

Georgia - or Europe's balcony

6 days tour to the natural and cultural highlights of Georgia
27.APR 2020 - 2.MAY 2020

Possible to extend until 3.MAY 2020 and visit the Yerevan Wine Festival!

Georgia, also called the balcony of Europe, thrilled with its unspoiled nature, is rich of cultural treasures, is home of numbers of UNESCO world heritages and welcomes its guests with warm hospitality and heartiness. Tbilisi is a modern, vibrating metropolis while on the countryside life is still quiet. As a guest of local families we dive into the countries traditions and manners and get pampered from our hosts.

Our Services

- 5 nights in a double room in 3*+ or 4* Hotels
- 5 x breakfast from the buffet
- 4 x lunch with typical Georgian meals
- 3 x dinner with typical Georgian meals
- English speaking tour guide from F.I.T. Sporturlaub
- English speaking local travel guide
- All transfers in an air-conditioned bus
- Transfer Hotel Tbilisi - Airport Tbilisi
- Visit of a family owned winery and tasting of organic wines, made from old Georgian grapes
- Tasting of Georgian Wines in Kvareli
- Cooking lesson with a Georgian family
- Visit of a local artist, showing us the art of Georgian felt craft
- All entrance fees
- One bottle water per day

• If continuing to Yerevan

- Transfer to Yerevan
- 1 night in a double room in Yerevan
- 1 breakfast from the buffet
- Tasting glass for the Yerevan Wine Festival
- English speaking tour guide from F.I.T. Sporturlaub
- Transfer Hotel Yerevan - airport Yerevan

Not included in the price

- Air tickets
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips

Price:

from 859€/Person sharing the room, supplement for single room 210€
from 973€/Person sharing the room, supplement for single room 252€ with visit of the Yerevan Wine Festival

Number of participants: Min.10 guests, max.18 guests

Your Programm

Day 1, 27.Apr.2020: Batumi - Akhalzikhe - Wardsia

Meeting point for our six days tour through Georgia is the lobby of Hotel Colosseum Marina. After breakfast our bags get loaded on the bus and we take off for Akhalzikhe. After 165KM on sometimes adventurous roads and through picturesque landscapes we arrive at the capital of the province Samche - Dschawachetien. After a light snack we visit the powerful fortress Rabati, located high above the town, and enjoy a great view over the land around. Now its just another 60KM to reach our final destination for today, the impressive cave town of Wardsia. Built in the 12th century, the cave town accommodated up to 50.000 people, protecting them from attacking troops. After exploring the imposing sight we check in at Valodias guest house where will enjoy homemade cuisine from Valodias wife. *Overnight at Valodias guest house, -/-/D*

Day 2, 28.Apr.2020: Wardsia - Borjomi - Mzcheta - Ananuri - Stepantsminda

Today we are heading north to the Caucasus Mountains. The first stop on our trip is in Borjomi, an old spa village with was already famous during the soviet times. We stroll through the park and have the chance to taste the healing water right from the spring. Often you can see local dealers at the entrance of the park, offering homemade honey and other specialities. We move along to Mzcheta, the old capital and religious center of Georgia and an UNESCO world heritage. We will see the Dschwari church, built in the 6th century as well as the Swetizchoveli Kathedrale from the 11th century. After seeing the two churches and the town we are invited for lunch at at winery. Here the winegrowers are producing organic wines with traditional methods from old Georgian grapes and of course, we can taste those wines. Next highlight on our way to the North is the church of Ananuri, located picturesque at an artificial lake. Via Cross Pass and Gudauri, the road winds through the Greater Caucasus with it's steep towering mountains, some of them higher than 5000 Meters, to Stepantsminda where will stay overnight.

Overnight at Hotel Porta Caucasia, B/L/D



Day 3, 29.Apr.2020: Gergeti - Tbilisi

Today's first highlight is our ride to the Gergeti Trinity church, located 2.170m above sea level. If the weather is nice we will have a fantastic view on the highest glacier in the Caucasus Mountains, 5.170 m Mount Kazbeg. Next stop is at a craftswoman home where we will hear about the secrets of Georgian felt arts while we get pampered with tea from the mountains, jam made from rose petals and other homemade specialities. Today's lunch we prepare ourselves. We will learn from a Georgian housewife how to cook Khinkali and Chatsapuri. After that tasty meal we will head to Tbilisi, the vibrating and pulsating capital of Georgia. Check in at our hotel and we will start our guided city tour. The city hosts numerous sights, all easily reachable by foot. The rest of the day is free. We are happy to provide you with tips about the Georgian capital. *Overnight at Hotel Flex, B/L/-*



Mount Kazbeg



Strassenszene in Tbilisi

Day 4, 30.Apr. 2020: Tbilisi - Signagi - Mirzaani - Gombori Pass - Tbilisi

Today we pay a visit to Kacheti, the famous Georgian province for making wine. In the morning we drive to Bodbe, a nunnery from the 4th century, where it is said that the apostle Nino is buried. Afterwards we walk through the picturesque town of Signagi, which is surrounded with a double wall and 28 towers. The houses are built in south Italian style with typical Georgian elements. We are continuing our trip to the village of Kvareli where we again have the chance to taste some great Georgian wines. Via Mirzaani, the birthplace of the Georgian artist Niko Pirosmani, and the Dombor Pass we go back to Tbilisi. The evening is free but if you need any idea for having great dinner, we are happy to give you some ideas. *Overnight at Hotel Flex, B/L/-*



Day 5, 1.May 2020: Day trip to Dmanisi Sioni

A varied trip leads us to the impressive, prehistoric excavations of Dmanisi Sioni and to the ruins of the city of Dmanisi. On the way we will stop at the oldest Georgian church, the Bolnisi Sioni church, dating back to the fifth century. Dmanisi was a christian town on the ancient silk road located between Byzanz and Armenian and Persian marts. The town was built in the fifth century and was protected by a fortress. A path leads to the Sioni Basilika (7th century), scenic located on a volcanic plateau, right above the confluence of the rivers Mashavera and Phinezauri. In the afternoon we return to Tbilisi. The time until the joined dinner is free. On our last evening in Georgia we get to know the Georgian Polyphonie. It is unique in harmony and voice. *Overnight at hotel Flex, B/-/D*

Day 6, 2.May: Transfer to the airport Tbilisi or trip to Yerevan

For those of you not joining us for the Yerevan Wine Festival it`s time to say goodbye. Depending on your departure time we will arrange your transfer to the airport.

For all the others the journey continues into the Lesser Caucasus. The trip to Yerevan takes around six hours. The road winds through beautiful landscape and along the blue perle of Armenia, lake Sevan. The lake is one of the largest freshwater high-altitude lakes in the world. We stop at the monastery of Sevanawank, located on a peninsula. After arriving in Yerevan we check in at our hotel and head to the entrance of the Yerevan Wine Festival. At this festival, Armenian wine makers are presenting their wines and I can tell you, they do have some great wines. The wine tasting of course goes along with a rich variety of culinary specialities. *Overnight at hotel Royal Plaza, B/-/-*



Vie from the Cascades in Yerevan



Singing Fountains at the republic Square

Day 7, 3. May: Transfer to the airport

Today its`time to say goodbye for everyone. Depending on your departure time we arrange your transfer to the airport in Yerevan

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It would my pleasure to personally show you the treasures and beauties of this fascinating and gripping country.

Yours sincerely

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