

## Gastronomic Tour to Georgia

It's time to get a taste for everything that Georgia has to offer. From the incredibly delicious Georgian national dishes to the famous Georgian wine produced by unique ancient technologies, there are so many reasons to discover absolutely new flavors during this Gastronomic Tour to Georgia. This eight-day tour is a great opportunity to combine all the important landmarks of Georgia with memorable culinary master classes of making famous Georgian khinkali, khachapuri and churchkhela with the locals.

### Key information

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Best season: Round year

Tour type: Small group / individual (starting from 2 persons)

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### What's included:

Transfer from/to the airport, accommodation in 3\* hotels for, meals – half board, all transfers are performed by air-conditioned/heated cars/buses, English-speaking guide service during all days, all admission fees and master-classes, wine tastings

### What's not included:

Air tickets, visa fee, medical insurance

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival

Day 2 - Tbilisi City Tour

Day 3 - Mtskheta - Jvary - Svetitskhoveli - Giorgi Barisashvili

Day 4 - Paravani Lake - Poka - Chobareti

Day 5 - Signaghi - Gvirabi - Nekresi

Day 6 - Alaverdi - Nafareuli - Twins Old Cellar

Day 7 - Sightseeing Tour around Tbilisi

Day 8 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

### Day 2

City tour around Tbilisi is the best way to explore this bright city and we start from the visit to the main Georgian Orthodox Church Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi. Tour continues to Metekhi district for visiting the Assumption Church. The cable car takes us to the Fortress Narikal to enjoy the most magnificent panorama of Tbilisi. Then we walk down to visit Jumah Mosque and continue to the sulfur baths belonging to XVII-XIX centuries. Our next stop is Rike Park where is located the most unique modern structure of Tbilisi - the Bridge of Peace. Mtatsminda Mount is a must to go place in Tbilisi. At the top of Mtatsminda we visit Funicular restaurant - one of the most stylish and well-known in Tbilisi. It was visited by Fidel Castro, Margaret Thatcher, Alain Delon and other distinguished guests. Here we enjoy traditional Georgian dishes.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B, D*

### Day 3

After breakfast we head to Mtskheta – the ancient town and the first capital of Georgia. Here we climb up the hill to Jvari Monastery (UNESCO object) and enjoy an amazing view to surroundings. Our next architectural wonder is Svetitskhoveli Cathedral, the main cathedral of Georgia. After sightseeing in Mtskheta we visit Giorgi Barisashvili Wine Cellar to explore the traditions of Georgian wine making and to taste famous wines. At the evening dinner at Tsiskvili restaurant awaits us. Offering authentic Georgian food this restaurant has fantastic atmosphere and traditional folk performances. Here we have our first cooking class starting with the traditional dish khinkali (dumplings with meat).

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B, D*

### Day 4

Today we head off to Samtskhe-Javakheti region. Our first stop is at the Paravani Lake for taking memorable photos. After exploring the largest lake in the country, we visit to Poka Monastery. Here, nuns are producing 16 types of unique cheese. We have a chance to taste the cheese and local handmade chocolate. Then we drive to the village Chobareti to visit Mzianeti cheese factory. We take part in the cooking process of Meskhetian khachapuri (national flat cake with cheese) and explore the secrets of famous tenili cheese making. This cheese is included in the UNESCO tentative list of an intangible heritage. After the participation in baking national bread shoti, the host will make an excursion for us to get acquainted with the old life style of Meskhetians in an old Oda-House, distinguished by its architecture.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B, L*

### Day 5

Gastronomic paradise awaits us today, as we travel to Kakheti – an old wine making region in Georgia. We stroll around Signaghi to feel the atmosphere of this cozy «town of love» known for its amazing architecture. Then we continue to Kvareli wine tunnels where we visit the old winery to participate in master class on baking Georgian bread and making barbecue (in Georgian «mchvadi»). No Georgian meal is complete without traditional wine made by unique Georgian



technologies. The tour leads us to Nekresi Monastery to explore one of the oldest wine vessels and enjoy amazing views of Alazani Valley.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Telavi*

**Meals:** *B, L*

### **Day 6**

On the sixth day we explore Alaverdi monastery built in the XI. The complex is also known for its millennial tradition of wine-making produced by the monks living there. After wine degustation, we drive to Napareuli village and visit to Twins Old Cellar. Here we have a great opportunity to be involved in a culinary master class and cook traditional and local Kakhetian dishes. Head to Tbilisi, dinner at Georgian house-restaurant will consist of the national dishes accompanied by excellent local wine.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B, D*

### **Day 7**

The day starts with the excursion to Ethnography museum to explore Georgian lifestyle and diverse architecture of Georgian regions. We visit to Georgian flea market «Mshrali Khidi» to buy some interesting national souvenirs. After walking around cozy Shardeni street full of cafes, galleries, and souvenir shops, we go to the vintage restaurant Purpur to have a dinner. Each floor of the restaurant is reminiscent of “grandma’s wardrobe”: colorful carpets, sofas with cushions, interesting furniture, old photos, and bright tablecloths.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B, D*

### **Day 8**

Transfer to the airport, departure.



### **Booking conditions**

The contract between you and MyGeo is considered confirmed once we received your application, discuss all the details and receive your deposit of € 50 (per person). Immediately after that, you will receive a tour voucher confirming all the details.

### **Payment terms**

As noted above, first you need to make a non-refundable deposit of € 50. That will provide our managers with the opportunity to start the tour organization. The final payment can be made after your arrival in Georgia in cash or by credit card.

### **Cancellation of the tour by the clients**

If you or one of the group members has to cancel the tour for any reason, please let us know in written form. Please, keep in mind that in this case, the deposit of 50 euros cannot be refunded.

### **Cancellation of the tour by the company itself**

Our organizers start to plan the tour many months before its beginning, and from our side the tour cannot be changed or canceled. However, due to the unforeseen circumstances such as weather conditions, we can make some adjustments to the route. But everything else will remain unchanged. Please, note that the minimum number of participants in our tours is 2 people. If the tour does not have the minimum number of people, we will have to cancel the tour. In this case, we will notify you of the cancellation no later than 30 days before your tour beginning, and will refund the full amount, including the prepayment.

### **Rights and obligations**

In case of unavoidable force majeure circumstances, both parties are released from the obligations and responsibilities. If during the tour you have any complaints and dissatisfaction, please immediately inform us about that. We will do our best to solve the problem. If you do not inform us about that, then at the end of the tour, we will not provide the compensation. We also are not responsible for anything that does a tourist in his/her free time outside of the tour program.

