



Tailor-Made Itinerary – marie



TRIP OVERVIEW

Weather

20-28°C - Mild and pleasant weather
expected in September

Budget

€350 / person

Safety

Low Risk - Georgia is generally safe for
solo travelers; stay aware of your
surroundings.





Why Georgia?

- **Vibrant Local Life:** Tbilisi's neighborhoods blend modern techno culture, vintage shops, and lively food scenes.
- **Nature & Parks:** From the lush Caucasus mountains to serene national parks, Georgia offers accessible escapes into nature.
- **Budget-Friendly:** Accommodations and experiences are affordable, with authentic guesthouses and eco-lodges.
- **Meet Locals:** Georgia's hospitality is legendary; solo travelers are welcomed into homes, markets, and village feasts.
- **Unique Mix:** Explore politics, history, charity shops, and the intersection of old and new in a country at a cultural crossroads.



Custom Program – 7 Days in Georgia



Day 1: Arrival in Tbilisi – Urban Pulse



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Morning: Arrival at Tbilisi International Airport (TBS). Taxi (30min, ~€10) or metro transfer to city center. Early check-in at a central guesthouse or hostel.

- **Afternoon:** Explore Old Tbilisi: cobbled streets, sulfur baths, and the Bridge of Peace. Visit Dry Bridge Market for vintage finds, charity stalls, and local crafts.

Experience: *Dry Bridge Market & charity/vintage browsing* – Open-air flea market with Soviet memorabilia, vintage clothes, and

art. Free to browse; small items from a few euros. Duration: 1–3 hours.

- **Evening:** Dinner at a local eatery (e.g., Café Leila) with Georgian wine. Optional: Attend a techno night at Bassiani or Khidi (entry €10–20, check event schedules).

Experience: *Tbilisi techno night at Bassiani or Khidi* – Famous techno clubs, late night until early morning. Entry €10–20.

- **Highlight:** First taste of Tbilisi’s creative scene and vibrant street life.
- **Accommodation Options:**
 - **Fabrika Hostel & Suites** (creative hostel) – Marjanishvili district. Upcycled Soviet-era factory with courtyard bars, vintage/design shops, and co-working. Social hub, private rooms available. From €10–12 (dorm) or €50–90 (private room) per night.
 - **Sunny Hotel Tbilisi** (budget hotel) – Central Tbilisi. Locally run, quiet, walkable to cafés and nightlife. From €25/night.
 - **Typical Sololaki Guesthouse** (guesthouse) – Sololaki/Old Tbilisi. Family-run, restored wooden balconies, local/seasonal food, breakfast included. From €20–30/night.
- **Logistics:** Airport to city center: Taxi 30min (~€10), or metro/bus. Walkable neighborhoods: Sololaki, Old Tbilisi, Marjanishvili.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm arrival time, airport transfer preference.

TIP: Tbilisi is very walkable and safe for solo travelers. Use the metro or marshrutkas for a sustainable, budget-friendly city experience.

📍 Day 2: Tbilisi – Politics, Parks & Vintage



- **Morning:** Join a *Political & history walking tour of Rustaveli & Old Town* – Small-group tour focused on Georgia's political history, independence, and current issues. Duration: 2.5–4 hours. Tip-based "free tour" (€5–15).
- **Afternoon:** Stroll through Rike Park and up to Narikala Fortress (cable car, €1). Browse vintage and charity shops in Marjanishvili and Vera

districts.

- **Evening:** Drinks at a rooftop bar overlooking the city (e.g., Stamba Hotel's bar or Lolita).
- **Highlight:** Meet locals at the market and in small cafés.
- **Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.
- **Logistics:** All sites accessible by foot or short metro ride.
- **[To Customize]:** Add a political or social activism meet-up if interested.

TIP: Most museums and parks in Tbilisi are free or low-cost. Ask your guesthouse about local events or activism meet-ups.



Day 3: Day Trip – Mtskheta & Jvari Monastery



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Morning: Short drive or marshrutka (minibus) to Mtskheta (30min, ~€1–2 each way). Visit Svetitskhoveli Cathedral and Jvari Monastery (UNESCO sites).

Experience: *Day trip to Mtskheta & Jvari Monastery* – 4–6 hours.

