

ONE DAY TRIP – MTSKHETA

DISTANCE: 80KM; (4hours)

MTSKHETA- One of the oldest cities of Georgia, it is located at the confluence of the Aragvi and Mtkvari rivers. Mtskheta was capital of the early Georgian Kingdom of Iberia during the 3rd century BC – 5th century AD. It was a site of early Christian activity, and the location where Christianity was proclaimed the state religion of Kartli in 326. Mtskheta still remains the headquarters of the Georgian Orthodox Church and for Georgians it's the second Jerusalem. Due to its historical significance and several cultural monuments, the "Historical Monuments of Mtskheta" became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994.



HIGHLIGHTS

JVARI MONASTERY- stands on the rocky mountaintop at the confluence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi rivers, overlooking the town of Mtskheta, Built in VI century is unique monument of Georgian architecture.

SVETITSKHOVELI CATHEDRAL- known as the burial site of Christ's tunic, has long been the principal Georgian church and remains one of the most venerated places of worship to this day. It presently functions as the seat of the archbishop of Mtskheta and Tbilisi, who is at the same time Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia.

SAMTAVRO - 11th century monastery complex, where the first Christian king Miriani and his wife Nana are buried.

In case of wish we can add following destinations: Shio Mgvime, Ananuri, Tbilisi city tour

