

**Number of persons: 2**

**Dates: 26-30/07**

**Day 1 26/07**

**Arrival.**

**Transfer to the hotel.**

Check-in at the hotel at 14:00.

*Overnight in Tbilisi*

**Day 2 27/07**

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

**Tbilisi city tour**

Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, is situated in the Eastern Georgia Tbilisi has been the capital of Georgia since the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD. Its foundations have been laid by Vakhtang Gorgasali, a king of Kartli. A legend relates the foundation of Tbilisi with sulphur springs existing on its territory. According to a legend, Tbilisi has been an important town alongside the Silk Road. Westbound caravans from the East used to gather here, which carried Oriental and Occidental cultures. Ever since its very foundation, Tbilisi has been sort of a conglomerate of European and Asian cultures.

**Metekhi:** XIII C cross domed church built in traditional Georgian style, but is also somewhat anachronistic with its three projecting apses in the east facade and four free standing pillars supporting the cupola within. The church is made of brick and dressed stone. The restoration of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries mostly employed brick. The facade is for the most part smooth, with decorative elements concentrated around the windows of the eastern apses. Horizontal bands below the gables run around all four sides and serve as a unifying element. The north portico of the main entrance is not a later addition but was built at the same time as the rest of the church.

**Abanotubani** (“district of baths”) is the oldest part of Tbilisi. Baths built in the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries have been preserved there and function to this day. Their utmost merit is so-called “hot without fire” sulphur springs. Baths have existed on this territory already in the 27<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> centuries BC At different times the famous baths of Tbilisi have been visited by renowned European and Asian writers, poets, and even kings. Tbilisi baths represent an example of Islamic architecture.

After Visiting Abnotubani we will visit **Synagogue** which is located in the old part of Tbilisi.

**Narikala (by the cable car):** the old citadel of the town, main fortress or Kala, has been called Narikala since the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Sioni Cathedral:** One of the oldest churches in Tbilisi, the foundations of which were laid by Vakhtang Gorgasali. The church has been repeatedly destroyed and rebuilt, adopting its final appearance in 1657, although its restoration took place afterwards on several occasions. It is named after Virgin Mary, and is home to one of the greatest relics of Georgia – the cross of St. Nino, baptizer of Georgians.

**Rustaveli Avenue:** the first avenue in Tbilisi, the construction of which began in the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mayor’s Office, Parliament, Opera, Shota Rustaveli Theater and Kashveti Church are located here. **Here you will find buildings of Baroque, Moorish, classical and even Stalinist architectural styles, built in the different periods of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.**

Dinner in the traditional restaurant with folk show.

*Overnight in Tbilisi (B/-/D)*

**Day 3 28/07**

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

### **Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Kazbegi**

After breakfast we will drive to visit **Kazbegi**-the mountainous region of Georgia. On the way we will visit **Mtskheta** – the old capital of Georgia. On the way we will also visit **Ananuri fortress** , which overlooks on beautiful Zhinvali Lake. Up on arrival in Kazbegi, we will have go up to the **church of Holy Trinity**. (a little offroad trip)

Drive back to Tbilisi.

Dinner at the restaurant.

*Overnight in Tbilisi (B/-/D)*

### **Day 4 29/07**

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

#### **Tbilisi –Uplistsikhe –Borjomi**

After breakfast we will drive to visit the rock-hewn town – **Uplistsikhe**. After that we will visit Borjomi, which is on eof the resort town of Georgia. Up on arrival in Borjomi, we will visit **Borjomi Mineral water park**.

Drive back to Tbilisi.

Dinner at the restaurant.

*Overnight in Tbilisi (B/-/D)*

### **Day 5 30/07**

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

Check-out from the hotel at 12:00.

Transfer to the hotel.

Departure.

**Rate per person in DBL room: INR 36,000 PER PERSON**

#### **Rate includes:**

Private transfers from and to the airport

Private transportation

English speaking driver/guide service

Accommodation – Hotel Astoria (economy) <https://astoriahotel.ge/>

Breakfast at the hotel

3 Dinner at the restaurants (1 with folk show)

All entrance fees to the mentioned sites