



Trekking in Khazbegi

Duration: 8days/9nights;

Mt. Kazbegi – an inspiration for poets and writers, steeped in Greek myths and Georgian legends. Climbing this beautiful perpetually snow-covered peak of the Caucasus is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

Arrival in Tbilisi, Transfer to the hotel

Day 1: Tbilisi

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

After late breakfast Tbilisi Sightseeing tour. During the tour we take you to the old city. You will be able to 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 will find different religious buildings – churches, synagogues, mosque, as well as famous 19th century houses with wooden multi-colored balconies. You visit the sulfur bath which made an unforgettable impression on Pushkin, Lermontov, Dumas. During the tour you enjoy the superb panoramic view of the Old city. This marks the end of the Old Town. Afterwards we visit the stunning treasury of the Georgian History Museum, before taking a stroll along Rustaveli Avenue – the main street in Tbilisi.

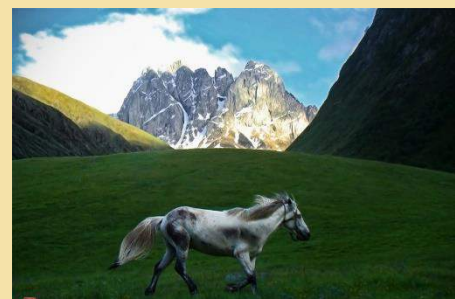
Day 2: Tbilisi – Mtskheta – Village Juta

We drive towards mountainous region – Khevi. En route visit to ancient capital and religious centre of Georgia – Mtskheta (3000 years old) and see its historical places: Jvari church (6th century) and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11th century) where the Robe of Christ is buried. Both Jvari and Svetitskhoveli are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We drive to the spectacular Sno Valley and the village of Juta (2165m) – cut off from the rest of the world during 6 months by snow.

Day 3: Village Juta – Mt. Chaukebi – Tetu peak (3210 m) – Village Juta

In the morning we start walking to our first peak on this tour – Tetu (3210 m). The landscape is wonderful and if there's good weather you can see Mt. Kazbegi and many snow-peaked mountains of the Great Caucasus chain making a very deep impression on you. If the weather is not good don't worry as you will find yourself in a mystical world of foggy mountains. Later we walk back to our camp.

↑1050 m, (walking time 7-8h).





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Day 4: Village Juta – Kazbegi

In the morning we drive to main town of Khevi region – Kazbegi. The drive takes around 1 hour from Juta to Kazbegi. From here you can see the stunning peak of Kazbegi (5047m). Today we have a free day to relax and get ready for the climb.

Day 5: Kazbegi – Meteorological Station

In the morning we start from Kazbegi (1700m) passing a tiny village of Gergeti to Gergeti Trinity church (2170m). You can enjoy beautiful views of Kazbegi town and surrounding Great Caucasus Mountains. Then we continue our way up to a meteorological station built in 1933, at 3680m. Total route Kazbegi-Meteo is 14km. 2000 m, (walking time 8h).

Day 6: Meteorological Station

Today we acclimatize to the altitude and take a stroll nearby the Meteo. We have to go to sleep early today as our climb begins at midnight.

Day 7: Up to the Summit – Meteorological Station

Early in the morning at 02:00 we begin the summit trip. The route is 12 km long and takes 9 hours. The western path is narrow and leads us to north-west direction. We reach the glacier from its south-west side. From here we can see the second summit of Kazbegi. And then starts a long, tiresome trek on snow and ice-covered mountain flank up to the middle of the glacier. Later the trek becomes easier but the last 100m are quite hard – here we have to climb. After we reach the top we come back to meteorological station.

↑1400 m, (total trekking and climbing time 13-14h).

Day 8: Meteorological Station – Kazbegi

After having enough rest we walk down to Kazbegi town and stay for overnight there.

Note: In case if you can't reach the Kazbegi summit previous day, we can try once more today and tomorrow we walk down to the town Kazbegi and then drive to Tbilisi.

↓2000 m, (walking time 4h).

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