

Plan a one-day trip to Vardzia



Cultural sights Samtskhe-Javakheti

Overview

- Samtskhe-Javakheti is one of the historically and culturally valuable regions of Georgia, full of churches and monasteries, fortresses and rock-carved complexes. It is this land that adorns the centuries-old city of Vardzia, carved into the rock, which reveals to the visitor about the great past of Javakheti.

Why should you travel with us?

- Because this tour promises wonderful impressions. Not to mention the picturesque nature and the Sapara monastery wrapped by it, the city of Vardzia carved into the rock will send you to the distant past and you will clearly feel the uniqueness of the complex. Fortresses, towering here on the mountains, will create a sense of strength and security.

Tour Description

Important information

- The Sapara monastery complex is located on the land of the originally Georgian territory of Meskheta, 10 kilometers southeast of Akhaltsikhe. The monastery is located on the terrace of a high mountain, in a narrow gorge covered with forest. Leading to the temple, a quiet and picturesque gorge fills the visitor with positive emotions before the entrance to the temple. The monastery is an interesting monument of the X century, painting and frescoes of which convey interesting information to us. With the construction of the temple is associated not just one legend.
- Khertvisi Fortress is a medieval fortress located in Javakheti, in the village of Khertvisi, at the confluence of the Paravani and Kura rivers. From a high cliff the fortress to this day rises with old greatness above the villages. The fortress consists of a citadel and a fence. The fact that during the eastern campaigns of Alexander the Great in the 20s of IV century BC, along with other cities-fortresses of Georgia, he visited and Khertvisi, doubles the importance and value of the fortress.
- The fortress of Tmogvi is another sturdy fence and a clear example of the past greatness of Javakheti. The fortress is built on a high rocky mountain. Because of the peculiarity of the relief, the fences of the fortress are built at different heights. To the west outside the walls of the fortress, in the rocky ravine is carved church of St. Ephraim, with the iconostasis also carved in the rock. Remains of the second dome church preserved fragments of the 13th century mural, which makes the fortress and the church even more interesting and attractive.
- The city-fortress Vardzia, carved in the rock, is a precious pearl of Georgian history, culture and religion. Vardzia is a valuable creation of the Georgian people, which to this day enraptures the modern world society. The complex is

a monument of the X-XII centuries and includes 120 residential caves, 25 wine cellars, 185 vessels “kvevri” - these numbers clearly indicate its scale and importance. Vardzia for each visitor is associated with unforgettable emotions and impressions.

Schedule of the tour

- 07:45 - meeting place
- Departure to Javakheti
- Sapara Monastery
- Lunch
- Khertvisi Fortress
- Tmogvi Fortress
- Vardzia
- Dinner
- Return to Tbilisi
- The end of the tour

Tour includes

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- Planning - Coordination - Tour implementation
- Transportation on a comfortable minibus
- Two meals a day in a restaurant
- English-speaking / Russian-speaking guide services
- Entrance fee to the museum

Additional Information

- Distance covered by transport - one way 283 km
- Duration of the trip - in one direction is 3 hours.
- Period of the tour - spring - autumn
- Necessary equipment - comfortable shoes, glasses, means for protection from

the sun, personal first aid kit (if there is a need for special medicines), it is necessary for women to have a skirt and a headscarf with them.

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.
- 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.