**Mountains and Sea**

**Key information**

**Duration:** 12 days /11 nights

**Date:**

**Tour type:** Group of tourists

**Price information**

Price per person EUR 1923

Single supplement 399

**What’s included:**

Transfer to/from the airport**,** overnight in 4\* hotels**,** breakfast, 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

**Itinerary in brief**

Day 1 – Transfer from the airport to the hotel – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 2 – Tbilisi City tour – Jvari Monastery – Svetitskhoveli Cathedral – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 3 – Tbilisi – Sighnaghi – Bodbe Monastery – Khareba Winery – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 4 – Tbilisi – Ananuri – Gudauri – Gergeti Trinity Church – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 5 – Tbilisi – Uplistsikhe – Gori – Overnight in Borjomi

Day 6 – Borjomi Park – Akhaltsikhe – Rabati Fortress – Khertvisi – Overnight in Akhaltsikhe

Day 7 – Akhatlsikhe – Kutaisi – Motsameta Monastery – Overnight in Batumi

Day 8 – Batumi City tour – Botanical Garden – Overnight in Batumi

Day 9 – Batumi free day – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 10 – Batumi free day – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 11 – Batumi – Gonio Fortress – Transfer to Tbilisi – Overnight in Tbilisi

Day 12 – Departure – Transfer to the airport

**Detailed itinerary**

**Day 1**

You will be transferred from the airport to the hotel.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 4\**

**Day 2**

This day you will start your tour with Mtskheta - a 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 a 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. After 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 the 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 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

The day starts with a trip to Mtskheta – an ancient town which was once a capital of East Georgian Kingdom. Mtskheta is an important religious center for all Georgians as it was here Christianity was proclaimed the official religion of Georgia. Mtskheta hosts many religious relics and monuments that are protected by UNESCO. Our first visit is to Jvari Monastery belonging to the 6th century. From its hill opens a charming view on the entire town and the confluence of two rivers Mtkvari and Aragvi. After you will visit Svetitskhoveli Temple – a masterpiece of the Early Middle Ages and the second largest church building in Georgia. Then we return to Tbilisi and have a city tour around this attractive city. Our program covers many interesting historical and cultural sites like Sameba Church, Assumption Church (Metekhi), The Bridge of Peace, Meidan Square, Narikala Fortres, sulfur baths, Chirdin Street.

**Day 3**

This day you will visit Kakheti – the region of wine-making. The tour will start with Sighnaghi is 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. Then you will be taken to Khareba Winery Cave, have an excursion through the tunnel. You will have a wine-tasting and masterclass of making Georgian bread – Shoti and Georgian sweets – Churchkhela. At the end of the day you will be transferred back to Tbilisi.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

That is a day of Georgia’s main wine-producing area picturesque region of Kakheti where wine is produced by special Kakhetian technology. The perfect start of the tour is a visit to Sighnaghi. This cosy city called also “City of Love” is one of the scenic towns in Kakheti region with red-roofed small houses. After you will visit Bodbe Monastery – where the enlightener of Georgia, saint Nino is buried. Wine tasting and a master class on baking Georgian bread shoti and national sweet churchkhela await us in the famous winery Khareba. At the end of the day you will be transferred back to Tbilisi.

**Day 4**

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. At the end of the day you will be transferred back to Tbilisi for an overnight.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

This day starts with a trip to Ananuri medieval fortress located on the shore of the Zhinvali reservoir. It is an attractive architectural structure that has been preserved in excellent condition till our days. Once it was an important defensive fortress that played an important role during many wars. Your trip proceeds 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. At the end we return to Tbilisi.

**Day 5**

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. Then you will be transferred to Borjomi - the best known and most popular resort in Georgia, located between the magnificent slopes of Meskheti and Trialeti ranges, which are covered with wide pine forests.

***Overnight*** *in Borjomi4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Your tour starts 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 proceeds 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. Our last day destination is Borjomi famous resort town.

**Day 6**

In the morning you will visit Borjomi Mineral Water Park, enjoy the greenness of nature and taste the mineral water from the spring. 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. After Rabati you will be taken to Khertvisi fortress - one of the oldest fortresses in Georgia and was functional throughout the Georgian feudal period. It was first built in the 2nd century BC. The church was built in 985, and the present walls were built in 1354. You will be transferred back to Akhaltsihe for an overnight.

