

# David Gareja Monastery and Signaghi City

If you are in Georgia and decide to see the beauties of nature, historical cities, old churches and monasteries and Georgian traditions you must visit Kakheti. Kakheti (Georgian: კახეთი) is bordered by Russian Federation to the Northeast.



## Highlights:

- ❖ Davit Gareja Monastery;
- ❖ Bread Baking in village Badiauri;
- ❖ Bodbe Monastery;
- ❖ St. Nino's grave;
- ❖ Holy spring in Bodbe Monastery;
- ❖ Signaghi;
- ❖ High Defending Wall of Signaghi;
- ❖ Panorama of Alazani Valley.



The tour includes 4 important cultural monuments of Kakheti region Davit Gareja Monastery complex, village Badiauri, Monastery of Bodbe and city Signaghi.

Departure from Tbilisi early in the morning, to the direction of Gareja desert (driving distance 100km). Davit-Gareja is rock-hewn Georgian orthodox monastery complex. The complex was established in the 6<sup>th</sup> century by David, one of the thirteen Assyrian monks, who arrived in the country at the same time and preached the name of Christ. The monasteries are located in a semi-desert and consist of 19 religious buildings. The greatest monastery activity, but after the invasions of conquerors, the complex was destroyed and robbed. However, Davit-Gareja is one of the stunning historical-cultural monuments in Georgia.

Afterwards, drive to Sighnaghi 100 km away from Tbilisi. On the way short stop in village Badiauri. In this village you can see how Georgian bread is baked.

From Badiauri continue your way to Bodbe. Visit one of the most famous monastery in the Georgia, Bodbe Monastery, the holy place for Georgian people, because there is buried St. Nino, who brought Christianity in Georgia in the middle of 4<sup>th</sup> century. According to legend she had healing properties. The church acquired its current shape in the 9<sup>th</sup> century.

At last tourists will have an opportunity to visit Sighnaghi. Founded by the famous King Erekle II in 1772. Buildings in the city built in the style of southern Italian classicism with Georgian elements. Famous for its eponymous castle, this is included in the list of the most famous and largest forts in Georgia. The city is surrounded with high defending wall, 4 km in length. A few years ago, Sighnaghi was restored and constructed. Since then a lot of tourists have visited the city to enjoy the stunning panorama, which opens on Alazani Valley. The town's architecture is unique with old and the modern components. Today Sighnaghi has additional status: it is known as a "City of Love".

**What's Included:**

- Pick-up and drop-off at the hotel;
- Qualified guiding service
- Transportation in modern, comfortable and fully air-conditioned coach.

**What's Not Included:**

- Meals and Drinks.

**Availability:**

Live Guide: English, French, German, Italian, Russian

Duration: 1 Day