

MSTKHETA EXCURSION

TOUR # 2

Destination:

THE CHRONICLES OF GEORGIA MONUMENT.

Located near Tbilisi Sea, the "History of Georgia" monument was created by the Georgian sculptor Zurab Konstantines dze Tsereteli. The monument chronicles Georgian history. The top part of the 30 meter tall columns feature kings, queens and heroes and the bottom part depict stories from the life of Christ.



Destination:

JVARI MONASTERY

The VI century Georgian Orthodox monastery is built on a hill opposite Mtskheta, at the confluence of Aragvi and Mtkvari rivers. Shortly after the adoption of Christianity, King Mirian III erected an enormous wooden cross on this site. In the 2nd half of the VI century Guaram, the ruler of Kartli, built a small church beside the Holy Cross. The church is included on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list.



Destination:

SVETITSKHOVELI CATHEDRAL

This Georgian architectural wonder dating back to the XI century has served as the religious center of the country for hundreds of years. The complex includes the church, a gate, a bell tower, castles, and clerical residences. The mantles of Christ and of the Prophet Elijah are both preserved in the Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. The tombs of Tbilisi's founder, King Vakhtang Gorgasali is also inside the building. The cathedral is included on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list.



Destination:

LISI LAKE

It is located at the 615-730 meters above the sea level. The Lisi Lake is one of the most popular recreational zones in Tbilisi. It is distinguished by its diverse fauna. The recreational zone includes jogging and bike paths, an open café, sport and playground facilities and the renovated beach for tan lovers. The surrounding place is perfect for picnics, also to relax and play with your children and friends.



**Destination:****SABADURI FOREST TBILISI NATIONAL PARK**

Tbilisi National Park situated just 20 km away from Tbilisi city center, capital of Georgia offers you various activities during all seasons. In winter, it turns into a magic world, where the snowy Sabaduri Forest awaits you! The wood is well-known all over the world, since it was plotted in different media tools.

In summer it is one the best place to escape from the heat, arrange picnic and just rest. Tbilisi National Park offers you camping areas as well, in order to enjoy weekend in beautiful nature. In autumn colors change in Sabaduri Forest and you have feeling as if you are watching the beautiful painting. While in spring the flowers and trees are blossomed and you are able to enjoy flourishing nature.

The following trails are arranged on the park area: 3 bicycle routes (simple, medium, difficult), one pedestrian and a horse-riding trail - Zedazeni – Didveli – Mamkoda, as well as 2 picnic, 2 camping areas and fire places. The hiking trail goes through Saguramo Ridge, where you can find a beautiful landscape views, diverse vegetation, and Zedazeni Church of VII-VIII centuries.

Destination:**GULELEBI TOWN STRAIGHT ROAD**

Pass by the beautiful straight road with beautiful trees in the sleepy town of Gulelebi. You can have a quick stop to take some amazing pictures.

Destination:**SIONI LAKE**

Another reservoir in Georgia, and often referred to as a lake by the locals, is Sioni Lake. Here you can swim, fish and camp anywhere you would like. The average depth of the reservoir is 25.4 meters (83 feet), and the maximum is 67 meters (220 feet). Sioni Lake is close to Tbilisi and is accessible either via Gombori highway or Tskvarichamia.

