

Adventure Guide

Trekking in Svaneti_2019



Itinerary

Day 1: Depart UK

Day 2: Airport(Tbilisi)-Tbilisi

Arrive Tbilisi. No check in before 14:00

Afterwards we will explore the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi. Wander in the old districts of the city which are structured like terraces, as well as take a walk in the narrow streets to enjoy colorful houses, patterned balconies and wonderful Samples of modern architecture. We will start the tour from Metekhi church (13th century) facing the magnificent views over old Tbilisi. A stroll along winding little streets takes us to the main sights of the city. Afterwards we enjoy the panoramic views of the whole town and through the ancient Narikala Fortress (4th century) that we reach by cable car and find ourselves in the historical domed sulphur bath area connected with the name of our city. Overnight at a hotel in Tbilisi.

(B/-/-)



Tbilisi

Day 3: Railway(Tbilisi)-Zugdidi-Becho

In the morning we take a train to Zugdidi. Arrive at 2 pm and continue the rest of our journey to Becho by road.

Dinner and overnight at a family hotel in Becho.

(B/picnic/D)

Day 4: Becho-Etseri-Becho

From Becho we take a car to drive to Etseri village. From there we start walking. Mt.Ushba and Mt.Mazeri are continuously visible along the trail before reaching the pass. You'll enjoy fantastic views of the high Caucasus Mountains along the trail. Return to Becho. Dinner and overnight in Becho in a guesthouse with sharing facilities.

Distance 17km.

↑950m ↓1000m (walking time: 6-7 hours);

(B/picnic/D)

Day 5: Becho-Ushba waterfal-Mestia

In the morning we drive through the neighbouring villages of Mazeri and Shikhra and then start our walk through the woods to the foot of Mt. Ushba (4700m). A spectacular walk past the waterfall will bring us to the Ushba glacier. In late afternoon we continue our drive to Mestia – the centre of Upper Svaneti.

Dinner and overnight at a family hotel in Mestia.

To the beginning of the waterfall:↑↓ 650 m (walking time: 4-5 hours);

To the top of the waterfall: Distance 16-17km.↑↓ 1050 m (walking time: 6-7 hours);

(B/picnic/D)



Mt. Ushba

Day 6: Mestia-Mulakhi-Mestia

Drive to the village Mulakhi and start our walk towards Mestia. After going uphill (1870m) we descend to the beautiful valley full with flowers and have a view of Chalaadi glacier (2300m.) and Mestia valley with its watch towers. Visit Mestia Ethnographical Museum.

Dinner and overnight at a family hotel in Mestia.

↑320m ↓500m (walking time 4-5 hours)

(B/picnic/D)

Day 7: Mestia-Adishi

After breakfast we drive for about 45 minutes to the village of Mulakhi from where we begin our walk on the slopes of Mt. Tetnuldi. Today we may reach 2800m having beautiful views to Chaneri glacier, Mt. Ushba(4700m), Svaneti range with its highest peak Mt. Laila (4010m) and then walk down to the remote village of Adishi(2000m) where, even in summer mostly 4X4WD cannot drive to. There're only 5-6 families living in the village. They'll host us in their houses with traditional Svanetian hospitality and food.

Dinner and overnight at a guesthouse in Adishi (very basic facilities).

Distance 15 km. ↑930 m ↓380 m (walking time: 4-5 hours);

(B/picnic/D)

Note: It may happen that our car wouldn't be able to reach the village so travellers have to take their luggage (necessary for 1 night) with them. Hot water is available at the guesthouse. Toilet is outside the house.

Day 8: Adishi-Iprari

Today we walk to Iprari another remote village of Upper Svaneti. We walk on Chkhutnieri Pass (2720m) and have to cross a river. First we walk along the river and later on the paths surrounded by Rhododendron. Today we also pass the derelict village of Kalde.

Dinner and overnight at a guesthouse in Iprari (basic facilities).

Distance: 20 km ↑620m ↓800m (walking time 7-8 hours);

(B/picnic/D)

Note: If the river is rather high the traveler will have to get on a horseback to cross the river. Car reaches this village and will bring the rest of the luggage.



Adishi

Day 9: Iprari-Ushguli-Mestia

Today we walk to the village of Ushguli (2200m) the highest permanently inhabited village in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The village is most famous for its abundance of watch towers and this is where you get the view of the highest mountain in Georgia – Mt. Shkhara (5068m). Drive to Mestia.

Dinner and overnight at a family hotel in Mestia.

Distance 13 km. ↓175m ↑440m (walking time: 4 hr);

(B/picnic/D)



Ushguli

Day 10: Mestia-Tbilisi

Today a long journey awaits us. The driving will take approx.10hrs. In the evening arrive to Tbilisi. Overnight at a hotel in Tbilisi.

(B/L/-)

Day 11: Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Airport (Tbilisi)

Drive to visit the ancient capital and religious centre of Georgia–Mtskheta and its historical sights: Jvari Monastery (6th century) and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11th century)–both UNESCO World Heritage sites. In the evening drive to Tbilisi Airport for our international departure.

(B/L/-)

Price per person is based on 3* hotel accommodation in Tbilisi, family hotels in Becho and Mestia and guesthouses in Mulakhi, Adishi, Iprari and Ushguli.

10 – 14 - £750pp

15 – 20 - £700pp

Single supplement £110

Price includes: accommodation, meals as specified above, transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fees and 1 bottle of water per person per day.

Price excludes: International flights, insurance, beverages, meals not specified above and all other services not specified above.