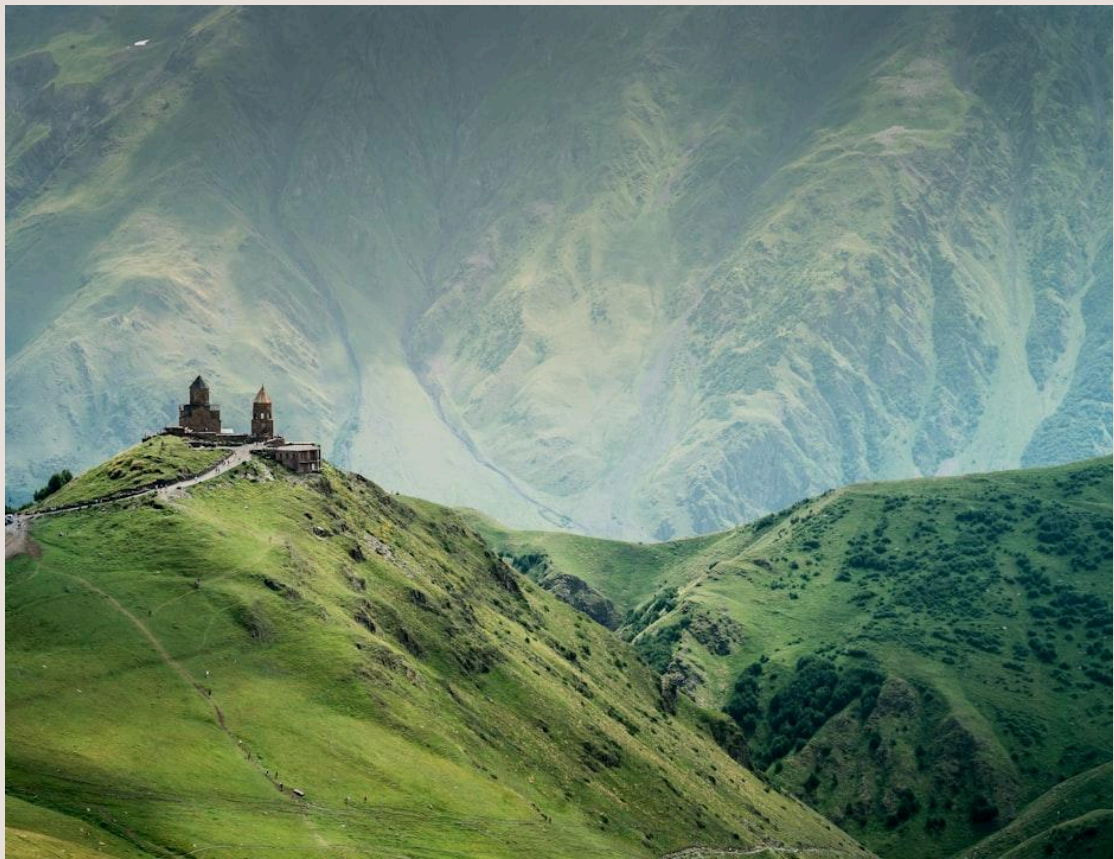
Marshrutka: €1–2 each way. Shared tour: €20–35 per person including guide and transport.

- **Afternoon:** Lunch in a riverside café. Return to Tbilisi; stop at local markets for snacks and vintage finds.
- **Evening:** Free time for night stroll or local music event.
- **Highlight:** Ancient spiritual sites and scenic river views.

- **Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.
- **Logistics:** Tbilisi ↔ Mtskheta: 30min by marshrutka or car. Public transport is the most sustainable and budget-friendly option.
- **[To Customize]:** Option for private guide or join a small group tour.

TIP: Using public minibuses (marshrutkas) for day trips is both eco-friendly and a great way to meet locals.

📍 **Day 4: Kazbegi – Into the Mountains**



• **Morning:** Early shared transfer or marshrutka (from Didube bus

station, ~3–3.5h, €5–7) along the Georgian Military Highway to Stepantsminda (Kazbegi).

- **Afternoon:** *Hike to Gergeti Trinity Church* – Moderate hike (2–3h roundtrip) or shared jeep (€5–10 per person). Enjoy panoramic Caucasus views.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a family-run guesthouse with local dishes.
Experience: *Village life & home-cooked meals* – Stay in a family guesthouse, eat khinkali, khachapuri, and local specialties. Dinner add-on: €6–10.
- **Highlight:** Mountain hospitality and starry skies.
- **Accommodation Options:**
 - **Red Stone Hostel** (hostel) – Stepantsminda. Simple, social mountain base, great for meeting other hikers. From €26/night.
 - **Guest House MK** (guesthouse) – Stepantsminda. Family-run, home-cooked meals, mountain views, quiet. From €17/night.
 - **Other local guesthouses** (guesthouse) – Stepantsminda. Private rooms with breakfast and dinner, home-grown produce. From €20–30/night.
- **Logistics:** Tbilisi to Stepantsminda: Marshrutka 3–3.5h, €5–7. Shared taxi/van possible if you want more comfort.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm hiking ability, weather preferences.

TIP: Mountain weather changes quickly. Bring layers and a rain jacket even

if Tbilisi is warm. Always check trail conditions before hiking.

📍 Day 5: Kazbegi – Village Life & Nature



- **Morning:** Optional: Join a local cooking class (ask your guesthouse) or visit a village market.
- **Afternoon:** *Short hike: Dariali Gorge or Truso Valley – 3–6 hours.*
Marshrutka/shared taxi to trailheads: €3–10. Guided small-group hike: €25–40 per person.
Optional: Horseback riding with local guides (1–3 hours, €15–30).
- **Evening:** Sample homemade chacha (local spirit) with hosts.

