

Tailor-Made Itinerary – Maeva



* Introduction

Georgia, nestled between the Caucasus Mountains and the Black Sea, is famed for its ancient winemaking traditions and the warmth of its people—legend has it that guests are considered gifts from God. This sample program is tailored for Maëva, a solo traveler seeking to join a small group for a one-week adventure, with a preference for boutique hotels and a budget of €1160. The following itinerary is auto-generated based on local expertise, designed to offer inspiration and practical guidance for a first journey in Georgia.

* Why Georgia?

Georgia is a treasure trove for solo travelers who want to blend cultural immersion, dramatic landscapes, and convivial group experiences. Its compact size makes it ideal for a week-long trip, allowing for a balanced exploration of both city life and rural traditions. Boutique hotels are blossoming in Tbilisi and the wine regions, offering comfort and character. The country's diverse regions—from the cobbled streets of Tbilisi to the vineyards of Kakheti and the peaks of Kazbegi—ensure a rich variety of experiences, whether you're seeking history, gastronomy, or mountain air. Georgia's welcoming spirit and accessible logistics make it especially suited to joining a small group and meeting like-minded travelers.

* Custom Program

ಲೆ Day 1: Arrival in Tbilisi – Old Town Welcome

- Morning: Arrival at Tbilisi International Airport. Private/group transfer to city center (Private transfer: 30 min). Early check-in or luggage drop at boutique hotel.
- Afternoon: Guided stroll through Tbilisi's Old Town: explore the
 Abanotubani sulfur baths district, admire colorful balconies, and
 discover hidden courtyards. Introduction to the group over coffee at a
 local café.
- Evening: Welcome dinner with traditional Georgian cuisine and live folk music in a cozy restaurant.
- Activity Highlight: Old Town Walking Tour, Tbilisi A guided exploration of the atmospheric historic center, including the iconic Metekhi Church and the bustling Meidan Bazaar.

Hotel options:

- Stamba Hotel (Luxury, Vera) Industrial-chic design in a former Soviet publishing house, with a lively social scene and rooftop bar. From €140/night.
- Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel (Boutique, Rustaveli Ave) –
 Elegant, contemporary rooms in a prime location near the Opera
 House. From €100/night.

 Communal Sololaki (Boutique, Sololaki) – Intimate, artsy guesthouse with vintage décor and a homey vibe. From €80/night.

TIP: Early arrival? Book a private session at the historic sulfur baths for a relaxing start to your trip.

TIP: Taxis from the airport are best arranged in advance or via a reputable app for safety and fair pricing.

2 Day 2: Tbilisi – Culture & Gastronomy

- Morning: Walking tour of Tbilisi's modern and historic highlights: ride the cable car to Narikala Fortress, visit Metekhi Church, and browse the Dry Bridge flea market.
- Afternoon: Hands-on cooking class in a local home: learn to make khachapuri (cheese bread) and churchkhela (walnut candy).
- Evening: Free time to explore the city's wine bars or join the group for a rooftop sunset drink.
- Activity Highlight: Georgian Cooking Class, Tbilisi Prepare classic dishes alongside a local family and share a convivial homemade supra (feast).

Hotel options:

 Rooms Hotel Tbilisi (Boutique, Vera) – Trendy, design-forward hotel with a lively restaurant and garden terrace. From €120/night.

- Fabrika Hostel & Suites (Boutique/Design, Chugureti) –
 Converted Soviet sewing factory with creative co-working spaces and a vibrant courtyard. From €70/night.
- Hotel Stamba (Luxury, Vera) See Day 1.

TIP: Vegetarian and vegan options are widely available in Tbilisi's food scene; inform your guide in advance for tailored recommendations.

TIP: The Dry Bridge market is best visited in the morning for the widest selection of antiques and art.

್ರಿ Day 3: Kakheti – Wine Country Escape

- Morning: Group transfer to Kakheti wine region (Private transfer: 2h).
 Scenic stop at Bodbe Monastery overlooking the Alazani Valley.
- Afternoon: Visit a family-run winery: tour the qvevri (clay vessel)
 cellars and sample natural amber wines. Light lunch in the vineyards.
- Evening: Stay in a boutique wine hotel; group dinner with local specialties and wine pairing.
- Activity Highlight: Qvevri Wine Experience, Kakheti Discover Georgia's 8,000-year-old winemaking tradition with a hands-on tasting and cellar tour.

Hotel options:

 Schuchmann Wines Château & Spa (Boutique, Telavi) – Elegant wine estate with spa, pool, and panoramic vineyard views. From €120/night.

- Twins Wine Cellar (Eco-lodge, Napareuli) Family-run guesthouse with immersive wine experiences and rustic charm.
 From €80/night.
- Kabadoni Boutique Hotel (Boutique, Sighnaghi) Modern comfort with sweeping valley views, ideal for exploring Sighnaghi. From €100/night.

TIP: Harvest season (late Sep–early Oct) offers a chance to join grape picking and traditional pressing—request in advance for a unique experience.

TIP: Roads in Kakheti are generally good, but some wineries are reached via short gravel tracks—comfortable footwear recommended.

Day 4: Sighnaghi & Countryside

- Morning: Explore Sighnaghi, the "City of Love": stroll cobbled streets,
 climb the ancient city walls, and visit local art galleries.
- Afternoon: Optional cycling or easy hike through vineyards and villages. Picnic lunch or café stop in the countryside.
- **Evening:** Return to boutique hotel or opt for a rustic guesthouse for a more immersive rural experience.
- Activity Highlight: City Walls Walk, Sighnaghi Panoramic walk atop the 18th-century walls with sweeping views of the Caucasus and Alazani Valley.
- Hotel options:

- Kabadoni Boutique Hotel (Boutique, Sighnaghi) See Day 3.
- Lost Ridge Inn (Eco-lodge, Sighnaghi outskirts) Farm-to-table
 inn with microbrewery and horseback riding. From €90/night.
- Local Guesthouse (Family-run, Sighnaghi) Warm hospitality and homemade breakfasts in a traditional setting. From €50/night.

