

Trip to Georgia with St Gregory's Foundation, September 2025

8 days/7 nights, Dates: 15th – 22nd September

Book by 15th May with a £500 deposit: RBS, The St Gregory's Foundation, 12348109, 16-12-53. Reference: surname_Georgia 2025.

We have negotiated a better deal with with 5* Pine Astoria hotel in Tbilisi, meaning that the total price has dropped.

Package price :

Single occupancy: £1600 pp (based on group of 12 min)

Double occupancy: £1360 pp (based on group of 12 min)

Prices are subject to change depending on the final number of participants (max group of 25, on a first-come, first-served basis).

Included: Transfers, accommodation in 5-star **Pine Astoria** Tbilisi/4-star Holiday Inn Kakheti hotels, including breakfast; 6 lunches, 6 dinners, all excursions and entrance fees, comfortable transport, English speaking guide, all masterclasses (NEW), **wine harvesting experience in Kakheti – new and exclusive!**, wine tasting, donation to Mkurnali.

Masterclasses in Kakheti include:

- Baking Traditional Bread in a clay oven
- Making Khachapuri, Georgia's iconic cheese-filled bread
- Preparing Khinkali, Georgian-style dumplings filled with spiced meat or cheese
- Creating Churchkhela, a sweet snack made by threading nuts and dipping them in grape juice thickened with flour.

Excluded: Flights. Book your own return flight to Tbilisi early to avoid disappointment.

Download your booking form and our itinerary here: [Georgia trip 2025](#)

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Day 1: Early arrival at Tbilisi airport • Transfer to the hotel • 12:00 Tbilisi City Tour • Overnight in Tbilisi



Tbilisi City Tour takes you through the captivating capital of Georgia, where ancient history meets modern charm. Nestled in the heart of the Caucasus, Tbilisi is known for its diverse architecture, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. This tour offers a comprehensive look at the city's historical landmarks, cultural hotspots, and scenic beauty. Our excursion begins from **Maidan**, then continues up to

Narikala fortress via a ropeway from where you have a remarkable view of the city. Then we continue to **Abanotubani**, walk to the waterfall, then to **Samghebro, Shardeni, King Erekle Street** and **Freedom Square**. Then we move on to the **Bridge of Peace** and **Rike Park**. Visit the historic underground **Maidan bazar** where you can buy souvenirs and Georgian Products.

Day 2: Kazbegi; Ananuri, Gudauri Tour • Overnight in Tbilisi



Trip on Georgian Military Highway unique for its beauty to Jinali reservoir. Visit the ancient fortress **Ananuri**, (14th century) a picturesque **UNESCO** site. Then drive to **Gudauri**, mountain ski resort, on the slopes of the Great Caucasus Range, 2379 metres above sea level. From the Arch of Friendship, you will see amazing views of the mountains. Next point is the village **Stepatsminda**, in the mountain region of **Kazbegi**. Change transport to 4-by-4s to mount

Gergeti (2200 metres), and go to St Trinity monastery, (14th Century **UNESCO** site). You will see Kazbegi peak, 5047 metres high, the second highest peak in Georgia.

Day 3: Trip to Mtskheta • Overnight in Tbilisi



Drive to the first capital, **Mtskheta** (the city is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites). Visit **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral** (XI century; **UNESCO** site), where the robe of Jesus Christ is buried. The cathedral is the burial place of royal family Bagrationi and patriarchs of Georgia. Visit **Jvari** monastery (VII century; **UNESCO** site), there is an unforgettable view of two rivers meeting: the Mtkvari and Aragvi. **Transfer and dinner at Mkurnali's house.**

Day 4: Caves – Kutaisi, Prometheus Cave • Overnight in Tbilisi



Begin the day early in Kutaisi, Georgia's third-largest city and an ancient cultural centre. Stroll through the charming streets of Kutaisi's historic centre. You can see the Colchis Fountain in the main square, which depicts figures from Georgian mythology. Explore local shops, and grab a coffee at a nearby café.

Drive to Prometheus Cave, one of the most stunning natural landmarks in Georgia. The cave system is 1.2 kilometres long, and you'll walk through vast chambers filled with stalactites, stalagmites, underground rivers, and lakes. The colourful lighting inside the cave adds to the magical atmosphere.

Day 5: Signagi - City of Love and Bodbe Tour • Overnight in Kakheti



Drive to **Signagi**. The 'City of wine and love' is very appealing to those who are tired of hustle and bustle, and like everything lovely, cute and small. Walking through **Signagi**, you might feel you are in Italy - the architecture is similar to small Italian towns. Romantic cobbled streets, carved balconies, 24/7 marriage registration! There is a beautiful view of **Alazani valley**, the

motherland of wine. Walk on Signagi's impressive **fortress wall**, for spectacular views. Visit **Bodbe**, The Monastery of St. Nino, built in the 9th century.

Wine Harvesting Experience in Kakheti – new and exclusive! Participate in the wine harvest in Kakheti. You can pick grapes, learn about traditional winemaking methods, and even stomp grapes.

Day 6: Telavi tour • Overnight in Tbilisi



Stroll through the quaint streets of Telavi's Old Town, lined with traditional Georgian houses with carved wooden balconies. Stop by local markets to see the variety of fresh produce and regional specialties, including cheese, fruits, and spices.

Masterclass Activities in Kakheti:

During the masterclass, participants will be guided by experienced Georgian chefs.

Wine Tasting: After the meal, enjoy a guided wine tasting featuring local Kakhetian varieties, with the winemaker explaining the traditional Qvevri method of winemaking. This culinary adventure will not only allow you to discover the secrets of Georgian cuisine but also offer a deeper connection to Georgia's rich culinary and winemaking traditions, providing an unforgettable cultural experience.

Day 7: Free Day • Overnight in Tbilisi

Enjoy exploring Tbilisi on your own. Lunch and dinner are not included but we can recommend restaurants and cafes.

Day 8: Transfer to Airport

Extras:

- Visit the famous Sulphur Bath, Tbilisi, £72 (room for 1-6 persons. Pools with Cold and hot sulphur water, Finnish sauna, resting corner, WC, shower). Traditional peeling (KESSA), about £12 (10-15 min).
- Opera or ballet at the National Opera (tickets up to £28+)