

# Georgia Trek

Trek the Kazbegi National Park



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Hidden away for centuries behind the soaring, natural fortifications of the Caucasus Mountains – and more lately by an Iron Curtain – Georgia is a place little changed, little visited and full of undiscovered surprises.

If you feel inspired by towering mountains, plunging ravines and far-off peaks dusted with glittering white snow, you will love Georgia. This mountainous country is divided east to west by the Likhi Range. The Greater Caucasus Mountain Range forms Georgia's northern border, whilst the Lesser Caucasus Mountains guard its the southern borders.

Our 3-day trek takes us into the stunning Kazbegi National Park, located on the northern slopes of the mighty Caucasus Range, and its protected area covers a total of over 8,700 hectares. The mountain views are exceptional, including the mighty Mount Kazbek at 5,047m the third highest mountain in Georgia, and a mountain surrounded by myths and religious tradition.





# Detailed itinerary

## Day 1: Wednesday

Overnight flight from London.

## Day 2: Thursday

Upon arrival into Tbilisi we will be transferred to Kazbegi (approx. 4hrs). En-route we have the chance to visit Mtskheta, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site and the ancient capital of Georgia dating back to the 2nd millennium B.C. situated 20km from Tbilisi. In the early 4th century Georgian's accepted Christianity here.

We will visit Jvari Monastery (6th century) and Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11th century). After lunch in a local restaurant we continue the drive up the Serpentine Road and cross the Jvari Pass (2,395m) and then drive down to Kazbegi (1,700m).

Once at our hotel, The Alpine Lounge Kazbegi, we will meet our trek guides for dinner and have a full briefing about the challenge ahead.

Overnight in Kazbegi

## Day 3: Friday

### Chaukhi Mountains Trek

**Approx. 5-7 hours trekking**

**Altitude 1,700m-2,550m**

After breakfast we take a short 4WD transfer to the beautiful Sno Valley (approx. 30-40 minutes). Where we start today's trek at the top of Juta village (2,100m). It's a tough day but well worth it with stunning mountain views. Return to Kazbegi for dinner (vehicle transfer).

Overnight in Kazbegi.

## Day 4: Saturday

### Gergeti Holy Trinity Church and Gergeti Glacier Trek

**Approx. 6-8 hours trekking**

**Altitude 1,700m-3,000m**

After an early breakfast we start by trekking uphill towards the Gergeti Holy Trinity Church (2,150m), with incredible views of Mount Kazbek (5,047m). We continue climbing to the Sabertse Pass (around 3,000m) and will see Gergeti Glacier and the south eastern slopes of Mount Kazbek.

## Day 4: cont.

It's a tough day at altitude, but well worth the challenge to be rewarded with such spectacular views. We return to our hotel on foot in Kazbegi for dinner. (no vehicle transfer).

Overnight in Kazbegi.



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## Day 5: Sunday

### Gveleti Gorge and Truso Valley Trek

Approx. 5 hours trekking

Altitude 1,700m-1,600m-2,000m

We head to Dariali Canyon this morning, north of Kazbegi for a 2-hours trek to Gveleti Gorge and waterfall. In the afternoon we transfer to the beautiful and remote Truso Valley for our final 3-hour hike, before transferring back to Tbilisi for our celebration dinner and overnight 4\* Hotel.

Overnight in Tbilisi.

## Day 6: Monday

Free day in Tbilisi (project visit). Onward evening flight back to London.

## Grade

Moderate-tough

## Best time of year:

Late May and June

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*This itinerary is complex and subject to change*

