**14-day Cultural Tour to Georgia**

**Key information**

**Duration:** 14 days /13 nights

**Date:** September

**Tour type:** Group of tourists

**Price information**

Price per person – EUR 2129

Single Supplement - EUR 318

**What’s included:**

Transfer to/from the airport**,** overnight in 3\* hotels**,** breakfast, some dinners, wine tastings, masterclass of Georgian bread and Churchkhela making, welcome and farewell dinners, all transfers are performed by air-conditioned/heated cars/buses**,** English-speaking guide and driver service during all days, all admission and tickets fees

**What’s not included:**

Air tickets, visa fee, medical insurance, lunch and dinner

**Itinerary in brief**

Day 1 – Transfer from the airport – Welcome Dinner at Georgian traditional restaurant

Day 2 – Tbilisi City Tour – Sameba – Metekhi – Rike Park – Bridge of Peace – Meidan –

 Abanotubani – Lekhvtakhevi – Narikala fortress – Sharden Street – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 3 – Tbilisi – Ananuri – Gudauri – Gergeti Church – Overnight in Kazbegi

Day 4 – Kazbegi – Juta – Mtskheta – Jvari Monastery – Svetitskhoveli Cathedral – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 5 – Tbilisi – Telavi – Nekresi Monastery – Khareba Winery – Overnight in Telavi
Day 6 – Telavi – Tsinandali – Sighnaghi – Bodbe Monastery – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 7 – Tbilisi – Uplistsikhe – Gori – Overnight in Kutaisi

Day 8 – Kutaisi – Gelati Monastery - Motsameta Monastery – Martvili Canyon – Overnight in Kutaisi
Day 9 – Kutaisi – Okatse Canyon – Prometheus Cave – Overnight in Kutaisi

Day 10 – Kutaisi – Borjomi – Borjomi Mineral Water Park – Akhaltsikhe – Rabath – Overnight in Akhaltsikhe

Day 11 – Akhaltsikhe – Khertvisi Fortress – Vardzia Cave Complex – Overnight in Akhaltsikhe

Day 12 – Akhaltsikhe – Sapara Monastery – Paravani Lake – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 13 – Tbilisi Free day – farewell dinner – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 14 – Transfer to the airport

**Detailed itinerary**

**Day 1**

You will be transferred from the airport to the hotel.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 3\*,* ***Meals:*** *dinner*

**Day 2**

Today you will have the great opportunity to feel the capital city of Georgia where interlace ancient culture and up-to-date trends. The tour includes: Sameba – the biggest church in Tbilisi. Modern Symbol of Georgian Orthodox tradition, Trip to the historical area and visit the Assumption Church (Metekhi church) and the statuary of the Establisher of Tbilisi, The King Vakhtang I Gorgasali, located on the picturesque hill. Bridge of Peace – designed by a well-known Italian architect; it is one of the most famous landmarks of the city; Park Rike located next to the Bridge of Peace. It is eye-catching because of its unique landscape design, Meidan square – an old historical Market area, Leghvtakhevi – a small waterfall and piece of untouched nature in the heart of modern city. Excursion to the sulfuric baths – famous royal bath complex (XVII-XIX cc.), standing on the warm natural sulfur springs. That is one of the main attractions of the Old Town. Narikala - The ancient fortress overlooking Tbilisi that was established in 4th century AD. You will reach the fortress by cable vehicle. At the top, a spectacular view of the whole city opens; Chardin Street, a cozy street named after the French traveler Jean Chardin. The street has an architecture resembling Paris and is full of cozy cafes, boutiques, and eye-ca art galleries;

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Today you will have a chance to explore the beautiful capital of Georgia – Tbilisi. Tbilisi is the largest city of the country. It is distinguished with the interlace of cozy old architecture and modern up-to-trends buildings. Your city tour will include the main sights of the city: Sameba Church, Assumption Church, the Bridge of Peace, Park Rike, Meidan Square and the sulfuric baths. All these attractions are situated within the Old Town. You will also reach the ancient Narikala Fortress by the cable car and enjoy the view of the city from the top hill. That is an amazing place for memorable photos. Your day will end with a pleasant walk along the Chardin Street full of cozy cafes, boutiques and galleries.

