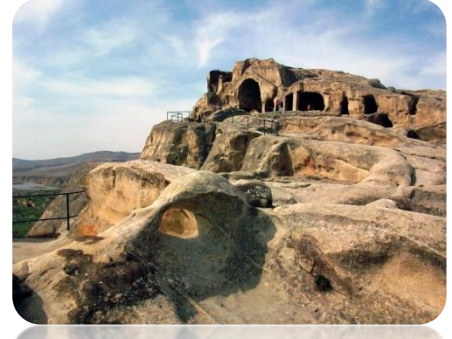


# Georgia

From wide spread vineyards to old churches and a watchtower, Georgia is the perfect canvas for travelers of every kind. Its ancient and complicated history has gifted Georgia with a wonderful heritage and an old world charm of its own. With such beauty to explore and so much history to absorb, Georgia will leave you asking for more!

Tbilisi, the capital city is a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious city on the crossroads of history, a city neither European nor Asian. Take a stroll along narrow cobbled streets, pass traditional old houses with carved wooden balconies, relax in the warm waters of the historic sulphur baths and visit some of the city's key historical sites. Explore the capital city of Tbilisi, historical & cultural town of Mtskheta & in Kazbegi drive through beautiful valleys and woodland on this tour!



## 1 Day: Airport (Tbilisi)-Tbilisi

Arrive in Tbilisi. Meet at the airport and transfer to Tbilisi.  
Overnight in Tbilisi.

## 2 Day: Tbilisi

Today we will explore the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi. Wander in the old districts of the city which are structured like terraces, as well as take a walk in the narrow streets to enjoy colorful houses, patterned balconies and wonderful samples of modern architecture. We will start the tour from Metekhi church (13th century) facing the magnificent views over old Tbilisi. A stroll along winding little streets takes us to the main sights of the city. Afterwards take cable cars up to the ancient Narikala fortress (4th century) to enjoy the panoramic views of the whole town and then walk down to the historical domed sulphur bath area- connected with the name of our city. Free time for shopping.

Overnight at a hotel in Tbilisi. (B)

## 3 Day: Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Uplistsikhe-Tbilisi

Today we will visit the ancient capital and religious centre of Georgia – Mtskheta (3000 years old) and see its historical places: Jvari church and impressive Svetitskhoveli Cathedral where the Robe of Christ is buried. Both Jvari and Svetitskhoveli are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Then drive to visit the town of Gori and its historical place: Uplistsikhe Cave Town (1st millennium BC). Uplistsikhe is the place where the Great Silk Road used to pass. This is an old and interesting complex with dwelling quarters, wine-cellar, bakeries, a three-nave basilica church hewn out in rock and even an antic theatre. Return to Tbilisi.

Overnight at a hotel in Tbilisi. (B)

#### **4 Day: Tbilisi-Gudauri-Tbilisi**

In the morning we drive up the famous Georgian Military Highway (leading to the Georgian-Russian border). On the way visit Ananuri architectural complex (17th century), the two churches and the fortress overlook the Zhinvali water reservoir. The carvings on the churches are one of the best samples of the Georgian art. The drive is very scenic through high Caucasus Mountains. Arrive in Gudauri ski resort and enjoy some free time. Then drive back to Tbilisi.

Overnight at a hotel in Tbilisi. (B)

#### **5 Day: Tbilisi-Airport(Tbilisi)**

Transfer to the airport and departure.

**Price:** US\$550 per person on twin sharing basis

#### **Inclusions:**

- 4 nights' accommodation in Tbilisi – 4\* hotel
- Daily breakfast
- A/C transportation
- English speaking guide
- Meals mentioned in the program
- Entrance fees
- 1 bottle of mineral water (0.5 l) per person per day

#### **Exclusions:**

- Travel insurance
- International airfare
- Visa fees
- Portage (1 USD per luggage)
- Meals and beverages not mentioned
- Any other services not mentioned above
- GST 5%

## Turkey

<https://www.partner.viator.com/en/4887/tours/Istanbul/5-Day-Istanbul-and-Cappadocia-Tour-including-Hot-Air-Balloon-Flight/d585-9398P266>

Itinerary:

### **Day 1: Istanbul, arrival**

On your arrival to Ataturk airport, our driver will welcome you with a sign your names written on. Then you will be transferred to your hotel.

### **Day 2: Byzantine Relics Tour**

Pick up in the morning and head directly to ST. SOPHIA which is an ancient basilica built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in 6th century. This old monument is wonderful and eye-catching. The second site we visit is SULTANAHMET Imperial Mosque which is built in 16th century and known as Blue Mosque due to its fascinating interior decoration of blue Iznik tiles. HIPPODROME is the next place to visit. This monument was a circus and was the sporting and social centre of Constantinople, capital of Byzantine Empire. After move on to the Grand Covered Bazaar, undoubtedly one of the best markets in the world in terms of age and dimension.

### **Day 3: Northern Cappadocia Tour**

Early morning hotel pick-up to take a flight from to Cappadocia. Then meet your guide and join Regional tour including the main attractions of Cappadocia. Visit Pasabag which is famous for the mushroom-shaped fairy chimneys with double and triple rock caps. Explore the lunar landscape at Devrent Valley; enjoy delicious lunch at a local restaurant and continue to the to Goreme open air Museum. There you will visit numerous rock-cut churches with incredible paintings on the walls and ceiling. Then drive to the old Greek village Cavusin, watch live pottery demonstration in Avanos town, enjoy spectacular views of Uchisar castle.

### **Day 4: Southern Cappadocia Tour & Hot Air Balloon Flight**

Early in the morning enjoy hot air balloon ride over scenic Cappadocia. Hot air balloon flight is an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Come back to your hotel and have breakfast. At about 9:30 am you will be picked up from the hotel for a Green Tour. Visit the famous Derinkuyu underground city. It is the deepest of the discovered underground cities in Cappadocia reaching the depth of about 85 meters. This multi-level underground city could accommodate approximately 20 000 people. After Derinkuyu explore Ihlara valley and Melendiz river. Ihlara valley is a 14 km long gorge made of the same soft volcanic rock found throughout the Cappadocia. Walk through the vineyards and pistachio trees, enjoy relaxing sounds of flowing water and all the way observe the rich fauna of an area. After hiking be ready for a delicious lunch at a restaurant over Melendiz river. Enjoy traditional Turkish foods cooked by the locals. The last place to visit is Selime Monastery, amazing huge fairy chimney. It is a must-see place while you are in Cappadocia because of its size and interesting structure.

### **Day 5: Istanbul, departure**

According to your flight time we will transfer you to the airport for your domestic flight to Istanbul.

Inclusions:

- 2 overnights in Istanbul Boutique style hotel with breakfast
- 2 overnights in Cappadocia Boutique style hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Cappadocia
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul
- Sightseeing Tours mentioned on the itinerary
- Airport transfers mentioned on the itinerary

- Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon flight
- Lunch on tours
- Entrance fees for sights and museums mentioned on the itinerary
- Professional English speaking guide