

# Maison Marani

## Package 1

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL/TBILISI (-/-/-)

Arrival in Tbilisi International Airport, meetings and greetings, transfer to the hotel and check in.

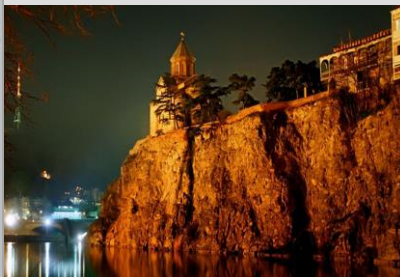
**Overnight in Tbilisi.**

### DAY 2: TBILISI CITY TOUR (B/-/D)

After breakfast start city tour of Tbilisi, first stop is **Holi Trinity Cathedral** – constructed between 1995 – 2004, it is the main cathedral of the Georgian Orthodox Church and the third tallest eastern Orthodox church in the world. After survey of the cathedral drive to Europe Square from where we will start our walking tour, visit **Metekhi Church**, dated 12thC. which is located on the rocky bank of River Mtkvari.

Continue to a cable car and ride up to **Narikala Fortress**, initially the fortress was established in 4thC., after few time it was expanded and was the main citadel of the city. From there we can overview the statue of **Mother of Georgia** and the **botanical garden**. Walk down to the Botanical garden, : it was first described in 1671 by the French traveler **Jean Chardin**. Tbilisi botanical Garden was officially established in 1845. After the Botanical Garden we stop near **Abanotubani** where **sulfur baths** are located, then we continue walking to **Sioni Cathedral**. It was initially built in the 6th and 7th centuries as well as **Anchiskhati Church**, which is the oldest church in Tbilisi. Walk through narrow streets to **Rustaveli Avenue**, main avenue of Tbilisi, there is located the former house of Parliament, theaters, the Opera House and museums. At the end of the city tour drive to the hotel for some rest, **20:00 Welcome dinner at traditional Georgian restaurant, taste Georgian wine.**

**Overnight in Tbilisi.**



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### DAY 3: KAKHETI – WINE REGION (B/L/-)

After breakfast drive to Kakheti – wine region, first we will visit Sighnaghi – Medieval city in the southern part of Georgia, settled since the Paleolithic period. Now it is called the city of love, with many couples going there just to get married. The town was developed (over earlier ruins) in the 18th century by King Erekle II. The town has wonderful views of the Alazani valley and the Caucasus beyond. The main section of the 18th-century wall runs along the town.

Afterwards drive to Bodbe monastery, it is one of the major pilgrimage sites in Georgia, due to its association with St. Nino, a woman who preached Christianity in Georgia in 4th C. She is buried in the Monastery.

Continue to a local family house to have a masterclass to learn how to make Georgian sweets – Churchkhela, then have a home-made lunch, after that drive to visit Tsinandali house museum of aristocratic poet Aleksander Chavchavadze, he built the Palace and designed the surrounding gardens, set the biggest wineries.

Tour of the museum and wine tasting. Survey the place and drive in the direction of the main city of Kakheti – Telavi, check in and have free evening.

Overnight in Telavi.



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### DAY 4: GEORGIA – WINEMAKING UNIQUE TRADITIONS (B/L/-)

After breakfast drive to visit a museum of wine jars and the studio where you can see the masterpiece of wine-jar making. Georgia is the oldest wine region in the world, wine production already counts 8000 years.

In 2013, UNESCO added the ancient traditional Georgian winemaking method using the Qvevri, clay jars, to the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.

After having been introduced to the winemaking tradition, drive to Twins wine cellar, have a wine tour and participate in baking Georgian bread. Have lunch and taste some sorts of finest Georgian wines. Enjoy one more hour in this wonderful place and drive to Tbilisi, check into a hotel and have a free evening.

**Overnight in Tbilisi.**



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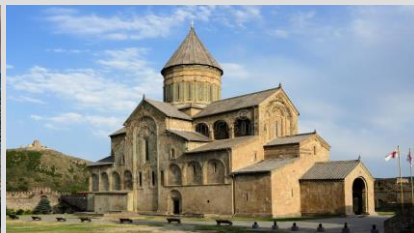
### **DAY 5: MTSKHETA – ANCIENT CAPITAL (B/-/D)**

