

# Happy in Georgia

## **Day 1: Welcome to Georgia!**

Once you arrive at the Tbilisi Airport, you will make your own way to the airport. After having a little rest we will go for a traditional Georgian dinner in a local restaurant.

## **Day 2: Tbilisi Walking Tour, Wine Tasting, and Dinner with Dancing**

After breakfast, we will have a lovely stroll in the old part of the Capital city of Georgia. The old part of town offers a mixture of new and old architecture expressed with historical and religious legacies like (Metekhi church, Sioni cathedral, Anchiskhati 3 nave basilica, Juma mosque and etc.) beautiful cobblestone streets will lead us to beautiful monuments like Tamada and historical caravanserais of the old city, we will see ruins of Narikhala fortress on top of the strategic location of Capital. We will see and literally smell the reason why Tbilisi is called Tbilisi. The spot is known as Abanotubani and is full of hot springs and minerals. During walking, we will get introduced to Georgian wine culture and degustation wine in the building of caravanserai from 1650. After the lunch break, we will have a rest/free time and in the evening, we will gather around the dinner table in the restaurant (with a dance show program).

## **Day 3: Travel to Wine Region, Visit Nunnery and Town of Love, and More Wine Tasting!**

After breakfast, we will drive towards the Kakheti wine region. After an hour and 20 min. drive we will visit village Badiauri (a small authentic road village) where we will bake Georgian bread and try bread, cheese, and pickles. After this pleasant stop, we will reach Bodbe nunnery where we will speak about a lady who Christianized Georgia and is buried in the 9th-century temple in beautiful Bodbe nunnery. After this spot, we will have a lovely walk in the small town of Signagi (town of love) town which offers beautiful streets, local production, and amazing sights in Alazani Valley. After the walk we will visit Khareba Winery 7,7 kilometer tunnel inside the mountain that nowadays is

the biggest wine storage and high- standard winery in our country, we will degustation wine and have Churchkhela-making master classes in Khareba. After which we will go to our accommodation and help our hostess in the preparation of dishes to set Georgian dinner.

#### **Day 4: Telavi Farmers Market, Duke's Palace, Kakhetian Villages, and More Wine!**

After breakfast, we will visit the Telavi farmers market and see the local production after which we will go to local Dukes Chavchavadze's palace where we will go on an excursion inside of the beautiful palace and green yard after which we will degustation several glasses of wine. After this stop, we will head to Alaverdi monastery and see one of the biggest cathedrals from the 11-century nearby church we will degustation yogurt after which we will reach one of the Kakhetian villages Alvani where we will have weaving masterclasses, and along with handwork, we will degustation several locally produced several Jams. After the productive first part of the day we will visit a local family whose host is a famous „Qvevri” maker we will go on through an explanation of the entire process of qvevri making we will degustation Qvevri wine and chacha and enjoy late delicious local family lunch. After that, we will accommodate you in a local hotel in Kvareli. And have a dinner.

#### **Day 5: Drive to Lagodekhi, Picnic Lunch, and Wine Tasting**

After breakfast, we will drive to Lagodekhi and will have several hours trekking in the beautiful nature of the Lagodekhi protected area we will have a picnic lunch in a beautiful spot After satisfying activity we will drive toward Tbilisi, stopping in the local Kakhetian village for BIO wine degustation and finally we will reach Capital where we will have tasteful dinner and accommodate in Hotel.

#### **Day 6: Jinali Reservoir, Ananuri Fortress, and Gergety Trinity Church Hike**

After breakfast in the morning we will drive towards Stepantsminda we will see the beautiful Jinali reservoir on the road after which, we will stop near Ananuri fortress which is one of the most beautiful and well-preserved medieval late feudal castles in an amazing location. After explaining the

fortress and temple inside we will head farther to the north and visit the relationship monument of Georgia and Russia which is an amazing viewpoint on the river Aragvi Gorge. We will drive through Jvari Pass (2395m) and reach Stepantsminda via the road surrounded by alpine mountains and slopes full of streams. After reaching Stepantsminda we will have a masterclass and degustation of locally produced jams. After this relaxing activity, we will hike at Gergety Trinity Church which is the highest-located cross cupola church in Georgia. After the Gergety Trinity hike, we will accommodate in a local mountain Guesthouse and enjoy dinner.

### **Day 7: Juta Village and Hike in Mountains and Truso Valley with Jeeps**

After morning breakfast we will drive to Juta village (2200m) and start the short hike to see the mountain chain Chaukebi. We will have free time in this beautiful scenery and return back to jeeps. After that jeeps will drive us to Truso gorge, an amazing gorge of river Tergi which offers us deserted Georgian villages and fast-flowing river streams. We will reach the last Georgian village in the gorge called Abano, enjoy free time and picnic and return back to Stepantsminda accommodation.

### **Day 8: Visit Two UNESCO Sites: Mtskheta and Jvari Monastery**

After breakfast, we will drive towards the former Capital city of Georgia. We will see Jvari monastery (UNESCO legacy) on top of the mountain with unusual architectural principles and enjoy one of the mesmerizing views of the old capital Mtskheta (UNESCO legacy) with the confluence of two rivers. After the Jvari monastery, we will see the most important Cathedral of Georgians Svetitskhoveli (UNESCO legacy) which surprises with reliefs and frescoes from different time periods. After this religious historical day, we will reach Tbilisi and have a free evening in the Capital.

### **Day 9: Dezerter Bazaar and Farewell Dinner**

After morning's breakfast, we will see the Dezerter bazaar. After getting introduced to the original Tbilisian bazaar, we will have free time to open an air flea market where we can see a lot of paintings and antique stuff from Soviet period. After this part of the program, we will have free time for optional

Sulphur bathing. And we will conclude the tour with a farewell dinner in a Tbilisian restaurant.