

«Hugging the Hills and Smelling the Sea!»

Advantageous period:

May - October

Duration:

8 days / 7 nights

Each moment has its meaning.

And, this special moment begins here with absolutely different heartbeat.



Base tour route



This is a place, where the sun rests to let us admire all its glorious beauty and power. Pine resin and magnolia scent as well as cold shadow of centuries old plane tree and birds singing serenades make you feel like on heaven. And properly baked Ajaran khachapuri and coffee made on sands is a traditional local breakfast here. You can hear the lapping of the sea at every corner of the seaside town.

This trip challenges you to deepen into the energetic power of the sea and mounts. It allows you to enjoy the sea and mountain hills in a way to drive beauty and charm, treasure and taste, health and allure that happens only here in Adjara.

You can feel generous hospitality of Adjara, learn local mountain habits and traditions kept for many centuries, visit ancient stone cut towers and castles, which stand on 2200m from the sea bottom and which constructing mystery still remains unrevealed by the historians.

And, finally you will travel to the pearl of the Black Sea, my hometown Batumi. I am a true daughter of this land. I feel like I lived here when Jason together with the Argonauts sailed across three seas and arrived here to take the ancient Colchis' treasure the Golden Fleece. The sun is shining upon and warning me like it did many centuries ago. And the sea, though is called the Black Sea, keeps myths and legends about my brave people into its blue depth. I can't help but strongly believe in myths, I take a coin and throw it into the water with words, "I will definitely come back".









DAY 1

Arrival in Batumi

Airport transfer and hotel accommodation.

Seaside town Batumi is a harmony of the sea breeze and the sun. The deepest bay along the Black Sea shore welcoming cruise ships.

Lunch – "the properly baked" Ajaran khachapuri.

Batumi is a mysterious land of the Golden Fleece, once used to be a part of the Byzantine Empire, province of the Ottoman Empire, port of Russian Empire, seaside resort of Georgia – all that is tightly interlaced into Batumi history along with such prominent names as Noble, Stalin, Rothschild, Chekhov, Gorky, Yesenin...

Batumi Piazza with its beautiful tower clock is a Venice style square, where you can enjoy a cup of "Batumian" aroma coffee.

As you walk through the Old Boulevard allays you can feel breathing fresh air of oxygen cocktail enriched with salty sea and exotic plants aroma.

Dinner – Fish it's not a dish it's creature with a wish Taste the Black Sea gifts together with premium class wine or Ajaran alpine honey vodka at a Fish Tavern for special guests.

DAY 2

In the afternoon a trip to ancient for tress Gonio-Apsaros built by the Romans in the $1^{\rm st}$ century BC.

"Ajara in Miniatures" – visiting Kemal Turmanidze, founder of the first private Ethnographic Museum exhibiting local habits and traditions; all exponents are handmade by Kemal Turmanidze himself.

Tasting premium class and exclusive sorts of wine at Porto-Franco Restaurant; you will learn why vineyards are developed on 1200m above the sea bottom in the region.

You will visit and cross over the unique arch bridges dated back to the Golden Age of Georgia.

Dinner – fresh river trout, tasty roast meat, local dish "borano", and homemade blackberry compote at a hospitable Ajaran family generously offering traditional feast accompanied with local folk music.













DAY 3

Trip to mysterious Svaneti, a land of towers and legends, where you can still feel the Middle Ages era.

The tour stops at the Dadiani Palace in Zugdidi, Mengrelia, on the way to Svaneti. You can enjoy beautiful park and a small chapel within the palace courtyard. There is Mother Virgin's rob kept at the palace, and learn about Georgian noble family the Chavchavadzes and their relation with Napoleon.

Lunch – the Mengrelian cuisine.

Arriving to Mestia.

Accommodation and **dinner** at the hotel.



Mestia Tour

Unrevealing ancient legends and Queen Tamar's chronicles; they say the Queen is buried there.

Lunch and studying special recipe of flavored and delicious Svanetian spicy salt.

The unique Museum of Mestia, and thousand-year old church of Christ the Savior with magic icons.

An old Svanetian house with legendary ancient tower; You can try to go upstairs and enjoy fascinating view from the tower.

