

Martvili and Okatse canyons from Batumi



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Overview

- We will follow the dinosaur traits in Sataplia National Reserve. Millions of years ago the dinosaurs were living here and their footprints are still preserved. If we follow their traits we will find ourselves in Martvili Canyon which reminds us of Tolkin's magical Rivendell with its waterfalls and clear turquoise waters.

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- Satapila Reserve located near Kutaisi has the area of 350 hectares, in which are trees, unique caves and rocks with dinosaur footprints. Sataplia cave is natural riverbed of the river Oghaskura. It was this river which helped to discover and enter the Sataplia Cave for the first time famous naturalist Petre Chabukiani in 1925. The temperature in the cave is constantly +14 C in winter and in summer. In the cave about 200 types of footprints were found of the grass eater as well as predator dinosaurs, which are imprinted in marl limestone. There is bio speleological museum in the reserve. The dinosaur footprints in Sataplia are a unique biological occurrence. In geological past when this place was sea coast (50-60 million years ago), dinosaurs have crossed the place and left their footprints. The footprints are in two layers which is a unique case.
- Martvili Canyon is located at the river Abasha. The length of the canyon is 2400 meter and the depth 20-40 meters. In the middle of the canyon is located 12 meter waterfall. Stoned bones of the animals living on the earth 75 million years ago is kept in the canyon, which makes it the third in the world discovery at the territory of which we meet huge amount of prehistoric animal bones. In some caves the signs of ancient humans were also found, their bones and leftovers. Moreover the bones of the extinct animals were also found, including the cave bear and bison bones.
- Martvili-Chkondidi Church was built in the 7th century – beauty of Georgian architecture. In the 10th century this church was pronounced as an episcopal cathedral by the king of Abkhazia Giorgi the II. According to “Kartlis Tskhovreba” king Bagrat the IV is buried in Martvili Monastery. Martvili Monastery was a place where the rewriter monks were living. Books were translated and written here. At western side near the main church is a tall column, at which columnist’s church-room is located. The last columnist monk working here was in the beginning of the 20th century. Martvili church with its sketch-map is quite similar to Mtskheta’s Jvari, but does not copy it.
- Amusement park Tsitsinatela is located in Shekvetili. Attractions in the park will bring joy to every child of different age. During the season about 300 hundred thousand people are visiting Tsitsinatela, from which the majority are the children. 36 amusement attractions are functioning in Tsitsinatela from which 8 is for the children, 17 family and 11 extreme. Here you also can visit gaming hall and labyrinth for the children “Happy Town” as well as bowling.

The visitors are served by two open-type pizzerias, coffee house, bar, etc.

Schedule

- Tour startin, Batumi
- Sataflia Nature Reserve
- Dinner
- Martvili Canyon
- Martvili Monastery
- AmusementPark Tsitsinatela
- Tour ending, Batumi

Tour includes

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- Transportation
- Qualified Guid Service
- Traditional Georgian Dinner
- Tickets
- For the kids under 6 tour is free of charge
- For the kids from 6 to 12 years tour fee is halfed

Additional Information

- Tour starts at 9 AM
- Tour lasts for 10 hour
- Please take into account that the temperature in the cave is +14 C
- Children under 5 are not allowed in the cave
- Whit additional payment it is possible to stroll in the cave with the boat
- Walking distance is 3km

Keep in mind!

In the case of force majeure (landslides, avalanches, floods, etc.), we act in accordance with the safety standards that will be dictated by authorized state institutions. Also,

we have the right to make changes to the tour. If these changes are unacceptable for you, you will receive 80% of the amount paid.

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- a) In case of notification of cancellation of the reservation at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the tour, only 80% of the canceled tour price will be returned to the tourist.
- b) In case of notification of cancellation of the reservation at least 4 days before the start of the tour, only 50% of the cost of the canceled tour will be returned to the tourist.
- c) In case of notification of cancellation of the reservation at least 2 days before the start of the tour, only 20% of the cost of the canceled tour will be returned to the tourist.
- d) In case of notification of cancellation of the reservation 48 hours prior to the beginning of the tour, the cost of the tour will not be refunded to the tourist.