



Tusheti National Park Trail

7 days / 6 nights / 6 days riding

Best airport : Tbilisi

Maximum weight 120kg



Embark on an extraordinary horseback adventure through the breathtaking landscapes of Tusheti and Khevsureti, two of Georgia's most remote and untouched regions. Follow ancient trails once traveled by traders, warriors, and nomads as you ride across dramatic high mountain passes, through lush alpine meadows, and along rugged river valleys.

Riding & level:

This ride is designed for experienced riders seeking an immersive escape into nature, perfect for those who are passionate about horsemanship and long for a genuine connection with the great outdoors. As you traverse rugged mountain trails and remote landscapes, you will be challenged both mentally and physically, requiring not only confidence in the saddle but also a good level of physical fitness to navigate the demanding terrain.

Expect long hours in the saddle that will take you through breathtaking vistas characterised by steep ascents and descents, rocky paths, and vibrant alpine meadows. Each day brings the thrill of exploring untouched wilderness, allowing you to witness the untamed beauty of Tusheti and Vashlovani in its most raw form. Whether you are crossing high mountain passes or galloping through lush valleys, this adventure is a feast for the senses.

Guides & group sizes:

Tato, a former diplomat, fell in love with Tusheti over a decade ago and never looked back. Leaving behind city life, he fully dedicated himself to Tusheti and Vashlovani, their people, and their traditions—not just as a career change, but as a calling.

A certified mountain guide with a lifelong passion for horses, he grew up riding through the mountains, learning every trail, river, and hidden corner. To him, horseback riding is more than just a mode of travel—it's a deep connection to nature and a way to experience the land as ancestors once did.

Tato now works alongside his wife, introducing travelers from around the world to the magic of Tusheti and Vashlovani National Parks.

Group size 4-15

The horses:

In Tusheti, Georgia, the primary horse breed is the **Tushetian horse**, a hardy and surefooted mountain breed native to the region. These horses are well-adapted to the rugged, high-altitude terrain, known for their endurance, agility, and resilience.

Tushetian horses are typically small to medium-sized, standing around **13.5 to 15 hands** high. They have strong legs, sturdy hooves, and excellent stamina, making them ideal for navigating steep mountain paths and river crossings. Despite their compact build, they are powerful and capable of carrying riders for long distances over challenging terrain.

These horses are known for their calm temperament, intelligence, and ability to handle rough conditions, making them the perfect companions for multi-day horseback tours through the breathtaking landscapes of Tusheti and Vashlovani.

Accommodation & meals:

Guesthouse Lasharai, a family-run retreat in Upper Omalo, offers a comfortable and authentic Tushetian experience. Guests stay in cozy rooms with stunning mountain views and enjoy traditional Georgian and Tushetian cuisine made from locally sourced ingredients. The guesthouse also features a café and shop with freshly brewed coffee, homemade wine, and local souvenirs.

As part of the trip you also have two nights camping in beautiful spots with mountains as the backdrop.

As part of the tour, travelers receive transportation from Tbilisi to Omalo and back from Khevsureti to Tbilisi, along with three nights' accommodation in Tusheti, a final night in a family hotel in Shatili.

Itinerary:

Day 1

Your adventure begins with an early departure from Tbilisi at 7:00 AM. Travel to Tusheti via the Abano Pass, stopping for lunch along the way. Upon arrival in Omalo, visit the visitor centre to explore a small museum and learn about Tusheti. In Upper Omalo, you can tour the Keselo Castle Towers before checking into the hotel for the evening. Dinner will feature traditional Tushetian and Georgian cuisine.

Day 2

After breakfast in Omalo, we ride to Shenako to visit its historic 19th-century St. George church. From there, we continue to Diklo Fortress, dramatically overlooking Dagestan, before reaching the remote village of Ageurta for dinner and overnight in a family guesthouse.

Day 3

Day 3 takes us on a 22 km ride (6–7 hours) from Ageurta over the Tutareki Pass (2,800 m), where sweeping mountain views unfold before us. From the pass, we descend into the quiet village of Chigo, before continuing on to Dartlo, renowned for its stone towers and UNESCO-recognized medieval architecture. We end the day with dinner and an overnight stay in a cozy guesthouse in Dartlo.

Day 4

After breakfast, we get on our horses and start following a steep ancient trail from Dartlo up to the hilltop village of Kvavlo. From there, we continue through the quiet hamlets of Dano and Chesho, before reaching Girevi, the last inhabited village before the wild highlands begin. Dinner and overnight stay await us in a family guesthouse in Girevi.

Day 5

Today is a long ride (7–8 hours), taking us across the dramatic Nakaicho Pass (2,900 m) with breathtaking alpine views. From the heights, we descend through the remote villages of Dadikurta, Verkhovani, and Jvarboseli, before reaching Alisgori, a settlement tucked deep in the Tushetian wilderness. We spend the night in a guesthouse or tented camp, with dinner served on arrival.

Day 6

After breakfast, we set out on a 5–6 hour ride (18–20 km), following a scenic trail through Beghela and across the Dochu Pass. The path leads us past Bochorna, officially the highest permanently inhabited village in Europe at 2,345 m. By evening, we return to Omalo, where dinner and a cozy guesthouse stay await.

Day 7

The following morning, after breakfast in Omalo, we begin the long drive back to Tbilisi (280 km, 8–10 hours). A lunch stop is included along the way before reaching the capital, marking the end of your Tusheti adventure.

Travel Checklist:

- ☐ Valid international passport
- ☐ Travel insurance
- ☐ Rain coat
- ☐ Pocket money (you can exchange money at the airport upon arrival)
- ☐ A sweater and a jacket
- ☐ 4-5 t-shirts or shirts. Long-sleeved shirts are best. (Take at least 3 long-sleeved shirts!)
- ☐ Riding pants or jeans
- ☐ Riding boots/shoes, with half-chaps or long chaps. (Your boots/shoes will get damp every day.)
- ☐ Cotton socks
- ☐ A spare pair of shoes for the evening

- ☐ Flip-flops/sandals
- ☐ Comfortable summer clothes/mountain wear
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ A small towel
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Mosquito repellent spray/lotion

Health

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<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/georgia>

Consult your doctor at least 8 weeks before leaving so that they can advise you on any vaccinations required.

National currency and tips

Georgian Lari (GEL) The Georgian lari is the official currency of the country of Georgia. It's most commonly converted to the US dollar. The currency code for the lari is GEL, and its sign is ლ.

You can leave tips at your discretion.

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