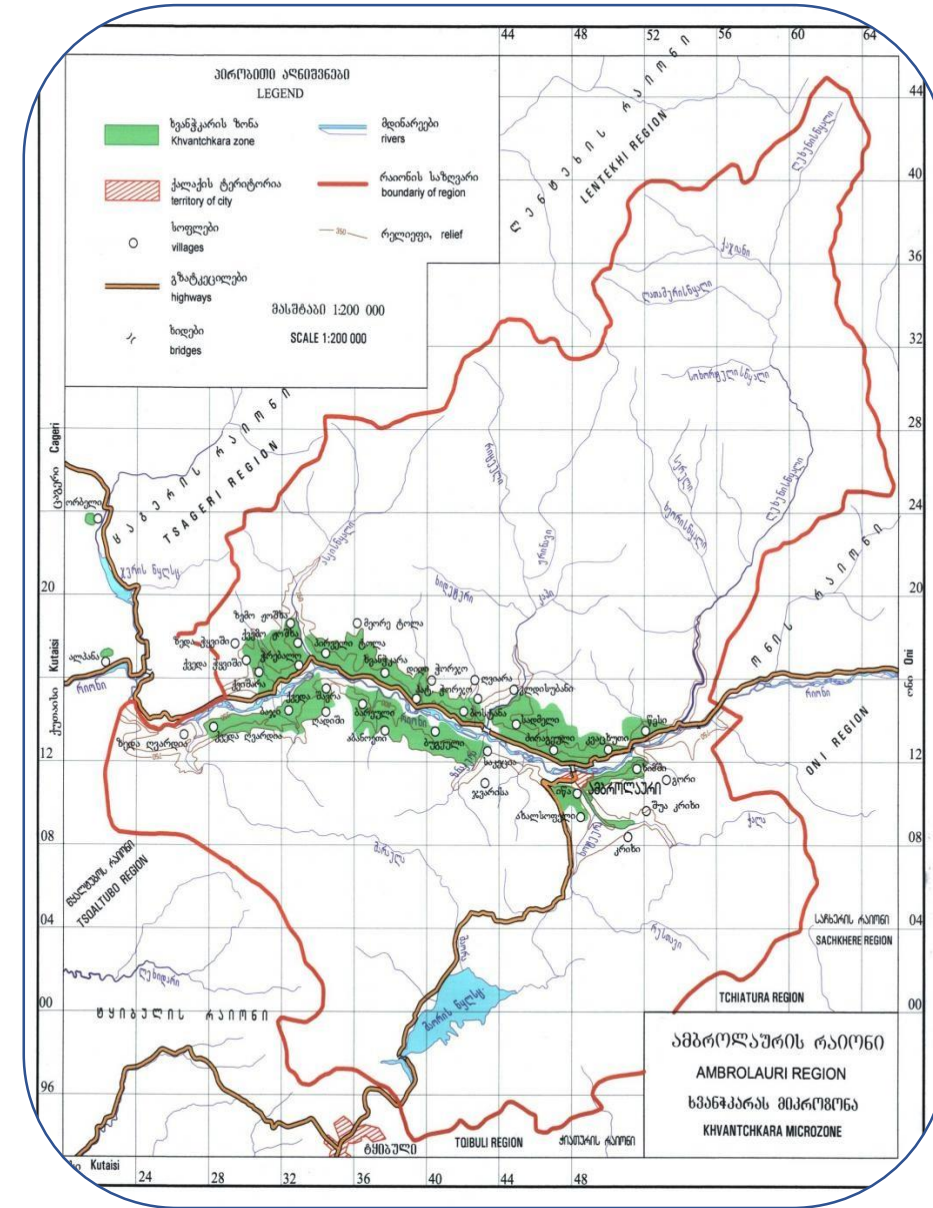
Not far from Barakoni situates Nikortsminda.



# Khavnchkara Microzone (Lower Racha)



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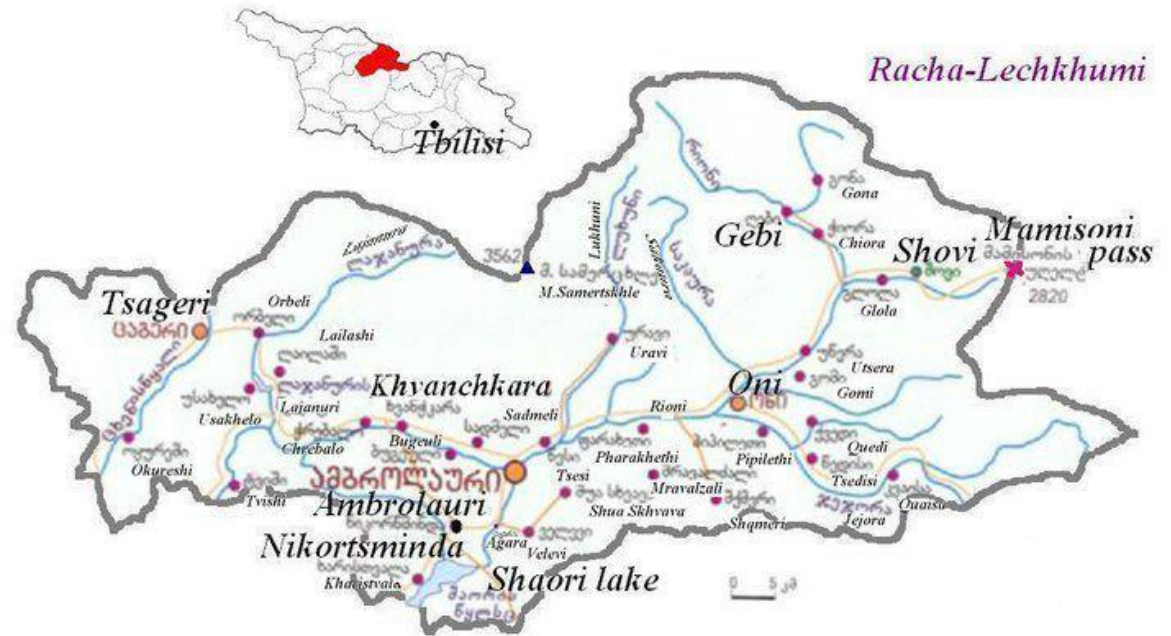
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