

Vardzia & Borjomi Private Heritage Tour

Day trip · 11–13 hrs · 2–4 guests · Easy difficulty · Best time: Apr–Oct · Max altitude: 1,300 m (Vardzia cave town)

A long day south-west of Tbilisi, in a private 4x4 with your own guide. Pickup at your hotel or the airport.

Your local host speaks English and Georgian.

PRICE

Total for the whole private trip. Runs for groups of 2 or more, no solo bookings.

2 guests	**€860**	€430 per person
3 guests	**€1,045**	€348 per person
4 guests	**€1,230**	€308 per person

One price for your whole private group. No hidden extras, no shared car.

Highlights

- Vardzia, a 12th-century cave town cut into the cliff, with its fresco of Queen Tamar
- Rabati Fortress, where a church, a mosque and a synagogue share the walls
- Borjomi's park and its mineral water, straight from the spring

Day by day

STOP 1

Rabati Fortress

Begin your journey with a private pickup from your Tbilisi hotel or Tbilisi Airport, then drive to Rabati Fortress in Akhaltsikhe, a fortress complex built up by Georgian princes and later the Ottomans. Walk through its ancient walls, towers, gardens, and courtyards, where Georgian, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Ottoman influences come together. The complex includes a church, mosque, synagogue, and minaret, all inside the same walls.

- Explore the medieval fortress complex
- Discover its unique mix of architectural styles
- Visit the church, mosque, synagogue, and minaret
- Enjoy views from the fortress

STOP 2

Vardzia Cave City

Continue to Vardzia. Carved into the slopes of the Erusheti Mountain during the 12th century, the cave city once held hundreds of rooms connected by tunnels and passages. Explore its ancient chambers and visit the Church of the Dormition, whose 12th-century frescoes include a portrait of Queen Tamar.

- Explore the ancient rock-cut city
- Walk through caves, tunnels, and chambers
- Visit the Church of the Dormition
- The story of Queen Tamar and the cave monastery

STOP 3

Borjomi Central Park

Finish the journey in Borjomi, a peaceful mountain resort surrounded by forests and famous for its natural mineral water. Take a walk through the historic Central Park and taste the water at the mineral springs before the drive back to Tbilisi Airport.

- Walk through Borjomi Central Park
- Taste the famous natural mineral water
- Enjoy the surrounding forests and mountain scenery

What's included

INCLUDED

- Your own licensed Georgian guide
- Private tour: only your group
- Private air-conditioned 4x4
- Local taxes
- Tbilisi airport pickup and drop-off
- Fuel
- Entrance to Rabati Fortress and Vardzia
- Water and snacks in the car

NOT INCLUDED

- Personal purchases (souvenirs, etc.)
- International flights
- Travel insurance

How hard is it? Easy

- Walking: No hiking: Vardzia is about 1–1.5 h on your feet, with steps, tunnels and narrow passages
- Driving: About 8 h in the car in total (Tbilisi to Akhaltsikhe to Vardzia to Borjomi to Tbilisi)
- Altitude: Highest about 1,300 m (Vardzia)
- A long day, and most of it is driving. We leave early and are back in the evening.

Meeting and pickup

Tbilisi airport pickup available.
When: We agree the exact pickup time with you when we confirm your booking.
We pick you up at Tbilisi International Airport, or from any hotel or address in Tbilisi, and drop you back at either at the end.
You choose the pickup point when you request the trip.

Cancellation

Free cancellation up to 70 days before departure. Cancelling less than 70 days before departure? There is no refund then, but you can move your tour to another date once, free of charge.

Book or ask a question

Send us your dates and group size, or book on the tour page.

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