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**10 days/ 9 nights**

**ACCOMMODATION: 2 nights in Kutaisi, 3 nights in Svaneti, 2 nights in Batumi, 2 nights in Tbilisi**

#### Day 1: Tbilisi

- Arrival to Tbilisi.
  - Transfer to hotel and check-in.
  - Welcome dinner at the restaurant with show program of national dances. (*Overnight in Tbilisi*).
- Meals included: Dinner**

#### Day 2: Tbilisi-Gori-Uplistsikhe-Kutaisi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
  - Check out from the hotel.
  - Transfer to the **Gori city**. This town is known as the place where Stalin was born and studied.
  - There is also a museum dedicated to this historical figure. The museum collection boasts many personal belongings of the leader, including his personal railway carriage.
  - Then we'll prolong our way to the ancient **cave city Uplistsikhe**.
  - This mysterious place is called Uplistsikhe. Its history dates back to the II-I millennium BC.
  - In the era of Late Antiquity, it was a thriving and influential religious, political and cultural center. We will walk along the streets carved into the rock, pass magnificent cave temples, halls, dwellings and utility rooms.
  - People finally abandoned this settlement only in the 19th century AD. Ages ago this amazing city was consisted of more than 700 underground premises, but only 150 have reached our days.
  - Drive to **Kutaisi** - It has a reach history, which begins from the legend about the Argonauts. Ages ago this city was a gem of Colchis kingdom, the main town, where the famous King Aeëtes lived, and Jason was fighting for the Golden Fleece. Kutaisi have a rich history, full of legends, amazing and sometimes tragic stories.
  - We are going to visit one of the main attractions of the city – Gelati Monastery and Academy, built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. (*Overnight in Kutaisi*).
- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch**

*Distance: Tbilisi-Gori – 100 km. Gori-Kutaisi 150 km.*

#### Day 3: Kutaisi – Mestia( Svaneti)

- Breakfast at the hotel.
  - Transfer to Mestia ( Svaneti).
  - Svaneti, one of the most ancient and historical provinces of Georgia, is located on the southern slopes of the Caucasus mountain range. Mestia is the main regional centre of Zemo Svaneti. This is a mysterious land of towers and fortresses. (*Overnight in Mestia*)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch**

#### **Day 4: Mestia – Ushguli-Mestia**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Jeep tour to the mountain Ushguli.
- Ushguli village is 45 km away from Mestia and consists of medieval settlements with authentic local community. Ushguli is one of the highest continually inhabited places in Europe (2,000-2,200 metres above sea level). Ushguli's Medieval constructions, just like the towers and churches of Svaneti, are under the protection of UNESCO.
- Visit Lamaria church in Ushguli.
- Transfer to Mestia. (*Overnight in Mestia*)

**Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch**

*Mestia- Ushguli – 50 km.*

#### **Day 5: Mestia & surrounding**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Today we will visit the villages – Latali, Lenjeri and Mulakhi.
- Here you fall into the mystical medieval.
- Visit the tower-museum of Margiani ( 12<sup>th</sup> century). Here you can see how the locals were living in medieval times.
- The Historical and Ethnographical Museum.
- Most of the treasures of Svaneti are found in the Historical and Ethnographical Museum of Mestia, which was founded in 1936 houses collections of the Church of Saint George, in Seti. Exhibit highlights include icons from the Middle Ages and ancestral artifacts from the noble family Dadeshkeliani dating back to the Middle Ages. (*Overnight in Mestia*)

**Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch**

#### **Day 6: Mestia-Martvili Canyon- Dadiani Summer Residence -Batumi**

- Breakfast at the hotel. Check out.
- Drive to Martvili - a small town in region Samegrelo.
- For lunch we will go to lunch in a welcoming Megrelian family. Here we will be introduced to the traditions and customs of a unique phenomenon in the Georgian culture- Megrelian cuisine. During the lunch, which will turn into a real dinner we will be battered by such delicious dishes as Gebjalia, chvishtari, mamalyga and other exquisite tastes. Having fallen into blissful satiety, we will try our forces in culinary skill. We will have an exciting master class on the preparation of Elarji (corn porridge with cheese) and royal khachapuri. In the course of training the welcoming mistress will open us secrets of preparation of various dishes, as well as tell us what varieties of khachapuri exist in Georgia and how these delicious glorified dishes differ from each other.
- During lunch we will be lucky to taste a unique variety of wine - Ojaleshi!
- Visit **Martvili Canyon**. It is a unique place with its beauty, where the brute flocks of rocks meet with transparent, turquoise water. The canyon is about 2.5-3 km long, but the depth of this picturesque gorge on some areas can reach 70 meters. Rocks, densely pigged with emerald greens, are bent by quirky stone vaults over the clear smooth of water.
- Blue highlights by solar bunnies play on the walls, the quiet hustle of the stream echoed by a brim of birds - the Martvili Canyon, it is a surprisingly calm and pacifying place. The only way to see all these beauty is to go on a 20-minute boat trip. At the bottom of the canyon, Dadiani princes once bathed in clear water. King 's baths were set up here.
- At the top of the canyon is a 7-foot waterfall. Burl and foaming, the water here splashes into thousands, sowing with shallows of drops covered with emerald moss walls.

- Visit Salkhino - one of cultural places in Samegrelo. Once here the summer residence of princes Dadiani was located, but the picturesque temple of the 17th century and wine cellar (maran) of the 19th century has reached our days.

Transfer to Batumi. *(Overnight in Batumi)*

**Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch with wine degustation & master classes**

*Distance: Mestia-Martvili 180 km. Martvili-Batumi 160 km.*

### **Day 7: Batumi – Botanical Garden – Gonio fortress – Batumi city tour**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- At first we will go to the Batumi Botanical garden - the unique nature reserve where in the territory in 113 hectares the huge collection of flowers and tree species are assembled from various sides of the world. The garden occupies part of hillside and goes down the blossoming tiers from top to sea edge. The same principle, on legend, has been used during creation of hanging gardens of Semiramis.
- Closer to top it is possible to find the plants characteristic of the Himalayas, the lower tiers are given to the Mediterranean flora. Here the collection from 2037 representatives of various tree species are assembled. And all of them wonderfully get on next to each other: Japanese Oriental cherry, Canary date palm tree, cactuses, bamboos, palm trees, magnolias, cypresses and so forth.
- Fortress of Gonio. According to the legend the son of Ayet, killed by Yazon, the leader of Argonavts exactly here was buried. Fortress was put still by Romans and designed to protect an entrance to the gorge of the river Chorokhi which connected the coast and internal regions of Georgia. Subsequently fortress passed under a hand of Byzantium. You learn its bright and saturated history during the excursion.
- There is an assumption that in the territory of fortress there is a tomb of the apostle Matfey, however at the moment its excavation is forbidden by the state. So archeologists pay the main attention to those artifacts that remained since times of the Roman board. In fortifications there is a museum where various archeological finds are presented.
- At lunch we will taste the famous Adjarian khachapuri.
- Batumi City tour. *(Overnight in Batumi)*

**Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch**

### **Day 8: Batumi-Prometheus Cave- Kutaisi**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out from the hotel.
- Visit Prometheus Cave. This wonderful monument was named in honor of Prometheus, who according to the legend was chained to the rock at this place. Cave is located 7km from Tskaltubo Health Resort and was discovered only in 1983 year. The length of the cave is 1.5 km, and the depth is 145 m, it has 15 halls and a river with waterfalls. The most ancient layers of the cave are millions of years old. There is a lake, river and waterfall hidden in a cave. The mysterious dark lake surface is curved by the small boats.
- Afterwards we'll stop at Bagrati Cathedral, masterpiece of the medieval Georgian architecture, which was built in the 11th century. Bagrati Cathedral was built during the reign of King Bagrat III and was considered to be the main temple of his kingdom. *(Overnight in Kutaisi).*

**Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch**

*Distance: Batumi- Prometheus Cave 160 km. Prometheus Cave -Kutaisi 25 km.*

### **Day 9: Kutaisi-Mtskheta-Tbilisi**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out from the hotel.
- Excursion in the former capital city of Mtskheta, being the religious center of Georgia.
- **Mtskheta** is one of the oldest cities of Georgia (in Kartli province of Eastern Georgia), near Tbilisi. Mtskheta was a capital of the Georgian Kingdom of Iberia during the 3rd century BC - 5<sup>th</sup> century AD. Here Georgians become

converted to Christianity in 317 and Mtskheta still remains the headquarters of the Georgian Orthodox and Apostolic Church.