After breakfast drive to **Mtskheta** -ancient capital and spiritual center of Georgia, it was a capital of the early Georgian Kingdom of Iberia from the 3rd century BC to the 5th century AD. It was a site of early Christian activity resulting in Christianization of Iberia, where Christianity was proclaimed the state religion in 337. Visit **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral** – the present structure was completed in the 11thC. although the site itself dates back to the early fourth century. Afterwards drive to visit **Jvari Monastery** (6th c.) situated on the top of a hill opening a fascinating view of the city. The entire city is in the list of UNESCO heritage sites. Continue to drive along the Georgian military road to the north, few stops: **Ananuri Complex**, a castle of local feudal dynasty and a perfect spot for photo shooting in Gudauri ski resort. Arrive to Kazbegi region – high Caucasus and have a free evening. Dinner at the hotel. **Overnight in Kazbegi.**

### **DAY 6: KAZBEGI – HIGH CAUCASUS (B/L/-)**

After breakfast start off road jeep tour, drive up to **Gergeti Trinity Church**, built in 14thC. The church is situated on the top of the mount, then drive to **Gveleti waterfall**, 1 hour trekking to reach the site. During lunchtime visit a local family, where you can have some rest and take in preparing a famous Georgian dish – **Khinkali** (Georgian dumplings), have lunch and taste some local traditional dishes. Continue to **Truso Valley**, the source of Tegril River is quite a mystical and spectacular place, worth hitchhiking and hiking if you happen to be in Kazbegi for more than a day. Truso valley is known for its mineral water springs, white/yellow travertines, a mineral lake with bubbles, towers of middle ages, most notably, the **Zakagori Castle**, villages on a very high altitude such as **Resi** (2350m). Upon return from the valley, back to the hotel and overnight.

**Overnight in Kazbegi.**



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### DAY 7: TBILISI – FAREWELL DAY (B/-/D)

After breakfast drive further to Uplistsikhe - literally, "the lord's fortress", in the VI-V centuries BC it was one of the most important cultural-political centers of Kartli Kingdom, and from the II century BC it became a typical Hellenistic town. Uplistsikhe was the important trading center and a flourishing town on the Silk Way. Afterwards visit **Joseph Stalin's hometown** – Gori, visit also the Museum of Stalin, finally, Continue to Tbilisi, check into the hotel and have some rest.

At 20:00 h Farewell Gala dinner at a traditional Georgian restaurant with folk show – Georgian songs and dances, which are quite unique in the world,

**Overnight in Tbilisi.**



### DAY 8: DEPARTURE (B/-/-)

Transfer to the airport for departure.



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## Package 1

### OPTION 1: 4\* PACKAGE

#### HOTELS OR SIMILAR

- + Tbilisi: 4\* hotel  
Radius, 4 nights,
- + Telavi: 4\* hotel  
Holiday Inn, 1 night,
- + Kazbegi: 4\* hotel  
Sno, 2 nights,

### RATES (PER PERSON)

#### NO OF GUESTS

- + 2-3
- + 4-6
- + 7-10
- + 11-14
- + Single  
room  
supplement

#### PRICE (CHF)

- + 1,550
- + 1,150
- + 960
- + 850
- + 300

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- + Accommodations as per list;
- + Transportation during all transfers & excursions;
- + Full day Jeep tour in Kazbegi;
- + Breakfasts included in the hotels;
- + Lunch in Kakheti local family;
- + Lunch in Twins wine cellar;
- + Lunch in Kazbegi local family;
- + Welcome dinner with Georgian wine;
- + Dinner at the hotel in Kazbegi;
- + Gala dinner at Georgian restaurant;
- + Masterclass to make Churchkhela;
- + Masterclass to bake Georgian bread;
- + Masterclass to make Khinkali;
- + Wine tasting in Tsinandali, Twins cellar;
- + Folk show;
- + Entrance fees: Tbilisi cable car (one way), Tbilisi Botanical Garden;
- + Tsinandali Museum, Clay jars museum, Uplistsikhe cave town, Stalin's Museum;
- + A bottle of water daily per person;

### OPTION 2: 5\* PACKAGE

#### HOTELS OR SIMILAR

- + Tbilisi: 5\* hotel  
Wyndham Grand  
Tbilisi, 4 nights,
- + Telavi: 5\* Radisson  
collection  
Tsinandali, 1 night,
- + Kazbegi - 4+\* hotel  
Rooms Kazbegi, 2  
nights,

- + 2-3
- + 4-6
- + 7-10
- + 11-14
- + Single  
room  
supplement

- + 1,950
- + 1,550
- + 1,350
- + 1,200
- + 500