**Day 3**

This day you will start your tour with Ananuri well-preserved castle located on the shore of the Zhinvali reservoir. Once it was the defensive fortress of the feudal era. Stop in Gudauri resort town to admire amazing views of the mountains Stop to visit Sour waters of Vedza Visit to Gergeti Church located at an altitude of 2170 m not far from legendary Mount Kazbegi. From the top of the hill opens an amazing view which cannot be expressed in words.

***Overnight*** *in Kazbegi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

This day will start with a trip to Ananuri medieval fortress located on the shore of the Zhinvali reservoir. It is an attractive architectural structure that has preserved in excellent condition till our days. Once it was an important defensive fortress that played an important role during many wars. Your trip will proceed to the cozy resort town Gudauri located at an altitude of 3000 m above the sea level. That is an excellent destination for skiing, climbing and summer active holidays. After a short stop at the Sour Waters of Vedza you will appear in a fantastic Stepantsminda settlement located at the foot of majestic Mount Kazbek. 2170 m above the settlement there is an old Gergeti Trinity Church that attracts travelers due to its history and fantastic location. You will be taken up the hill to the church for admiring the views and having some time for the exploration of Gergeti history and relics.

**Day 4**

After breakfast you will be taken to village Juta, Juta is the second highest village on Europe continent. After this, you will take your route to Tbilisi. On your way you will visit Mtskheta - beautifully renovated town belonging to the 2nd half of the 1st millennium BC, the first capital of Georgia. Nowadays, Mtskheta represents museum-city and is under the protection of UNESCO World Heritage. Next stop is Jvari Monastery was built in the 6th century. From the point opens charming view on the entire city and the confluence of two rivers: Mtkvari and Aragvi. After you will visit Svetitskhoveli Temple – a masterpiece of the Early Middle Ages, Svetitskhoveli is recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is currently the second largest church building in Georgia, after the Holy Trinity Cathedral.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

After breakfast there will be a transfer to the second highest village in Europe – Juta. The tour will proceed to Tbilisi. On the way there will be a stop in the religious center of Georgia – Mtskheta town. It is a small cozy renovated town dating back to the 2nd half of the 1st millennium BC. Mtskheta is a real town museum, it hosts important Christian architectural masterpieces that are protected by UNESCO. You will visit the Svetitskhoveli Cathedral and then go up the hill to Jvari Monastery. From the top admire the beautiful view of Mtkvari and Aragvi Rivers and have a chance to make memorable photos.

**Day 5**

Today you will be taken to Kakheti – the region of wine-making. You will start your tour with Nekresi - the monastery complex overlooks Alazani Valley. Then you will drive to Kvareli Tunnel, where will visit the famous winery “Khareba.” - Kvareli Tunnel. Here you will have a tour around the factory, degustation of local wines, as well as a master class on baking Georgian bread Shoti and national sweet Churchkhela. After you will be taken to Telavi - the center of Kakheti region. Telavi is well-known for its delightful landscapes. There you can see 900-year old tree. You will visit Batonis Tsikhe - – the fortress museum of favourable Georgian King Erekle the II.

***Overnight*** *in Telavi,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Today you will have a pleasant trip to Georgia’s main winemaking region Kakheti. Kakheti is well known for its sun kissed vineyards, old wine making traditions and historical heritage. Your acquaintance will start with Nekresi monastery overlooking beautiful Alazani Valley. Next you will visit famous winery Khareba for degustation of local class and participation in a master class on baking national bread and preparation national sweet churchkhela. Your tour will proceed to Telavi – the centre of the region. It is a cozy town surrounded by delightful landscapes. In Telavi you’ll have a chance to visit 900-year old tree. The day will end with a tour around Batonis Tsikhe fortress.