- **Jvari Monastery** is a Georgian Orthodox monastery of the 6th century near Mtskheta (World Heritage site), Mtskheta-Mtianeti region, eastern Georgia. The name is translated as the Monastery of the Cross. For another, Jerusalem-located Georgian monastery with the same name.
- **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**, built in the 11th century. Though the site itself is even older dating back to the early 4th century and is surrounded by a number of legends associated primarily with the early Christian traditions. Svetitskhoveli, known as the burial site of Christ's mantle, has long been the principal Georgian church and remains one of the most venerated places of worship to this day. The church counts UNESCO world heritage sites.
- Arrival in Tbilisi.
- Explore the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi and wander the old districts of the city with its narrow streets, patterned balconies and colorful houses.
- [Walking tour in the old part of Tbilisi.](#)  
( *Overnight in Tbilisi*)  
**Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch**

*Distance: Kutaisi-Mtskheta 210 km. Mtskheta-Tbilisi 30 km.*

### Day 10: Tbilisi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
  - Transfer to Airport.
- Meal plan: Breakfast**

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Tbilisi (2 nights)	4 * hotels - Iveria Inn, Cruise, Grand Palace, Dolabauri, Green Tower or similar ( 8 km. from city center)					4 * hotels - Radius, Brim, Zeg, Brosse garden , Astoria or similar (City center )					4 * hotels - MOXY BY MARRIOTT, RAMADA BY WYNDHAM OLD CITY				
Kutaisi (2 nights)	4 * hotels - Prometheuse Tskaltubo, Bagrati1003 or similar					4 * hotels - Prometheuse Tskaltubo, Bagrati1003 or similar					4* -Kutaisi Inn, New Port Kutaisi				
Mestia (3 nights)	Hotel Chubu, Mestia Inn or similar					Hotel Chubu, Mestia Inn or similar					4* - Hotel Gistola, Sunset Terrace or similar				
Batumi ( 2 nights)	4* hotel - Apart-hotel Tangerine, Graphic, O'Galogre or similar					4* hotel - Apart-hotel Tangerine, Graphic, O'Galogre or similar					5* hotel - The Grand Gloria, Colosseum Marina , or similar				
CAR	Mercedes Vito/Viano		Mercedes Sprinter			Mercedes Vito/Viano		Mercedes Sprinter			Mercedes Vito/Viano		Mercedes Sprinter		
PAX	2	4	6	8+1	10+1	2	4	6	8+1	10+1	2	4	6	8+1	10+1
1 person in DBL room (USD)	1630	1110	1000	940	850	1670	1150	1010	970	870	1710	1150	1020	970	890
1 person in SNGL room (USD)	(+250 )					(+310)					(+380)				

#### THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- \* Transportation According the program
- \* Accommodation at the hotel with bb
- \* All transfers & tours with English-speaking Guide
- \* 4x4 vehicle for Gergeti and Ushguli
- \* 2 bottle of water per person, per day
- \* 8 Lunches and 1 Dinner, 1 Wine degustation & master classes according the program
- \* Entrance tickets to museums: Narikala cable tickets , Martvili Canyon , Uplistsikhe cave town, Botanical garden in Batumi, Gonio fortress, tower-museum of Margiani , Ethnographical Museum of Mestia, Prometheus cave

#### THE PRICE EXCLUDES:

- \* Flight tickets
- \* Personal expenses
- \* Early check-inn or late check-out
- \* Travel & Medical insurance

\*Prices can by change according to dollar exchange at the time of booking , holiday days

\* Company has the rights to change excursion days and sequence of tourist sites, according to the weather and/or other force-maj

\*The hotels can be replaced with similar ones.

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