

# Night Batumi



## Cultural sights, Natural sights Adjara

### Overview

- Batumi is attracting a lot of tourists with its beauty. Starting from ancient Greece era till today, Batumi was always in the center of attention. Fusion of its old and modern architecture as well as its relief makes it the pearl of the Black Sea. Regardless of its touristic and economic boom, Batumi still keeps its own character which makes it so attractive.

### Tour Description

## Important information

- Batumi Boulevard construction of which started in 1881 is one of the places Batumians are proud of. Its construction was appointed to the German gardener Reyes. After his sudden death in 1884 the construction was managed by Michael Dalfons. In historical sources he is mentioned as “kind genius of Batumi beach”. The construction of the boulevard has continued in the following years and is extended till this day. The length of the park is 7km and its area 103 hectares.
- Old city. Batumi has Ottoman and Russian features but its development started when it was the part of Russian Empery. In 1878 Batumi was nominated as “Porto Franko” (city with free economic zone status). This status had a great impact on the development of the city. The real estate prices rose, number of residents raised as well, new shopping centers, hotels and different kinds of manufactures had opened. Economic development affected local architecture as well.
- Chacha Tower/Fountain was opened in 2012. Its full height is 25 meter; main dome is located on the 25 meter height, other 4 domes at 5 meter height. The tower has big clock.
- Symmetrical sculptures of Ali and Nino are special for their movement. Figures move towards each other slowly and change position in every 10 minutes until they reach each other and entwine. After this inverse process starts. The statue is located in Batumi Boulevard and it represents main characters of Said Kurban’s novel, sculptor of “Ali and Nino” is Georgian sculptor Tamar Kvesitadze who lives abroad.
- Batumi bay is known for its deep water. It’s the deepest in the Black Sea after Sevastopol. The name Batumi comes from the Greek word Batusi which means deep. Batumi port was always an important sea gate during Russian Empire, Soviet Union and liberated Georgian periods. According to the historic data, during Russian Empire period, Batumi port was third in freight turnover after Petersburg and Odesa ports. Today Batumi port is of international significance and standards port.
- Neptune water fountain – made in mannerism style this monumental fountain is located in front of Batumi Drama theatre in square. Gold covered figure of Neptune with its godlike manner represents the ability of calming and controlling the water. The statue was installed in the square in 2011. It was covered with gold in 2011, figure made from brass was brought here from China and Chinese specialists took part in the installation of it. Its original version made in XVI century is located in Italian city Bologna, in the Neptune

square.

- Medea statue. It is thought that Kolkheti kingdom included Adjara as well. Medea was the princess who fell in love with Jason and helped him to steal the Golden Fleece. The couple ran away by the ship Argo, which is represented on the sculpture. According to the legend Medea was healer and pharmacist so the science was called Medicine in her honor. Gold covered fleece statue is considered to be the symbol of wealth, prosperity and connection of Georgia with European countries. The statue was installed in the European Square in 2007.
- Piazza square has become the symbol of Batumi. It is built on 5.700 m<sup>2</sup> and is unique not just its paintings, but also with mosaics and glazing pieces of art. The construction of piazza was completed in 2010. The chief architect of the square is Vaja Orbeladze and the author of the glazing – Estonian artist Dolores Hofmann. Piazza square combined the function of hotel, entertaining and cultural events. Piazza has been hosting events for such famous and great musicians as Placido Domingo, Chris Boti, Sting, Masy Grey. Michele Legrand and others.
- Building of the St. Nikolozi church was complete in 1865. As it's known delegation from Batumi with Jordane Metaksa as a head has given a present to the Turkish sultan after which they have delivered their humble wish to build Orthodox Church. This wish was granted. The church is built in Greek Orthodox Church style.
- Batumi Cable Car Argo, Cable Car is designed and manufactured by Australian company "Doppelmaier". The length of the road is 2586 meters, on which are constantly moving 9 cabins fitting 8 people at 5m/sec speed. One way can be covered in 10 minutes. The cable road stops' and attraction center's architectural design was developed in RTKL in London. Entertaining center Argo is spectacular complex located on Anuria Mountain, about 250 meters high from the sea level. Entertaining center offers unique views on the city, black sea and surrounding mountains. The center comprises restaurants, cafes, retail shops, open air halls, podium and roof terraces as well.
- The tour will end with visiting the Rustaveli Square at dancing fountains which was opened in the September of 1977. The project was developed by the specialist Abramian and the architecture was created by the architect team with G. Erkomaishvili as the head.

Schedule

- Pick up
- Batumi Boulevard
- Old Batumi
- Chacha Fountain
- Ali and Nino Statue
- Batumi Harbour
- Neptune Square
- Medea Square
- Piazza Square
- Nikolozi Church
- Rustaveli Avenue
- Dancing Fountain
- End of the tour

## Tour includes

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- Transportation
- For the kids under 6 tour is free of charge
- For the kids from 6 to 12 years tour fee is halved

### Additional Information

- Tour starts at 19:30
- Tour lasts for 3 hours
- Walking distance is 4 km

### 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.

## Cancellation

- 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.
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- 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.