

Tour to Upper Svaneti

Discover the picturesque beauty of Svaneti on this 11-day Tour to Upper Svaneti. Marvel at the ancient towers of Ushguli and Mestia, visit Martvili canyons with adorable wild nature and hike to one of the largest and charming waterfalls in Georgia.

Key information

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

Date: May - September

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

What's included:

Transfer from/to the airport, accommodation in 3* hotels, breakfast, all transfers are performed by air-conditioned/heated cars/buses, English-speaking guide service, all admission fees

What's not included:

Air tickets, visa fee, medical insurance, lunches and dinners

Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival

Day 2 - Tbilisi City Tour

Day 3 - Uplistsikhe - Gelati - Motsameta - Kutaisi

Day 4 - Zugdidi - Enguri - Mestia

Day 5 - Khergiani - Margiani - Svaneti - Hatsvali - Mestia

Day 6 - Love Tower - Lamaria - Ushguli - Mestia

Day 7 - Koruldi - Chalaadi - Mestia

Day 8 - Becho - Shdugra - Mazeri - Mestia

Day 9 - Martvili - Gochkadili - Balda - Kaghu - Kutaisi

Day 10 - Sataplia - Guramishvili - Tbilisi

Day 11 - Departure



Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Day 2

Our trip starts with city tour around Tbilisi. First we visit Simon Janashia's museum – one of the history museums of the city. It keeps rich archaeological and ethnographic collections of different eras. Then we have a pleasant walk around Jabaridze Tower which is known due to the small angel that “lives” under the tower roof and every hour knocks the bell with his small hammer and returns to his house flapping his wings. We continue to the Bridge of Peace designed by a well-known Italian architect. Next stop is at Tamada Monument (toast-master) – an enlarged copy of the historic sculpture found in Vani. Tamada plays a very important role during all Georgian feasts and parties. Trip leads us to the historical district of Metekhi, where we visit the Assumption Church located on the picturesque hill. We reach Narikala fortress by a cable car and go down by foot to the waterfall. After the excursion to the sulfuric baths square, we reach Mtatsminda mount by funicular to enjoy the breathtaking view.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: B

Walking distance: 3 km

The maximum height above sea level: 770 m

Day 3

Today we take off road way to Georgia's second large city Kutaisi. We visit Uplistsikhe cave town. This ancient town, carved in the rock, is one of the first towns in Georgia and it dates back to the end of II the beginning of I millennium BC. Next treasure on our way is Gelati monastery (XIc) with one of the most well-preserved frescoes of Georgian iconography. This UNESCO Heritage Site comprises a monastery, an academy and a church. After discovering Motsameta monastery built in the gorge of river Tskaltsitela, we enjoy free time in Kutaisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Kutaisi

Meals: B

Walking distance: 3 – 5 km

The maximum height above sea level: 300-400 m

Day 4

During our way to Svaneti, we make a stop to visit the museum of Dadiani in Zugdidi. The Palace's museum keeps exhibits of the cultural heritage of Georgia – treasure materials, Mother of God holy vesture, manuscripts from XIII-XIV centuries, miniatures, memorial relics of Dadiani dynasty, and objects connected to the emperor of Napoleon Bonaparte – brought to the palace by the husband of David Dadiani's daughter. After free time for lunch, we continue to Enguri Reservoir and stop for enjoying the scenery. Trip leads us to Mestia - the administrative center of Upper Svaneti. The whole region is known for its unique architecture, fascinating nature and wild landscapes.

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meals: B

Walking distance: 3 km

The maximum height above sea level: 1500 m



Day 5

After breakfast we visit to Khergiani house-museum dedicated to the most famous Georgian mountain-climber Mikhail Khergiani also known as “a tiger of rock”. This alias was given by the Britain Queen Elizabeth the II, because of his braveness and flexible techniques used while climbing the rocks. In the museum, there is a special corner where we can see the videos of Mikhail’s most important achievements in alpinism and also the equipment which he used for climbing. Our next stop is Margiani house-museum located at a distance of about 760 meters far from Khergiani house-museum. Margiani house is one of the main sights in Mestia; it represents the dwelling complex of powerful noble. Here we get acquainted with the customs and traditions of Svanetian families. Trip leads us to Svaneti Ethnography museum founded in 1936, here we explore the most important and precious treasures of the region. Most of the museum icons were made in the 11th century by Svanetian masters in a unique and distinguished style. The museum keeps also the numismatics collection from the Old World. We continue to Hatsvali ski resort. Here we take an airway tramway and go up the top hill to enjoy breathtaking views. After the visit to Betqili sour waters, we enjoy our free time.

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meals: B

Walking distance: 3 – 5 km

The maximum height above sea level: 2347 m

Day 6

Early in the morning we depart to Ushguli – the highest eternal settlement in Europe. On the way we stop at Love Tower standing on Enguri River shore, in Ifari village. According to an interesting legend, the place represents the symbol of lovers. Next we visit to the church of the Virgin Lamaria, dating back to IX-X centuries. Here are kept the ancient frescos. After visiting Ushguli ethnography museum, where is represented the interior of Svanetian house invariably, we have a short walk in Ushguli.

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meals: B

Walking distance: 3 – 5 km

The maximum height above sea level: 2100 m

Day 7

After breakfast we start our day by visiting Koruldi lakes located at about 2850 meters above the sea level. The lakes surround the Caucasus glaciers and peaks with unforgettable landscapes. We visit to Chalaadi glacier, where we have a free time to enjoy the views. After returning back to Mestia we enjoy our free time.

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meals: B

Walking distance: 3 – 5 km

The maximum height above sea level: 2850 m

Day 8

The day starts with the visit to village Becho. We hike to Shdugra waterfalls – one of the largest and charming waterfalls in Georgia. We start walking from the village Mazeri, the route leads us to adorable meadows firstly and then to needles forests and the river. Then we pass a wooden bridge and enjoy the amazing view.

Overnight: Hotel in Mestia

Meals: B

Walking distance: 2-3 km



The maximum height above sea level: 2200 m

Day 9

In the morning we drive to Martvili canyons with adorable wild nature and practically untouched by humans places. Martvili canyons used to be a bathing place for Dadiani family. Now people visit this area to enjoy the scenery, its waterfalls and take a boat trip along the river of deep green color. We continue our way to the Gochkadili water reservoir, which is about 2 minutes driving from Martvili canyons. Trip leads us to Balda gorge. The car will stop at Balda monastery from where we continue our hiking. The route is simple and straight, with the length of about 1, 3 km. After covering this distance we appear in front of a beautiful Kaghu waterfall.

Overnight: Hotel in Kutaisi

Meals: B

Walking distance: 2-3 km

The maximum height above sea level: 300-350 m

Day 10

After breakfast we drive to Sataplia – the national reserve located in amazing mountains. Then we visit to Guramishvili winery, close to Tbilisi. Here we explore the oldest attraction of the Georgian cultural heritage – Thaddeus Guramishvili's wine cellar. After tasting some delicious Georgian wines, we drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight: Hotel in Tbilisi

Meals: B

Walking distance: 1,5 – 2 km

The maximum height above sea level: 500-650 m

Day 11

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.

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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.

