

## Religious Tour to Georgia

Home to some of the most important Orthodox religious monuments, Georgia is a perfect destination for spiritual travelers. Georgia was converted to Christianity in year 326 and became one of the first countries in the world to adopt Christianity as the state religion. And now an abundance of temples and churches in Georgia attracts believers from around the world. Religious Tour to Georgia is a journey of faith and prayer which will inspire you with memories for a lifetime.

### Key information

Duration: 7 days /6 nights

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

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### What's included:

Transfer from/to the airport, accommodation in hotels for 6 nights (in double rooms), 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

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival - Transfer to hotel

Day 2 - Tbilisi City Tour

Day 3 - Mtskheta - Jvari - Svetitskhoveli - Samtavro - Saint Nino

Day 4 - Shio-Mgvime - Zedazeni

Day 5 - Kakheti - Alaverdi - Nekresi - Ikalto

Day 6 - Signaghi - Bodbe - David Gareja

Day 7 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

### Day 2

Religious tour through Georgia starts with city tour around Tbilisi, where Orthodox churches, Great Synagogue and Jumah Mosque are situated close to each other. First, we visit Tsminda Sameba Cathedral – the main cathedral of the Georgian Orthodox Church and the highest temple in Georgia. Then we have a trip to the historical district of Metekhi to explore Catholic Church of the Ascension of the Virgin Mary built in the XIII century. We reach the fortress Narikala by the cable car and enjoy breathtaking panoramic view. Our next spiritual sight is the only mosque still in use in Tbilisi - Jumah Mosque, where Sunni and Shia Muslims pray side by side. We continue to Sioni Cathedral named after Mount Zion in Jerusalem. The cathedral keeps the Grapevine cross of St.Nino, which is the major symbol of Georgian Orthodox Church. Our next stop is Anchiskhati Church, the oldest surviving church in Tbilisi, built in the VI century. Tour leads us to St Peter and Paul Catholic Church, which was built in XIX century. Armenian Norashen Holy Mother of God Church, which was built in XV century, is our last religious place to visit.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B*

### Day 3

After breakfast we drive to Mtskheta - the ancient town and the first capital of Georgia. Here Christianity was declared as the state religion and now Mtskheta is the cult place for all Georgians. First we visit to Svetitskoveli Cathedral – one of the principle cathedrals of Georgian Orthodox Church and UNESCO heritage site. Here is buried Christ's robe. Tour continues to Samtavro Transfiguration Orthodox Church and Nunnery of Nino in Mtskheta, built in the IV century by King Mirian III of Iberia. We climb up the hill to Jvari Monastery to explore the amazing symbol of the Georgian church architecture. According to the legend, at the site of the monastery St.Nino established one of her three crosses. The name «jvari» is translated from Georgian as «a cross».

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B*

### Day 4

We start our day visiting two monasteries which were founded by Assyrian fathers. First, we explore Shio-Mgvime Monastery – a medieval monastic complex established in the second half of the VI century by one of the 13 Assyrian fathers – Shio. Then we continue to Zedazeni Monastery located on the Zedazeni Mountain. The church was founded by Saint John – one of the Holy Assyrian Fathers.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B*

### Day 5

Today we head to Kakheti – the oldest wine region of Georgia. Tour starts with the visit to Alaverdi Monastery. It was founded by the Assyrian monk Joseph Alaverdeli, who was originally from Antioch. We continue to Nekresi historic town of Kakheti region, where we can see Nekresi Church located in very scenic place. Then we visit Ikalto academy which was one the important cultural-scholastic center of Georgia.



**Overnight:** *Hotel in Telavi*

**Meals:** *B*

**Day 6**

Our last religious day is dedicated to the town of love - Signaghi, which is located on the top of the hill and is surrounded by the wall with 28 towers. First church on our way is Monastery of Nino at Bodbe where was buried the founder of Christianity in Georgia, St. Nino. The last excursion is to David Gareja a rock-hewn monastery complex, founded in the VI century by David (St. David Garejeli), one of the thirteen Assyrian fathers.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tbilisi*

**Meals:** *B*

**Day 7**

Transfer to the airport, departure.

**Note:**

*Please, note that ladies require scarves in the Georgian orthodox churches, sometimes skirts too, but they can find some in the entrances.*

*Short trousers are forbidden in the church.*



### **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.

