

# Ride Your Bike in the Great Caucasus

Tour Name: Ride Your Bike in Khevi.  
Best Season: Starting June through the end of September  
Max Altitude: 2600 meter high  
Total ride distance: 155 km  
Difficulty: Moderate hard  
Support by car: yes, luggage transportation.

*Please Note! Off-road cycling experience is recommended, a good level of fitness is essential. The trip cars are available to give lifts whenever people wish. This itinerary may be changed at the discretion of the guide depending on the weather conditions, physical ability of the cyclers and the trail options we decide together.*

## Recommended equipment:

Helmet  
Sunglasses  
Hat  
Sunscreen lotion (SPF at least 30)  
Long-sleeved shirts  
Long pants  
Rain suit  
Your own cycle!  
Cycle service components.

## Day 1. Arrival to Tbilisi

Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the hotel.  
Accommodation.

**Overnight:** Hotel or Guest House in Tbilisi

## Day 2. Tbilisi – Gudauri (transfer by bus)

**Sightseeing:** Metekhi Church, Narikala Fortress, Bath Quarter, Botanic Garden

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Road:** 6 km tarmac, 2km ground- gravel, off road trail

After breakfast unpack your own cycle and make it ready for the coming days trip. Leaving the cycle box where it was packed in the hotel. You'll find the box back here after the trip.

Little warm up bike tour in old Tbilisi and off road riding in botanical garden (8km) will ended with welcome dinner in Gudauri 100 km northern from Tbilisi where you arrive by either car or bus.

**Overnight:** Hotel or Guest House in Gudauri

## Day 3. Gudauri - Jvari pass - Truso Gorge – Arsha

**Sightseeing:** Truso valley old defence towers, mineral springs and lakes, Syoni church

**Approximate Ride distance:** 50km

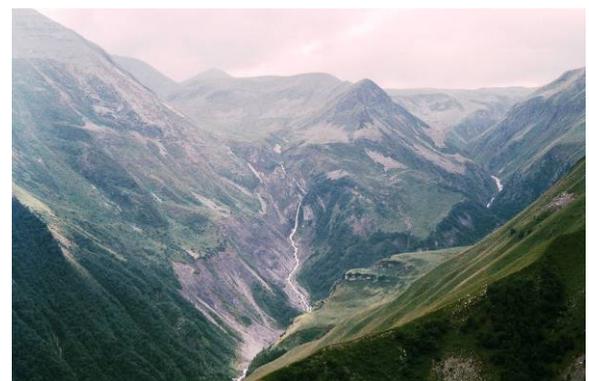
**Total Elevation:** positive: 600 m negative: 1000m

**Difficulty:** moderate hard

**Road:** 17 km tarmac, 28km ground- gravel 5km off road trail

Day starts with more than 200 m altitude gaining ascent on Jvari pass (2379m). On the way you can taste mineral water from the spring. After descend you'll follow beautiful valley of Truso guarded by old towers and face final big challenge of the day 300 m altitude rise on mountain pass(2300m) to get to mineral water lakes and springs, after crossing the river route is laid on rocky trail descent in Truso canyon. Final part of tarmac road is laid through Tergi river valley with old villages and towers all around.

**Overnight:** Guest house in village Arsha.



## Day 4. Sno river valley - Juta – Chaukhi - Juta

**Sightseeing:** Sno tower, Juta village (2200m),  
Chaukhi mountain range, alpine lake

**Approximate Ride distance:** 30 km

**Total Elevation:** positive: 900 m negative: 500m

**Difficulty:** hard (moderate)

**Road:** 18-20 km ground-gravel, 10 km off road trail

First part of the route is easy, laid through Sno valley followed by 300 m altitude ride up to Juta village (2200m). Last part is the hardest, which requires off road riding skills, you can choose to ride your bike or continue by walk, trails are muddy and rocky, maybe even snow, you'll be crossing river. Views are spectacular: Chaukhi mountain rocky peaks mixed with subalpine flowers and slopes with blooming rhododendron bushes and little crystal clear alpine lake. Max elevation 2600m.

**Overnight:** Guest house in village Juta.



## Day 5. Juta – Stepantsminda - Gergeti

**Sightseeing:** Kazbegi town, Gergeti trinity monastery

**Approximate Ride distance:** 35 km

**Total Elevation:** positive: 400m negative: 850m

**Difficulty:** moderate

**Road:** 5 km tarmac 30 km ground gravel.

Route starts with more than 20km descent to Stepantsminda (1.900 m) town continued with challenging climb to Gergeti church (2.170m). You'll have time for sightseeing of Mount Kazbegi (5.033 m) and city of Stepantsminda and enjoy Khevi cuisine.

**Overnight:** Guest House in Stepantsminda.



## Day 6. Stepantsminda – Devdoraki Glacier - Stepantsminda

**Sightseeing:** Dariali gorge, Devdoraki glacier, Gveleti waterfall

**Approximate Ride distance:** 30 km

**Total Elevation:** positive: 1100 m negative: 1100m

**Difficulty:** hard

**Road:** 14 km tarmac 16 km off road trails.

After easy descent in Dariali gorge on tarmac route follows off road trails up to Dariali glacier. You'll be passing by beautiful fields and little lakes. On the backward way you'll see big Gveleti waterfall Just 1,5 km from main road. Farewell dinner with free drink in Kazbegi.

**Overnight:** Guest House in Stepantsminda.



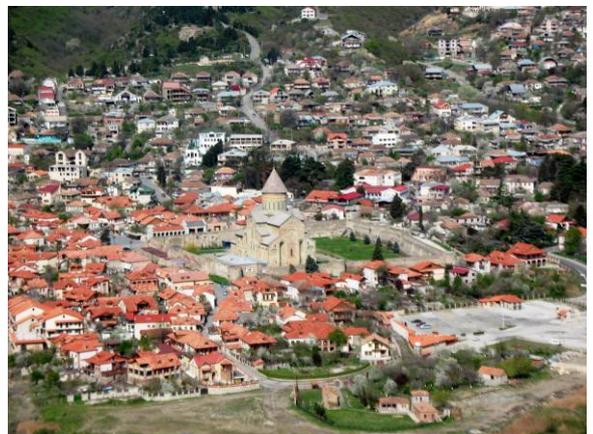
## Day 7. Stepantsminda – Mtskheta – Tbilisi

**Sightseeing:** Jvari Monastery (VI c), Mtskheta (UNESCO world heritage site list)

On the way to Tbilisi visiting ancient town Mtskheta.

Free second half of the day in Tbilisi. Time to pack up your cycle back in your cycle box for to the airport.

**Overnight:** Hotel or Guest House in Tbilisi



## Day 8. Departure

Early in the morning transfer to the airport and saying good bye with the hope to see you again in Georgia for new adventures.

### Service included in the tour package:

- Transfers to/from airport/hotel;
- Overnight in hotel or guest house with all facilities in Tbilisi and Stepantsminda;
- Overnight in guest house in villages Arsha and Juta;
- Half board  
lunch packet on the ride up in the mountains (days 3-6)
- English speaking tour guide;
- Assistance car all the way of riding;
- Welcome and farewell dinners (day 2 and 7)
- A bottle of water per day per guest;

### Services not included in the tour package:

- Travel insurance;
- Bicycle;
- Costs for repairing of bicycle;
- Meals other than included in tour itinerary.