TIP: Sighnaghi is compact and walkable, but some streets are steep—comfortable shoes are a must.

TIP: For art lovers, the Pirosmani Museum offers insight into Georgia's most famous naïve artist.

್ರಿ Day 5: To Kazbegi – Into the Mountains

- Morning: Early group transfer via the Georgian Military Highway
 (Private transfer: 4h with scenic stops). Visit Ananuri Fortress and
 Gudauri panorama en route.
- Afternoon: Arrive in Stepantsminda (Kazbegi). Check in to boutique mountain hotel. Short acclimatization walk in the village or along the Tergi River.
- **Evening:** Group dinner with mountain views; sample regional khinkali.
- Activity Highlight: Ananuri Fortress Stop, Aragvi Valley Explore a
 17th-century riverside fortress with dramatic mountain backdrops.
- Hotel options:
 - o Rooms Hotel Kazbegi (Boutique, Stepantsminda) Iconic

mountain lodge with floor-to-ceiling views of Mount Kazbek and a chic alpine vibe. From €140/night.

- Porta Caucasia Kazbegi (Boutique, Stepantsminda) Modern comfort with spa and balcony rooms facing the peaks. From €100/night.
- Hotel Sno Kazbegi (Boutique, Sno Village) Contemporary
 design in a tranquil setting, 10 min from town. From €80/night.

ALTITUDE: Stepantsminda sits at 1,750 m. Take it easy on arrival, hydrate well, and avoid strenuous activity until acclimatized.

TIP: The Military Highway is winding; motion sickness medication may be helpful for sensitive travelers.

💖 Day 6: Kazbegi – Hiking & Highlands

- Morning: Guided hike to Gergeti Trinity Church (3h round trip, moderate; 4×4 jeep transfer available for comfort).
- Afternoon: Picnic with mountain views. Optional visit to Gveleti
 Waterfalls or local villages.
- Evening: Relax at hotel spa or join a group for a fireside chat.
- Activity Highlight: Gergeti Trinity Church Hike, Kazbegi Reach the iconic hilltop church with panoramic views of Mount Kazbek and the Greater Caucasus.
- Hotel options: Same hotel options as Day 5.

ALTITUDE: Gergeti Church is at 2,170 m; if hiking, pace yourself and watch

for signs of altitude discomfort.

TIP: Weather in the mountains can change rapidly—carry a windproof jacket and sun protection.

TIP: For a unique experience, arrange a horseback ride or longer trek to remote valleys with a local guide.

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- Morning: Leisurely breakfast. Group transfer back to Tbilisi (Private transfer: 4h), with scenic stops at the Russia–Georgia Friendship Monument or Jvari Pass.
- Afternoon: Free time for last-minute shopping or a visit to the National Museum of Georgia.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with the group in a lively city restaurant.
- Activity Highlight: National Museum Visit, Tbilisi Explore Georgia's rich history, including the famous Gold Room and archaeological treasures.

• Hotel options:

- Stamba Hotel (Luxury, Vera) See Day 1.
- Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel (Boutique, Rustaveli Ave) See
 Day 1.
- Fabrika Hostel & Suites (Boutique/Design, Chugureti) See Day
 2.

TIP: For late flights, request a late check-out or relax at a city spa before

your transfer to the airport.

* Customizable Options

- Private guide for art, history, or food-focused tours in Tbilisi.
- Wine harvest participation (seasonal, late Sep-early Oct).
- Wellness day: sulfur bath and spa experience in Tbilisi.
- Horseback riding or 4×4 adventure in Kazbegi.
- Cooking class with a local chef or family in the countryside.
- Photography session in the mountains or vineyards.

Practical Info & Budget

- Comfort: Boutique hotels throughout; group size typically 8–14 travelers.
- Indicative budget: €1160 per person covers mid-range boutique lodging (€80–€140/night), group transport, guided activities, some meals. Excludes international flights, personal expenses, and some dinners.
- Seasonal notes: Spring (Apr–Jun) and autumn (Sep–Oct) are ideal for mild weather and wine events. Summer can be hot in lowlands; mountain areas remain cool. Winter (Nov–Mar) brings snow to the highlands and some closures.
- Luggage: Soft bags preferred for ease of transfers; layers

recommended for mountain weather.

- Budget caution: Your budget is realistic for a small-group,
 boutique-focused tour, but may require flexibility on included
 activities or some meal choices. Upgrading to luxury or adding
 private excursions may increase costs.
- Included: Group transfers, accommodation, main guided activities, some meals.
- Excluded: International flights, some lunches/dinners, personal expenses, optional upgrades.
- To confirm: Exact travel dates and preferred season for best availability and group matching.

TIP: Bring some cash for rural areas; credit cards are not always accepted outside major cities.

TIP: Tap water is generally safe in cities, but bottled water is recommended in rural regions.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodation (7 nights, boutique	€700
hotels)	
Group transfers (all segments)	€140
Guided activities & entrance fees	€160
Meals (welcome/farewell dinners, 3	€90

lunches)

Wine tastings & cooking class	€70
Miscellaneous (tips, water, snacks)	€40
Total Estimated Cost	€1200

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