



Republic of Georgia: Day-By-Day Itinerary: *Dates to be determined soon.*



Days 1 & 2 – Arrival & Tbilisi: Capital and largest city of Georgia; established in 5th century. Tbilisi is the best example of Georgian hospitality and diversity. Churches stand alongside mosques and synagogues, ancient buildings mix with modern architecture, and apart from tasting delicacies of local cuisine one can enjoy food from all corners of the world.

Days 3 & 4 – Kakheti Region: The center of Georgian winemaking, Kakheti is also home to countless historical monuments and stunning landscapes. Here we will enjoy visits to wineries, ancient cultural monuments and breathtaking views of Caucasus Mountains. One overnight stay in Telavi and, on day 4, evening return to Tbilisi.

Day 5 – Imereti Region with overnight stay in Kutaisi: Imereti is arguably the champion of cuisine, especially when it comes to preparing dishes from vegetables and dairy products. Kutaisi was once the capital of Georgia and has more than 3,000 years of history.

Days 6 & 7 – The Black Sea Region is a special part of Georgia with lush green forests and subtropical climate. The major city of Batumi is an interesting blend of 19th century architecture and ultra-modern structures; one of the largest botanical gardens in Europe is also here, as well as a Roman Fort from the 2nd century.

Day 8 – Return to Tbilisi.



Trip details:

We will visit several **YMCA Georgia** operations throughout the trip. The YMCA here was established in 1991 and is one of the first and still active non-governmental organizations operating in Georgia.

What will it cost?

The cost is \$2,475 per person. Transportation will be via comfortable motor coach. Hotels have been chosen by YMCA leadership for their location, standards and comfort levels. Round-trip air fare and travel insurance is **NOT** included and may be booked directly through Go Travel.

YMCA Alumni hosts:

Bill Hooson and Teri Key-Hooson of the Weatherford YMCA Alumni chapter. Bill has been working with the Republic of Georgia since it seceded from the Soviet Union in 1991. He has traveled throughout the country and helped establish four YMCAs. He helped develop a successful program for teaching teens about democracy using the models of Youth in Government and Model U.N.

Bill loves the hospitality of the Georgian people and their rich culture and traditions and is looking forward to sharing this beautiful country and its well-earned reputation for welcoming visitors with YMCA Alumni.