



AMELIA STEWART TRAVEL

*Journeys for the curious*

# A TASTE OF GEORGIA

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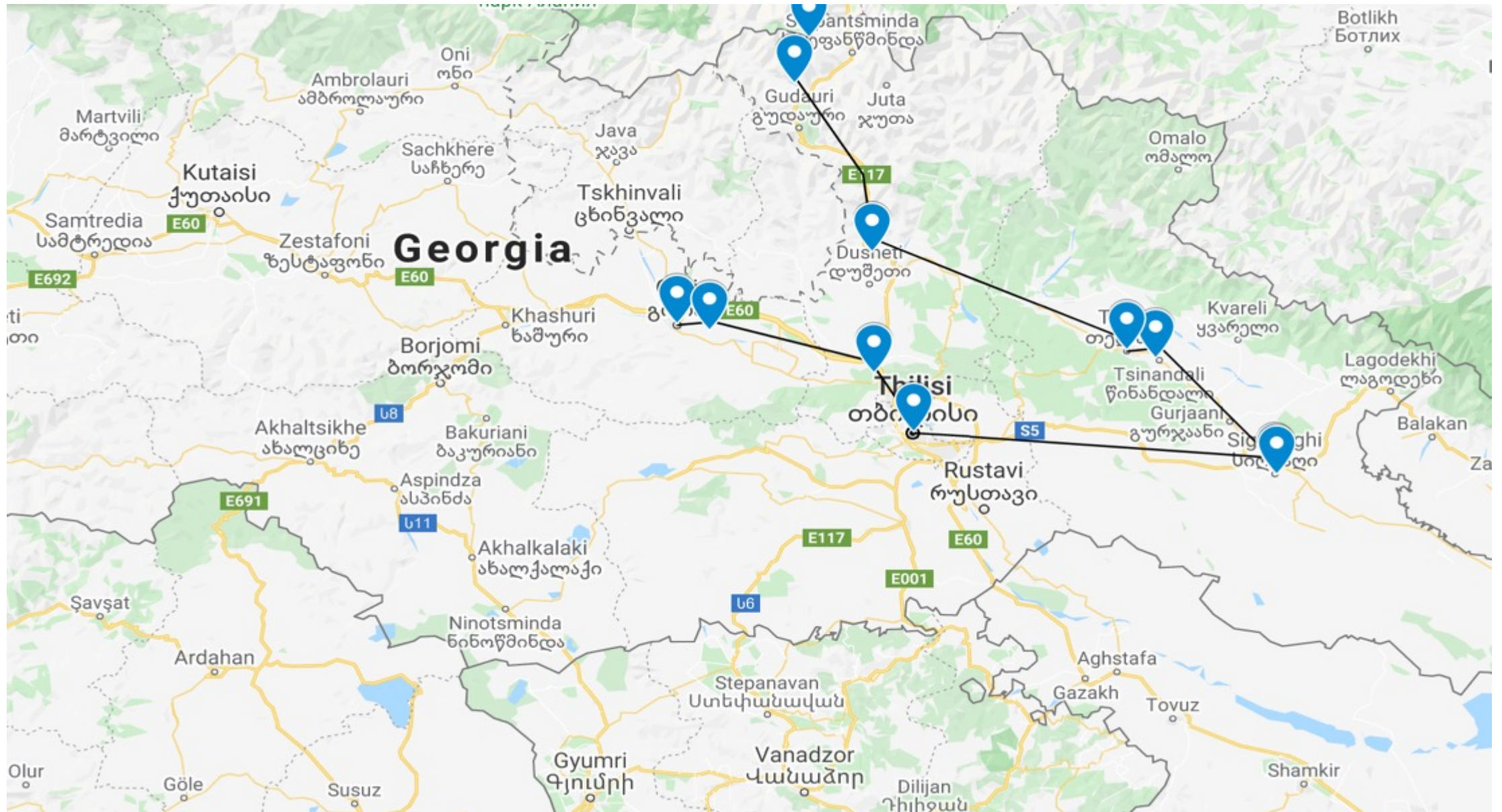


