

Kacharava Andro

Day trip to Mtskheta

31.08.16: Tbilisi-Mtskheta-Mukhrani-Chardakhi-Tbilisi

Today we visit the ancient capital and religious center of Georgia – Mtskheta and see its historical places: Jvari Monastery (6th century) and impressive Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (11th century) where the Robe of Christ is buried. Both Jvari and Svetitskhoveli are UNESCO World Heritage sites. Coffee break in Mtskheta.

Afterwards we visit "Chateau Mukhrani" which dates back to the 16th century. Here still stands the local duke's palace, as well as possible to see old, historical wine cellars which combine of 60 000 barrels of wine. We will taste the top quality local wines, which are famous for being produced by the unique combination of Georgian traditional and world renowned major methods of wine making.

Afterwards we visit "Iago's wine cellar" in the village of Chardakhi where we taste unique BIO wines produced by traditional Georgian method in Kvevri. (This method is inscribed in UNESCO intangible heritage list). It's noteworthy that you can find this wine in the list of unique wines of hotel Ritz in London. Our host will show us how Georgian bread is baked and Georgian sweet Churchkhela is made. Lunch in the wine cellar with delicious Georgian dishes and folklore.

Drive back to Tbilisi.

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Program Schedule

10:00 Drive to Mtskheta

10:30 Visit the Jvari church (45 min)

11:30 Visit the Svetitskhoveli cathedral (1,5 hour)

13:00 Coffee break (1 hour)

14:30 Wine tasting at Chateau Mukhrani (1,5 hour)

16:30 lunch, wine tasting, bread baking and Churchkhela making at "Iago's wine cellar"

19:00 Drive to Tbilisi

19:30 Arrival in Tbilisi