**Day 6**

This day will start with visiting Tsinandali – estate which is the patrimony of the famous Georgian dynasty – Chanchavadze. The state is known for its amazing labyrinth planted with exotic trees in it and cellars, where the unique collection of Georgian and European wine is preserved. Next destination will be Sighnaghi – the oldest place in Kakheti region and the status of the city was given just two hundred years ago. Nevertheless, settlements are found here from the ancient times. It was restored in 2007. After you will visit Bodbe Monastery – where the enlightener of Georgia, saint Nino is buried. In the area you can find the spring, deriving from the ground and is named as “Nino’s water”. People believe, the spring is miraculous and can heal many diseases. At the end of the day you will be transferred back to Tbilisi.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

This day you will continue exploring the sights of Kakheti region. First you will have a tour around well-known Tsinandali estate that belongs to Georgian old dynasty of Chavchavadze. The estate is surrounded by exotic trees and wine cellars where the unique collection of Georgian and European wine is preserved. The next stop will be in Signaghi – the small town of love, the architectural style of which resembles Italian cozy towns. After you will visit Bodbe Monastery – where the enlightener of Georgia, saint Nino is buried. In the area you can find the spring, deriving from the ground and is named as “Nino’s water”. People believe, the spring is miraculous and can heal many diseases. At the end of the day you will be transferred back to Tbilisi.

**Day 7**

Today your tour will start with visiting 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. You will find huge echoing halls, long meandering corridor-streets, chambers for pagan worship and even the remains of Georgia's oldest theater there. Today various kinds of halls, rooms, and buildings made in different epochs still survive. After you will visit Gori – the heart of eastern Georgia and Stalin’s homeland. Stalin Museum - the unique place with remained atmosphere of Soviet Union era. The museum includes the memorial house where Stalin is believed to have been born, an exhibition building, and Stalin’s personal train car, in which he traveled to Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam. The museum also houses Stalin’s personal belongings. Then you will be transferred toKutaisi.

***Overnight*** *in Kutaisi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Today your tour will start with visiting Uplistsikhe cave town. This ancient cave town, carved into the volcanic rock of Kvernaki ridge is one of the most important monuments of Georgian culture and is famous for its three-thousand-year history. You will find huge echoing halls, long meandering corridor-streets, and even the remains of Georgia's oldest theater there. The trip will proceed to Gori town that is known as the homeland of Soviet leader Stalin. Here one can visit his house museum and see his personal car and personal belongings. At the end of the day you will be transferred to Georgia’s second largest city – Kutaisi.

**Day 8**

The day will start with visiting Gelati Monastery – a medieval monastic complex near Kutaisi, consisting of three churches. It was founded in 1106 by King David IV of Georgia. Recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. After you will be taken to Motsameta – A complex of monasteries, approximately 6 km northeast of the center of Kutaisi. The monastery is picturesquely located on the cliff of a promontory in the curve of the Ckalcitela river. Nest destination will be Martvili Canyon - the hidden gem of Samegrelo Region in western Georgia, where you will be albe to have a boat tour in the picturesque nature. At the end of the tour you will be transferred back to Kutaisi.

***Overnight*** *in Kutaisi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Enjoy this day exploring historical and natural sights of Kutaisi and its surroundings. Our first stop is UNESCO object Gelati Monastery - the most treasured cultural landmark and a living symbol of Georgia’s Golden Age. The tour will proceed to Motsameta Monastery, located on the hill under the River Tskhaltsitela-Red River. It is a complex of monasteries located in a picturesque area on a cliff. The next destination will be a real gem of western Georgia – Martvili Canyon. s one of the most popular canyons in Georgia. It is located in the Megrelia region, not far from the small town of Martvili on the Abashi river, which, flowing for millions of years, formed a gorge up to 40 meters deep and the length of 2,400 meters. Here you will be albe to have a boat tour in the picturesque nature. At the end of the tour you will be transferred back to Kutaisi.

**Day 9**

Today’s tour will star with Okatse Canyon – where you can find one of the tallest waterfalls of Georgia – Kinchkha together with another water abundant waterfall nearby, Okatse Canyon natural monument is presented with recently built high quality tourist infrastructure – stairs, footpaths offering magnificent views to the canyon and its surroundings. After Okatse you will be taken to Prometheus Cave - one of the most unique in Europe. It is characterized by impressive reliefs of stalactites and stalagmites and a variety of underground rivers. The final destination of the day will be Kutaisi.

