



Jeep tour



The Caucasus mountains, dense forests, steep slopes, narrow gorges – that's where you travel!

Beautiful scenery, out-of-the-way historical monuments, ancient traditions – that's what you see!

Thrilling adventures, challenging difficulties, great excitements – that's what you experience!

And this is not all you discover on a jeep tour in Georgia.

Duration: 10days/11nights

Arrival in Tbilisi transfer from the hotel;

Day 1: Tbilisi – Didgori – Gori – Kareli – Bakuriani

Early in the morning arrive in Tbilisi, meet at the airport and transfer to a hotel by bus.

After breakfast we depart in the direction of Manglisi via Tskneti. We have to drive on the concrete road which goes mainly through the villages (45 km, 1 hr). The first 15 km is the carved road on the ascent which takes us to Tskneti, afterwards the road gets relatively straight.

Then we continue towards Didgori where only 4WD vehicles can drive. On the way after passing the village of Gvevi we enjoy the forests and meadows of Didgori the following 1,5 hr. The latter witnessed one of the most important battles in the history of Georgia against the Arabs, taking place in 1121, where the Georgians had the glories victory and it gave the start to uniting the country (the length of this distance is 28 km, time – 1,5 hr).

This way ends at the village of Nichbisi from where the concrete and secondary roads of the village take us straight to Gori through the villages (Kavtiskhevi, Akhalkalaki, Doesi, Khidistavi). Most of the part of the road is good (48 km, 1,25 hr).

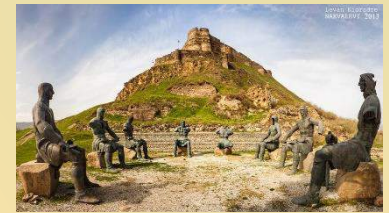
We depart from Gori on the secondary roads (via the villages) to Kareli (total length 25 km – 15 km bad road of the village, time – 1, 15 hr).

From Kareli via the villages (Kintsvisi, Zguderi, Ortubani, Gverdzineti, Kodmani – total length 22 km, time – 1,15 hr) we depart again for one of the difficult distances which is possible to pass only by 4WD vehicles. From here firstly the roads of the village and then the concrete way take us first to Tzagveri, then to Bakuriani (35 km, 1,5 hr).

Overnight in Bakuriani.

Total length 210 km, driving time 8-9 hr.

Off road: 90 km, 4-5 hr.





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Day 2: Bakuriani – Tabatskuri – Vardzia – Akhaltsikhe

Today we start our morning by driving over picturesque Tskhratskaro Pass. If weather permits we'll be able to see the highest mount of the Great Caucasus mountain chain – Mt. Elbrus (5642). On top of the pass we find an isolated village by the lake Tabatskuri. This is a village mainly inhabited by local Armenians. We can have a stop to enjoy the views and later we continue our way to the Vardzia Cave town - one of the highlights of the trip. It stretches over half a kilometer along the river Mtkvari and has 19 tiers. There used to be about 3000 caves. It's got a church hewn out in rock with amazing 12th century frescos. The complex also includes dwellings quarters, small hall-type churches, refectories, wine cellars, pharmacy, etc. Continue to Akhaltsikhe along the main road.

Overnight in Akhaltsikhe.

Total length 170 km, driving time 5 hr.

Off road: 55 km, 2 hr.



Day 3: Akhalthikhe – Zekari pass – Kutaisi

One more beautiful day (if not the prettiest one) awaits us. We have a chance to enjoy truly fascinating views, virgin nature (Borjomi – Kharagauli reserve) and alongside enjoy driving on this off road.

We depart from Akhaltsikhe to Abastumani (29 km, 30 min). This is the salutary resort outstanding for its fabulous nature, air and for the first observatory in Ex-Soviet Union.

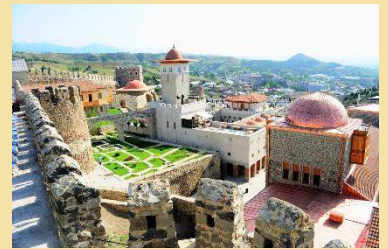
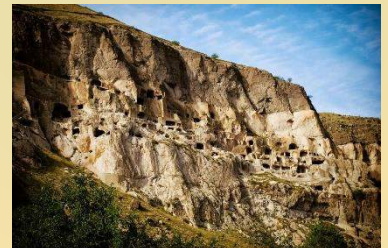
From Abastumani an unforgettable 3, 5 hr off road starts to Zekari Pass (2278 m). At first the road runs through the forest and then we drive up to the alpine zone where the gorgeous views amaze us. It takes 1,5 hr to drive up the Pass. The total length of the off road is 42 km, time – 3,5 hr. Reach resort Sairme and depart to Kutaisi (57 km, 1,5 hr).