- **Highlight:** Authentic connection with rural Georgia.
- **Accommodation Options:** Same hotel options as Day 4.
- **Logistics:** All activities accessible from Stepantsminda by foot or short local transfer.
- **[To Customize]:** Add-on: Volunteer with local charity or community project (ask at guesthouse or in Tbilisi for current opportunities).

TIP: Choose guesthouses that provide home-cooked meals and support local families. Carry a reusable water bottle and pack out all trash on hikes.

Day 6: Return to Tbilisi – Modern Culture



- **Morning:** Return drive to Tbilisi (marshrutka, 3–3.5h, €5–7). Check in to a new guesthouse or eco-lodge for a fresh perspective.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Tbilisi's techno scene: visit art spaces (Fabrika courtyard, Artarea), or join a creative workshop.
Experience: *Creative spaces & street art* – Explore Fabrika's courtyard, small galleries, and bars. Free entry; drinks/workshops €5–15.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner at a contemporary Georgian bistro (e.g., Shavi Lomi).
- **Highlight:** Dive into Tbilisi's youthful, creative energy.

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- **Logistics:** Stepantsminda to Tbilisi: Marshrutka 3–3.5h, €5–7.

- **[To Customize]:** Suggest nightlife or live music options.

TIP: Many creative events and workshops are posted at Fabrika and Artarea. Ask at your accommodation for the latest happenings.

Day 7: Departure – Last Tastes of Georgia



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Morning: Leisurely breakfast at a local café. Last-minute shopping for vintage or charity items at Dry Bridge Market or local shops.

- **Afternoon:** Transfer to Tbilisi Airport (timing TBD based on flight).
Taxi: 30min, ~€10.
- **Evening:** Flight home (TBD).
- **Highlight:** Reflect on new connections and discoveries.
- **Accommodation Options:** Day use at guesthouse if late departure.
See Day 6 options.

- **Logistics:** City center to airport: Taxi 30min (~€10), or metro/bus.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm flight time and airport transfer.

TIP: Ask your guesthouse to call a licensed taxi for airport transfer. Tbilisi tap water is safe; refill your bottle before leaving.

Customizable Options

- **Upgrade to private guides** for city or mountain days (from €25–40 per day in Kazbegi).
- **Volunteer day** with a local charity or environmental project (ask at Fabrika or guesthouse for current opportunities).
- **Cooking workshop** in Tbilisi or Kazbegi (ask guesthouse; prices vary, typically €10–20).
- **Extend to Batumi** (Black Sea coast) for urban beach vibes (add 2 days; not included in this itinerary).
- **Nightlife focus:** Pre-arrange club tickets or music events (Bassiani/Khidi entry €10–20).
- **Eco-lodge splurge:** One night in a premium mountain eco-lodge (budget €50–90/night for a private room).

TIP: For the most sustainable trip, use public/shared transport and prioritize family-run guesthouses and local guides.

Alternative Options

- **Slow Pace:** Spend more days in one region (e.g., Kazbegi or Tbilisi only).
- **Budget Focus:** Use only hostels and public transport; skip private transfers.
- **Nature-Heavy:** Add Svaneti (requires longer trip, more hiking).

TIP: September is one of the best months for Georgia: mild weather, harvest festivals, and fewer crowds.



Practical Info & Budget

- **Best Season:** September is ideal – mild weather, harvest festivals, fewer crowds.
- **Health & Safety:** No visa for EU/US/UK; basic travel insurance recommended. Tap water in Tbilisi is safe; in rural areas, use bottled water.
- **Transport:** Marshrutkas (minibuses), trains, and taxis are affordable. Self-drive is possible with an international license, but public/shared transport is more sustainable.
- **Comfort:** Guesthouses and eco-lodges offer private rooms; most include breakfast. Family-run options support local communities and use local produce.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodations (6 nights: Tbilisi	€120–170

guesthouse/hostel €20–30/night,
Kazbegi guesthouse €17–26/night)

Meals (local cafés, guesthouse dinner, €8–15/day)	€56–105
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Transport (marshrutkas, local buses, shared taxis)	€30–50
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Experiences/Entrance Fees (tours, club entry, workshops)	€30–60
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Total Estimated Cost	€236–385
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- **Flights:** Not included; typical return from Europe €150–250 (to be confirmed).

TIP: Bring a reusable water bottle and bag; recycling options are limited in many areas. Conserve water and electricity in guesthouses.



Next Steps

- Please confirm your exact travel dates and flight preferences.
- Let us know if you wish to add a region, focus on a theme (nightlife, nature, charity), or upgrade any part of the trip.
- We'll refine the itinerary and secure the best accommodation and experiences for you!



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