***Overnight*** *in Kutaisi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Today you will see another natural gem of Georgia Okatse Canyon. The area is famous for one of the tallest waterfalls in the country – Kinchkha. You will be surprised with the high quality infrastructure including stairs, footpaths where one can enjoy the views. The tour will proceed to Prometheus Cave located in the west of Georgia, 20 km from Kutaisi, near the town of Tskhaltubo. The cave is considered the most popular of its kind, in addition, it is the largest in Georgia. It is characterized by impressive reliefs of stalactites and stalagmites and a variety of underground rivers. After the end of the tour you will return to Kutaisi.

**Day 10**

Today you will be transferred to Borjomi - beautiful town with amazing nature and healing fresh air. Here you will be able to try mineral water from the spring in the Mineral Water Park. After you will be taken to Akhaltsikhe - one of the oldest towns of Georgia. The historical part of the town was built on the rocky mount, called- Rabat, that means a settlement of merchants and artisans in the medieval town. Today Akhaltsikhe is an administrative center of the region Samtskhe-Javakheti. You will visit Rabati fortress is a genuine cultural and historical complex on the square of seven hectares. The territory of the fortress is divided into a lower modern part and upper historical one. The lower part has shops, cafes, restaurant and a hotel. The upper part comprises of Akhmediye mosque, an Orthodox church, Djakeli palace, and the History Museum.

***Overnight*** *in Akhaltsikhe 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Enjoy the fresh clean air and healing mineral waters in Borjomi resort during your 10th day. The well-known Borjomi mineral waters are exported around the world. The trip will continue to Samtskhe-Javakheti region’s administrative center Akhaltsikhe. It is well known for its recently renovated Rabati Fortress that is a huge structure with churches, museums, shops, cafes. Rabati fortress is a genuine cultural and historical complex on the square of seven hectares. For an overnight you will stay in Akhaltsikhe.

**Day 11**

This day you will be taken to Khertvisi Fortress – one of the oldest fortresses in Georgia (X century). It was functional throughout the Georgian feudal period. The fortress was first buils in the second century BC. You can take memorable photos around this fortress. After you will be taken to Vardzia - The medieval cave monastery in semi desert, that was built in the 12th century by Georgia’s greatest ruler - Queen Tamar. Vardzia monastery is simply amazing and breathtaking, with unusual location. Most of the city museum is open to the visitors and you can visit the caves and the main cave church with well-preserved frescoes, including the fresco of Queen Tamar and his father King George III) from the 12th century. At the end of the tour you will be transferred back to Akhaltsikhe.

***Overnight*** *in Akhaltsikhe 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

After taking incredible photos in Khertvisi Fortress (X century), we continue to Vardzia – a unique cave complex of the Golden Age (XII-XIII centuries), the first cave of which was created during the reign of Queen Tamar’s father, George III. In ancient times, the complex served as a refuge for civilians. Most of the city museum is open to the visitors and you can visit the caves and the main cave church with well-preserved frescoes, including the fresco of Queen Tamar and his father King George III) from the 12th century. At the end of the tour you will be transferred back to Akhaltsikhe.

**Day 12**

After breakfast you will visit Sapara Monastery, that has a dramatic position clinging to a cliff edge about 12km southeast of Akhaltsikhe, and rivals Vardzia as one of the most important sights in the region. The name of the monastery is translated as “sheltered”.  It is really difficult to make visible through mountain wooded pass. Then you will be taken to Paravani Lake - Avolcanic lake in Georgia, located in Javakheti Plateau between Abul-Samsari and Javakheti Ranges. Paravani is the largest lake in Georgia and is a popular destination for fishing. Studies have shown that at the bottom of the Lake Paravani there are ancient tombs of the Bronze Age. Researchers also found many household items, including elaborately painted ceramic vessels and bowls. At the end of the day you will be transferred to Tbilisi and have a farewell dinner in a traditional restaurant.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast, dinner*

**Day 13**

Free day in Tbilisi

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 3\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

 **Day 14**

Transfer to the airport

***Meals:*** *breakfast*

**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 € 100 (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 € 100. 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 100 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.