Upon arrival we will see UNESCO World Heritage Site - Gelati Monastery and Academy. Later we will enjoy time at leisure in the center of Kutaisi, where we can also visit a colorful agricultural market.

Overnight in Kutaisi.

Total length 120 km, driving time 4,5-5 hr.

Off road: 40 km, 2 hr.



Day 4: Kutaisi – Zugdidi – Mestia

In the morning we get on our 4WD vehicles and take a journey to the mystical world of Upper Svaneti – UNESCO World Heritage Site. First half of our journey is absolutely flat but from Zugdidi we begin rather an impressive ascent through gorges mountains, dense forests and valleys guarded by gashing rivers.

Upon arrival in Mestia we have time to visit an impressive historical-ethnographic museum and enjoy leisure walk in this tiny town of 12th century towers.

Overnight in Mestia.

Total length 240 km, driving time 5,5 hr.

Off road: 0 km.





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Day 5: Mestia – Mt. Zuruldi – Ushguli

Drive up Mt. Zuruldi (2500 m.), with fantastic views of the Caucasus Mountains (Mt. Elbrus (5642 m.), Mt. Shkhara (5068 m.), Mt. Tetnuldi (4617 m.), Mt. Ushba (4700 m.), Mt. Shkhelda (3800 m).

Then a three-hour drive will take us to the highest permanently inhabited village in Europe – Ushguli (2200m). The village is most famous for its abundance of watchtowers and this is where you get the closest view of the highest mountain in Georgia – Mt. Shkhara (5068m).

Overnight in Ushguli.

Total length 55 km, driving time 4 hr.

Off road: 55 km, 4 hr.

Day 6: Ushguli – Lentekhi – Kutaisi

In the morning we drive to Kutaisi via Zagaro Pass and Lentekhi.

Arrive in Kutaisi and time to relax and enjoy a glass of beer.

Overnight in Kutaisi.

Total length 170 km, driving time 8 hr.

Off road: 80 km, 5 hr.

Day 7: Kutaisi – Gudauri

We have a transfer day ahead. Drive to Gudauri via Zestaponi, Khashuri and Gori. Once we turn on to the Georgian Military Highway we will soon reach Ananuri fortified church built on top of Jinali artificial lake. We stop for a short tour here and then continue via Pasanauri and the Cross Pass to Gudauri ski resort.

Overnight in Gudauri.

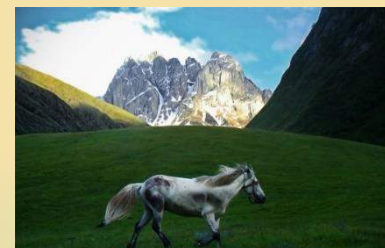
Total length 310 km, time 5 hr.

Day 8: Gudauri – Kazbegi – Juta – Gudauri

An adventurous day along the different gorges of the Great Caucasus Mountains – first we have a stop at a soviet mosaic dedicated to 200th anniversary of Georgia's and Russia's "Friendship", then we will stop on the highest point of the Cross Pass and see the cemetery of German captives of the World War II. As we descend we turn to Truso gorge and visit this half-deserted area; Continue to Kazbegi and drive up to Gergeti church to enjoy the breathtaking views. On our way back we can enjoy a trip to Sno valley and remote village of Juta – cut off from the rest of the country for 6 months by snow. Return to Gudauri.

Overnight in Gudauri.

Total length 170 km, driving time 6 hr. Off road: 75 km, 3 hr.





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Day 9: Gudauri – Mtskheta – Tbilisi

In the morning we drive to the ancient capital of Georgia – Mtskheta where we visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Svetitskhoveli Cathedral and Jvari Monastery. Legend tells that Svetitskhoveli houses the Robe of Christ.

In the afternoon arrive in Tbilisi.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

Total length 140 km, driving time 2,5 hr.

Off road: 0 km.

Day 10: Tbilisi – Departure

In the morning we have Tbilisi Sightseeing tour. During the tour we take you to the places that will show you old city. You can take a glance to the history of the city from early centuries to nowadays by walking in narrow streets of the city and exploring the religious and secular architecture. Here you find different religious buildings – churches, synagogues, mosques, as well as famous 19th century houses with wooden multi-coloured balconies. You visit the sulphur bath which made an unforgettable impression on Pushkin, Lermontov, Dumas. During the tour you enjoy the superb panoramic views of the Old city. This marks the end of the Old Town. Afterwards we visit the stunning treasury of the Georgian National Art Museum, before taking a stroll along Rustaveli Avenue – the main street in Tbilisi.

In the afternoon transfer to the airport and depart home.

