

## Armazi (Armazi fortress)



## Natural sights

### Mtskheta-Mtianeti

Armazi is a locale in Georgia, 4 km southwest of Mtskheta and 22 km northwest of Tbilisi. A part of historical Greater Mtskheta, it is a place where the ancient city of the same name and the original capital of the early Georgian kingdom of Kartli or Iberia was located. It particularly flourished in the early centuries CE and was destroyed by the Arab invasion in the 730s.

Armazi castle in Mtskheta is situated in the roots of Armazi ravine. Castle dates back to XIII-XV centuries and consists of walls and towers, built with a piece of stones. Considering its scale and age, Armazi is one of the most important fortresses in the country. Currently, the remains of the fortress occupy 30 hectares. The fortress used to control the road to bordering countries beyond the Caucasus.