

Cycling in Kakheti, East Georgia

1st day.

Early arrival to Tbilisi. Meeting at the Tbilisi International Airport with the tour guide.

Transfer to Telavi (the central city of Kakheti Region, East Georgia. 100 km eastern from Tbilisi).

Accommodation in hotel "Kakhuri Ezo".



2nd day.

In Telavi.

Easy cycling on flat terrain on asphalt road, 12-18 km.

Late breakfast.

After breakfast unpacking of the bicycles in the hotel.

Deliberation of the day-map with the tour guide.

Now you will hop your bike and spin slowly in and around Telavi.

During the day you can visit:

- King Irakli II (last king of East Georgia) palace;
- Local market;
- 900 years old huge plane tree (circle around 11,4 m)

After free lunch in the city you can cycle a little South (7 km) from Telavi to village Tsinandali and visit there Prince Chavchavadze's Palace (XVIII c) with beautiful garden around and nearby wine factory with impressive wine tanks and museum.

Return back to Telavi.

Free Dinner and overnight in Telavi.



3rd day.

Deep to the Kakheti villages.

Easy cycling on flat terrain asphalt road, 40-50 km.

After breakfast discussion of the day-rout with the tour guide.

In the hotel you will get packet lunch and you're ready to set off deep to the villages of Kakheti region.

On the way to village Ikalto you can visit local teacher's family. Not far away there're ruins of the Academy of XII c. Further on the way Alaverdi Cathedral (XI c) well known for its architectural beauty and location.

At the end of the day you'll arrive to village Kvemo Alvani (Down Alvani) where you can visit the local family manufacturer of handmade traditional Georgian carpets. If you decide to buy any sort of souvenirs on your way during the cycling tour the mini bus that accompany you all the way will carry these goods for you till the airport. Or if you decide we can arrange delivery of the goods directly to your home address.

Dinner and overnight in the village in local family.



4th day.

Deep to the Kakheti villages.

Easy cycling on flat terrain asphalt road, 50 km.

After breakfast discussion of the day-rout with the tour guide.

As soon as you get packet lunch you can start day tour to the hills of Great Caucasus.

On the way in village Napareuli you can visit Wine cellar with huge (8 m height) clay tank for wine.

Afterwards as soon as you pass river Alazani (Main River of this region) you'll arrive to Gremi Fortress (XVI c).

At the end of the day arrive to the small city Kvareli. Nearby you can visit beautiful Kvareli Lake and spin a little in the city.

Here you can visit also special wine tunnels under the hills of Great Caucasus (total length of the tunnels 8 km).

In all small cities of Kakheti region you can visit local markets where you can enjoy and buy wide range of different fruits and vegetables, apple and peach, grapes and pomegranate, tomatoes and cucumber. Prices for the products are very low in this region of Georgia.

Dinner and overnight in Kvareli in local family.



5th day.

Cycling alongside the hills of Great Caucasus.

Easy cycling on flat terrain asphalt road, 45 km.

Packet lunch.

After breakfast discussion of the day-rout with the tour guide.

All day long you'll cycle along the hills of high mountains.

The road is surrounded with the fields of fruit trees and vineyards.

Time after time on the way you'll meet herd of sheep and cows.

All local animals are happy for photo session with the guests. ☺

At the end of the rout you will arrive to small city – Lagodekhi.

Dinner and overnight in Lagodekhi in local family.



6th day.

Cycling in Lagodekhi Reserved Area.

Moderate cycling on Cycling in mountainous landscape 5-10%, 20 km.

Packet lunch.

After breakfast discussion of the day-rout with the tour guide.

All the day you will cycling into the wild forest up and down hills. In the forest you will visit beautiful waterfalls and unforgettable wild flowers.

Some of them blooming for your visit and some others just start arising from the ground. You can listen quarrel of wild birds and hear voices of the animals of the forest.

Dinner in Lagodekhi and overnight in the same family.



7th day.

To the city Signaghi.

Easy cycling on flat terrain asphalt road, 46 km from where last 7 Km cycling up the hill (5-7%).

Packet lunch.

After breakfast as in all previous days discussion of the day-rout with the tour guide.

From Lagodekhi cycle south to village Tsnori. Nearby from the village is located the biggest market in Kakheti region – Bodbiskhevi Market. This is typical oriental noisy and colorful market with any sort of products from agricultural to high tech.

From there you'll drive up the hill to reach small city of Signaghi located on the top of the hill. The city is just renovated and makes unforgettable impression with its old-style narrow streets and wonderful view on river Alazani valley ended with huge mountains of Great Caucasus.

Dinner and Overnight hotel "Galavnis Kari" in Signaghi.



8th day.

To Tbilisi.

Driving distance 100 Km.

Early in the morning after breakfast packing back in the boxes of you bicycles.

Afterwards drive to Tbilisi.

Lunch in Tbilisi.

After lunch 2 hours walking tour in Old Tbilisi.

Than free time in the city.

In the evening farewell dinner awaits in the local restaurant with traditional Georgian folk dance and songs.

Overnight in Tbilisi in Hotel "VIP".



9th Day.

Early departure to the airport.

Saying good bye with the hope