# Itinerary Overview

Date	Location	Accommodation & Room Type	Basis
Days 1 - 4	Tbilisi	<a href="#">Communal Hotel (or similar)</a>	B/B
Days 4 - 6	Telavi	<a href="#">Esquisse Boutique Hotel (or similar)</a>	B/B
Days 6 - 8	Kazbegi	<a href="#">Rooms Kazbegi</a>	B/B
Days 8 - 9	Tbilisi	<a href="#">Communal Hotel (or similar)</a>	B/B



# Map of route





## Tour Introduction

'WHEREVER WE HAD BEEN in Russia, in Moscow, in the Ukraine, in Stalingrad, the magical name of Georgia came up constantly. People who had never been there, and who possibly never could go there, spoke of Georgia with a kind of longing and a great admiration. They spoke of Georgians as supermen, as great drinkers, great dancers, great musicians, great workers and lovers. And they spoke of the country in the Caucasus and around the Black Sea as a kind of second heaven. Indeed, we began to believe that most Russians hope that if they live very good and virtuous lives, they will go not to heaven, but to Georgia, when they die. It is a country favored in climate, very rich in soil, and it has its own little ocean. Great service to the state is rewarded by a trip to Georgia.'

*John Steinbeck: A Russian Journal*

This tailor-made nine day tour of Georgia is indeed a little slice of heaven; an insight into a country with an extraordinary history and considerable artistic talent. The itinerary focuses on the east of the country but can be tailored to your specific interests. You will see spectacular landscapes, beautiful Monasteries and enjoy the nectar of an ancient viniculture. The late great chef Anthony Bourdain was particularly taken with the polyphonic singing which he described as '... Hauntingly beautiful and otherworldly – kind of like Georgia.'



# Detailed Itinerary

## Day 1

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### Arrive Tbilisi



Suggested Flights:

Turkish Airlines flies via Istanbul with good connection times – please ask for further details.

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.  
Depending on arrival time, we have plenty of suggestions for restaurants in Tbilisi.



Accommodation: Communal Hotel or similar : Tbilisi



## Day 2 –

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### Tbilisi (car and foot)

#### Highlights:

- Walking Tour with local guide through old town (or specifically tailored to your interests).
- Museums: The Museum of Georgian Fine Arts/The Janashia Museum of Georgia/Stalin's Underground Printing House Museum/The National Gallery/Georgian National Museum - there are plenty of excellent museums to choose from and your tour includes a visit to one.
- Lunch in an excellent Georgian restaurant.
- Evening meal at your leisure.



Accommodation: Communal Hotel or similar : Tbilisi





# Detailed Itinerary

## Day 3

Tbilisi – Mtshetka – Gori - Uplistike (Transfer by car/minivan)

### Highlights:

- The beautiful 11<sup>th</sup> century Svetitskhoveli Cathedral where you may hear polyphonic singing
- Jvari Monastery that sits on top of a hill in Mtshetka with spectacular 360 degree views.
- On to Gori, the birthplace of Stalin. Visit the historic museum and his train carriage
- Visit the cave city of Uplistike before returning to Tbilisi.
- Note: An alternative day tour to Davit Gareja is an option.



Accommodation: Communal Hotel or similar : Tbilisi



## Day 4

Tbilisi – Signaghi – Bodbe - Tsinandali – Telavi(3 hrs Transfer by car/minivan)

### Highlights

- Signaghi – See the paintings of Pirosmiani in the National Museum.
- Visit the Tsinandali Family Estate and wine cellar, that once belonged to the 19th century aristocratic poet Alexander Chavchavadze.
- Visit the wine estate of Tsinandali
- Visit the market of Telavi
- Lunch in a local restaurant



Accommodation: Esquisse Boutique hotel (or similar): Telavi



# Detailed Itinerary

## Day 5 – September 2021

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### Telavi – Kakheti churches (Transfer by car/minivan)

#### Highlights:

- Visit the beautiful Monastery complex of Gremi
- Visit Nekresi – a three church basilica c.9<sup>th</sup> C with views to a Zoroastrian temple.
- Meet Gia Togonidze - a professional artist.
- Lunch : Family owned winery. If your tour falls over September you will be able to join in the wine harvest.
- 6<sup>th</sup> c Alaverdi Monastery