A shelter of the greatest mountain-climber "snow badger" of the 20th century.

Dinner - tasty and delicious Svanetian cuisine accompanied with "Perkhuli" local folk dance and song.



Jeep Tour to Ushguli

Ushguli is the highest settlement point in Europe (2200m above the sea bottom) enlisted into the UNESCO World Heritage.

Mineral water springs and Tower of Love.

The Museum of History sheltering ancient treasures of Svaneti and towers of Queen Tamar.













Lamaria, Mother Virgin's ancient church with thousand-year old authentic frescos.

Mighty and magnificent Mount Shkhara (5068m), and stunning mountain pass.

"Ushgulian Lunch" with kubdari (Svanetian khachapuri with meat) and Svanetian homemade apple vodka.

Returning back to Mestia, and **dinner** at the hotel.



Check-out and transfer to the Black Sea littoral.

Lunch at the best khinkali tavern on the way to the west.

Would you like beach or magnetic sands, or authentic design, fascinating landscape view from the overhanging rock cliff, or a glimpse of impressive atmosphere looking at exotic species of fish in the Black Sea through glass window?

We offer the most gorgeous resort locations of Ajara at your disposal, including a swimming pool flowing into the sea with the romantic poetry of waves crashing over the rocks!

Dinner at the hotel in a company of silent but a bit scary sharks.

Arrival to Shekvetili Resort and accommodation to the hotel upon choice:

Paragraph Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection

or

Castello Mare Hotel & Wellness Resort.

DAY 7

A day full of calm and relax; enjoying the sun bathing and revealing from all troubles; savoring rest and cherishing full comfort.

DAY 8

Airport transfer.

Lunch and a farewell toast on the way to the airport.



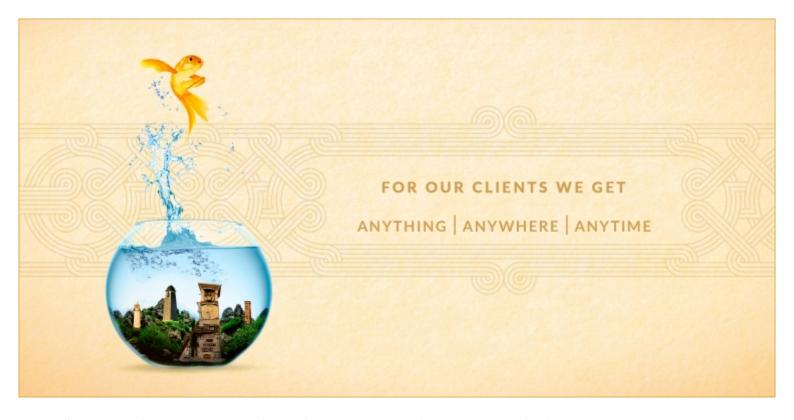








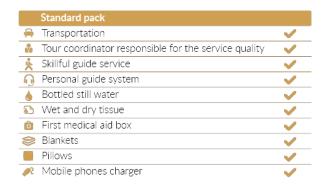




First of all, we want to draw your attention to the fact that one of our main advantages is personalized service.

Therefore, the format of our work consists of the constructor principle. Talking to you, according to your preferences for accommodation and air travel, we will promptly send you the full cost of this tour, and the base cost, excluding accommodation and air flight.

What includes in the basic cost of this tour for 8 days/7 nights?



Also:

- All tour excursions including museum entrance fees:The Gonio-Apsaros Fortress; The Prince Dadiani Palace in Zugdidi; The Ethnographic Museum in Mestia; The Museum of History in Ushguli;
- Eating at premium class star restaurants: 6 lunches, 6 dinners, coffee break;
- 3 glasses of wine (white or red upon choice) at lunch and 5 glasses of wine (white or red upon choice) at dinner per person;
- 3 shots of "right chacha" (home-made grape vodka) per person;
- Testing premium class wine by Porto-Franco;
- Folk music and dance accompaniment at dinner in Ajara and Mestia;
- Jeep rent;
- A basket of seasonal fruits on vans during excursion trips;

Children under 4-year are free.

Additional fee for:

4 - 12 years old children - 70% of full tour price Infant chair rent upto 12kg - 20\$, and upto 36kg - 35\$