***Overnight*** *in Akhaltsikhe 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Today we start exploration of Borjomi. The town is attractive due to its mild climate, lush nature and, of course, healing mineral waters. Borjomi water is known and loved by millions of people around the world. It originates in the volcanic depths of Georgia, and moves many kilometers to the earth's surface, enriching itself with unique minerals along the way. It is believed that the date of the healing water origin dates back to 1500 years. You can taste it in Borjomi Mineral Water Park. A little later we move to Akhaltsikhe town to visit some sites and have an overnight. Probably, the most famous site in this town is Rabati Fortress which is a huge construction recently renovated by the government. The territory of the fortress is divided into a lower modern part and an 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. This day we also visit Khertvisi Fortress and then return to Akhaltsikhe.

**Day 7**

This day you will be taken to the West of Georgia. The tour will start with Kutaisi - One of the world’s oldest continuously inhabited cities. It was founded around 4 millenniums ago. You will visit Motsameta Monastery - A complex of monasteries at the Imereti region, 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. After visiting the Monastery, you will take your route to Adjara - one of the most beautiful and marvelous regions of Georgia and be transferred to Batumi – seaside town with stony beaches, semitropical climate, untouched nature, crystal waterfalls, charming fortresses, modern architecture.

***Overnight*** *in Batumi 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

The day starts with a trip to the west of Georgia. Here we stop in Kutaisi – the second largest city of the country. It is located on the both sides of Rioni River. The city is worth visiting due to some religious UNESCO objects and specific atmosphere. Moreover, Kutaisi is in the list of five most ancient Georgia’s cities. First we stop to visit Motsameta Monastery - 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. After acquaintance with Kutaisi we wend our way to Batumi – the Black Sea resort with stony beaches, subtropical climate, untouched nature, and modern architecture.

**Day 8**

This day you will have a city tour around Batumi. The tour will start with Botanical Garden of Batumi - unique as it contains flora from nine phyto-geographic areas. Garden was established in 1912. Batumi Botanical Garden is located 9 km north from the city of Batumi in Mtsvane Kontskhi (“Green Cape”) and occupies a 111 hectares area of land. Then you will be taken back to Batumi, visit Alphabetic Tower - 130-meter-high structure that symbolizes the uniqueness of the Georgian alphabet and people, Ali and Nino Monument - Their movement symbolizes the tragic separation of Ali and Nino after the Soviet Invasion, Piazza square – An  Italian-style open public area surrounded with various significant buildings that have open air cafes, hotels, and shops, dancing fountains – Everyevening starts with the show of lights, music, and shifting shapes, lined above a reflecting lake.

***Overnight*** *in Batumi 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

Today we explore the sights of Batumi and its surroundings. First we head to the fairy tale Botanical Garden located at the distance of 9 km from the city. The area is fantastic and unique as it contains flora from nine phyto-geographic areas. You will appear in a huge forest type area that occupies 111 hectars. In the garden you one can explore Australian zone, Japan zone, Chinese zone and many others. The collection of the garden comprises such plants as magnolias, palms, bamboos, maple trees, pine-trees and many others. After the walk we return to Batumi and explore its most known sights – Alphabet Tower, Ali and Nino Monument, Piazza Square surrounded by open air cafes, shops and fountains.

**Day 9**

Free day in Batumi

That is your free day in Batumi. Enjoy yourself by visiting cozy cafes, strolling along the Boulevard and swimming in warm waters of the Black Sea. Batumi Boulevard was designed in 1884 and now it stretches 7 km along the coast. It is an excellent place for walking, entertainment, cycling and many other activities. With its tropical trees and palms, fountains, cafes, bars and lively music the boulevard attracts vacationers from all over the city.

***Overnight*** *in Batumi 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

**Day 10**

Free day in Batumi

***Overnight*** *in Batumi 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

**Day 11**

After breakfast you will be taken to Gonio Fortress - The oldest fortress of Georgia – the Gonio Fortress (or the Gonio-Apsaros Fortress) occupying the territory of 4,5 ha is situated in village of Gonio 15 km from Batumi city. The fortress history amounts to several millenniums. The ancient archeological layers, dug in the fortress territory belong to the XV-XVII centuries BC. After visiting the Fortress, you will be transferred back to Tbilisi.

***Overnight*** *in Tbilisi 4\*,* ***meals:*** *breakfast*

**Day 12**

You will be transferred to the airport for departure.

***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.