Accommodation: [Esquise Boutique hotel \(or similar\): Telavi](#)

## Day 6

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### Telavi – Ananuri – Kazbegi (4.5hrs Transfer by car/minivan)

#### Highlights:

- Scenic drive up the Russian military highway
- Visit the impressive Ananuri Monastery complex
- Stop for lunch in Pasanuri
- Arrive into Kazbegi for a 2 night stay with time for a swim/relax and enjoy the incredible terrace at this beautiful hotel.
- Stargazing (hotel has a telescope)



Accommodation: [Rooms Hotel](#)







# Detailed Itinerary

## Day 7 – September 2021

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### Kazbegi – Gergeti Trinity church – explore Kazbegi

#### Highlights:

- Walk up to the stunning Gergeti Trinity church
- Picnic lunch if wanted
- Explore the town of Kazbegi
- Walking/horse riding in the area
- Enjoying the surrounds of Rooms Hotel

 Accommodation: Rooms Hotel

## Day 8

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### Kazbegi - Truso Valley – Tbilisi (4 hrs Transfer by car/minivan)

#### Highlights:

- Depart Kazbegi stopping in the Truso valley for a walk and picnic lunch before arriving into Tbilisi to enjoy your last night at leisure.

 Accommodation: Communal Hotel or similar : Tbilisi

## Day 9

- Free morning at leisure before a transfer back to the airport for your flight home. Suggested Flights: TBC





# Itinerary Cost

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£1600 pp (6 people)

£1795 pp (4 people )

£2000 pp (2 people)

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## Includes

- All transfers
- Professional driver and comfortable vehicle (minivan or car depending on group size)
- Professional knowledgeable local guide to accompany your tour (Apart from Day 9)
- All cultural tours as described
- All meals half board (Breakfast and lunch only – excl Days 1,9)
- Visit to a winery to incl lunch/tasting
- Accommodation in hotels as described (see p.3 for links to each)

## Excludes

- Single Supplement £560 pp
- International flights (we can either book these for you or suggest a reputable agency)
- Drinks during meals
- Gratuities
- Additional guides (payable on site)
- Additional activities (such as horse riding/hotel services)
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- PCR tests if required
- Visa (if applicable)



# Practical Information



## How to Book & Pay

Please complete and return the Booking Form. A 20% deposit will be required to secure your tour. This can be paid by bank transfer or credit card (credit card fees apply) and details are all on the booking form.



## Getting there

Turkish Airlines fly via Istanbul to Tbilisi from the UK. If you require help securing your flights please let us know and we can either book these for you or direct you to a reputable flight centre whom we work with so that you can make your own arrangements.



## Accommodation

The hotels listed are stylish 4\* hotels. If these are not available at the time of booking a suitable alternative will be found. If you would rather a different hotel let us know. Georgia has an excellent choice of good hotels in Tbilisi and some very good hotels outside of the capital.



## Guides & support

A knowledgeable professional local guide will accompany you throughout the tour apart from Day 1 and Day 9.



## Food & Drink

Lunches are included throughout the tour in our recommended restaurants with a visit to a winery as well. We can suggest plenty of restaurants for your evening meals should you wish.



# Practical Information



## Insurance

It's vital that you take out adequate travel insurance to cover this trip. [Campbell Irvine](#) are good as are [Allianz Direct](#)



## Visa requirements

At the time of writing there are currently no visa requirements for UK passport holders. We will detail any specific requirements if you are non-UK passport holder.



## Inoculation requirements

Please check the information on Covid entry restrictions for Georgia through the [GOV.UK website](#). Please ask us for up to date information regarding Covid and entry requirements.



## Weather

Early summer and Autumn are the best times to visit Georgia. May and June are good. July and August are busy and very hot in Tbilisi. September is a busy month for tourists so towards the end of the month is advisable. September and October see the wine harvest and beautiful Autumn colours.



## Tipping

Further information will be provided on the final documents sent out prior to departure.



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