

Off Road Cycling to Mount Kazbegi Area (5 047 m)

Kazbegi → Juta → Gergeti Trinity Church

<i>Difficulty</i>	<i>Moderate</i>
<i>Tour Length</i>	9-10 hours
<i>Max Altitude</i>	2379
<i>Total Elevation</i>	positive: 400m negative: 500m
<i>Total ride distance</i>	35 km
<i>Obstacles:</i>	Challenging uphill to Gergeti
<i>Road:</i>	Gravel
<i>Vehicle support:</i>	yes
<i>Driving distance</i>	400 km



Highlights:

*Ananuri Castle;
River Aragvi Valley;
River Dariali Gorge;
Mt. Kazbegi (5.047 m)
Chaukhi waterfalls;
Gergeti Trinity Church*

Recommended equipment:

- Helmet
- Sunglasses
- Headwear
- Sunscreen lotion (SPF at least 30)
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- Rain suit
- Daypack



In the morning departure from Tbilisi to the direction of mount Kazbegi through Georgian Military Road. On the road there are many interesting places to visit.

First destination is Ananuri fortress (XVI C). The fortress is overlooking a large Jinvali lake. The characteristic architectural design of the late medieval period includes a fortress, two churches, an old watch tower, prison and civic buildings. The main church facade is beautifully carved with animal, floral and Celtic style patterns.

Next landmark on the way is skiing resort Gudauri that is located at 2200 m above the sea level. Resort offers high quality opportunities to the guests. The ski season lasts from December till April.

Along the Georgian Military Road there is located Cross Pass that is the highest point of the road. At an elevation of 2,196 m above the sea level. Here, 4WD car drives you up to village Juta (25 km from Stepantsminda). Juta is remote high mountainous village (2200m) with views on gorgeous Chaukhi mountains (3842m highest peak).

From the village starts biking with descend through river Sno valley surrounding by Great Caucasus range.

With your bike you'll pass Old villages, towers, waterfalls. On the way to village Stepantsminda there'll be remarkable view on mount Kazbegi (5.033 m).

The ride ends in Stepantsminda at the foot of mount Kazbegi. There you can choose either continue cycling up to the Gergeti Trinity church (XIV c) or drive up to the church by special 4WD car (Optional). The ride contains 6 km challenge of cycling up to the altitude 2.300 m (difference in altitude 400 m).

Gergeti Trinity church(XIV C) is distinguished with its location and beautiful scenery around as it is erected on the southern slopes of Mt. Kazbegi. From the church you can explore summit of Mount Kazbegi and enjoy wonderful panoramas on river Tergi and surrounding area.



Tour Package includes:

- Bicycle;
- English speaking cycling guide;
- Car with driver;
- hiring of 4WD car for village Juta;
- Petrol costs;
- A bottle of water per guest.

Tour Package doesn't include:

- Travel insurance;
- other equipment for cycling;
- lunches and dinners;
- Tips for the driver and guide.