



KONFERENSBOLAGET

Tracing The Ancient Wine Routes

Georgia



Wine is not a drink, it is life, it is the heart of the culture, whether we speak of ancient polyphony, family traditions, or culinary arts wine is central in understanding this ancient country and it is the window by which Georgia will unfold its beauty

10-18 May

7 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

The Itinerary:

Day 1: Stockholm/Copenhagen to Tbilisi

Day 2: Tbilisi

Day 3: Tbilisi – Kartli region – Tbilisi

Day 4: Tbilisi to Kakheti region

Day 5: Full day in Kakheti

Day 6: Kvareli to Sighnaghi

Day 7: Sighnaghi to Tbilisi

Day 8: Departure

The Program:

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Day 1 – Day 2: Tbilisi

Early morning arrival in Tbilisi, you will be met and transferred to your central hotel in Tbilisi, the quirky and charming capital of Georgia. Following a few hours rest, you will meet at noon for sightseeing tour of the city, followed with lunch at delightful city restaurant.

Before and after lunch we will be visiting: National museum, Bathhouses area, Narikala fortress, twisty streets, Anchiskhati basilica of 6th century, caravanserai and meet some of interesting inhabitants of Tbilisi.

Later introduction to Georgian wine at the Vino Underground wine bar where wine-makers will be pleased to introduce their wines & share own stories about wine making.

Dinner the restaurant of Kopala with piano music. www.kopala.ge

Overnight in Tbilisi www.betsyshotel.com

Day 3: Kartli region

After breakfast we take short drive (1, 5 hrs) to Mtskheta, the historical capital of Georgia, views from Jvari, a simply delightful place!

We will visit Uplistsikhe - an ancient cave town dating from the first half of the 1st millennium BC. The famous “Fortress of God” is first mentioned in the chronicles of the 1st century A.D. Carved into the rocky plateau you find huge echoing halls, long meandering corridor-streets, chambers for pagan worship, water supply system, rock-cut wine presses, secret tunnel, market and the remains of Georgia’s oldest theatre, complete with auditorium, stage and orchestra pit.

Today we will be visiting Iago’s winery in the central region of Kartli where you will be able to taste this vintner’s superb rare wines and have a lunch.

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Winery tour and wine-tasting at Chateau Mukhrani, founded in 1878 by the Prince of Mukhrani, heir of the royal family of Georgia.

www.chateaumukhrani.com

En route visit Dzalisa - the Roman site with Mosaics of Dionysus of 1st c AD. Short walking tour in the area of Svetitskhoveli 11 c architectural complex.

After short break at the hotel we will have dinner at restaurant Azarphesha with extraordinary interior and hosts. Group of singers will be attending evening and sing for us. www.facebook.com/azarphesha

Overnight at the hotel in Tbilisi www.betsyshotel.com

Day 4: Tbilisi to Kakheti

The east of Georgia is home to some of the country's most splendid scenery, wineries and ancient sights.

We will explore the rich heritage of the Kakheti area; In the morning we will head out from Tbilisi and visit the Alaverdi monastery, and its 1,000 year old wine cellar! This 6th century facility has a wonderful story, and the few monks who still live there and practice its deep tradition of winemaking. At Alaverdi Monastery you will have a short historical presentation, and, of course, an opportunity to taste the liquid fruit of their labors: wine tasting of Monastery wines at Alaverdi www.since1011.com

Afterwards we will have a brief tour of Chateau Mere. Lunch at the Chateau Mere restaurant where creative food is served in an artistic environment. www.winiveria.ge

Following lunch, we will visit Ikalto, a 6th century monastery that doubled as a wine academy from the 12th C onwards, c where Shota Rustaveli, the revered medieval Georgian epic poet studied.

Dinner and overnight in Kvareli. www.batoni.ge

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Day 5: Kakheti region

The program of this day will include a visit to Nekresi architectural complex, which was established by king Pharnajom around 2nd-1st centuries BC (as for now complex was reconstructed recently); Napareuli wine museum www.cellar.ge Shumi winery;

Lunch at Schuchmann's winery with unique culinary interpretations of traditional Georgian dishes. Kisiskhevi, Telavi area www.schuchmann-wines.com Dinner and overnight in Kvareli. www.batoni.ge

Day 6: Kvareli to Signaghi

In the morning after enjoying breakfast at the hotel terrace, check out and travel to Kiziki region of Kakheti, and finally ending up at the stunning 18th century town of Signaghi.

We will visit Tsinandali Estate, which belonged to the 19th-century aristocratic poet & public-man Alexander Chavchavadze. At the estate we will have a chance to meander through the museum, park and its historic winery.

Travel to Tibaani vineyards with 200 vine varieties. Lunch will be a picnic lunch with barbeque, a variety of cheeses, seasonal vegetables & mushrooms, freshly baked bread & Qvevri wines at the winery.

After lunch visit local anthropological museum in the town. Check in hotel Kabadoni with beautiful views of the Alazani valley.

Time for rest. Before dinner short walking tour in Signaghi and brief look at Pheasants Tears winery, carpet shop & picture gallery. Pheasants Tears is founded by an artist and wine-maker John Wurdeman who settled in this small town 18 years ago and supported local community with his creative ideas.

Traditional Georgian Dinner (Supra) with polyphonic music, many delicious courses and eloquent toasts by the toastmaster at Pheasant's Tears Wine Restaurant. www.pheasantstears.com

Overnight at hotel Kabadoni www.kabadoni.ge

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Day 7: Signagi to Tbilisi

Breakfast. Early in the morning there will be an option at extra cost for those interested to take a horseback ride from the local Kedeli Ranch.

We will visit Bodbe Convent where saint 4th C St Nino is buried and tour the lovely gardens, and refectory with frescoes.

Around 11 am we will travel back to Tbilisi

Lunch in Tbilisi at the restaurant Salobie at Agmashenebeli avenue

Free time or guided tour to flea market and Funicular.

Farewell dinner will be in a local restaurant Azarpesha with extraordinary interior and hosts. Group of singers will be attending evening and sing for us.

Overnight at hotel Betsy's

Day 8: Departure

After breakfast, check out and transfer to airport for flights back to Sweden

End of services by Living Roots

The Major Highlights:

- ❖ Tasting of rare artisan wines presented personally by wine makers at vino Underground
- ❖ Delicious Cuisine & wine pairing; Meetings with chefs & introduction of local dishes
- ❖ Medieval Castles and Monastery wines
- ❖ Beautiful views of Alazani valley & vineyards of Kakheti
- ❖ 19th century wine cellar in Tsinandali Palace and Estate Gardens
- ❖ Exclusive meetings with wine professionals
- ❖ Introduction to Georgia's wine culture
- ❖ Polyphonic songs & folk dance performance

Price structure is based per person double/twin room accommodation

14.970 SEK/person in double room

Single room supplement: 3.100 SEK/person

Prices include:

Flight Copenhagen/Stockholm - Tbilisi

2 x airport transfer

6 x transport service including fuel according to program by A/C comfortable coach

7 x English & Swedish speaking guides

6 x lunches with wine as per program

6 x dinners with wine as per program

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7 x wine tasting

4 x breakfast / overnight at 4* hotel Betsy's in Tbilisi

2 x breakfast / overnight at luxury boutique hotel Royal Batoni in Kvareli area

1 x breakfast / overnight at luxury hotel Kabadoni (4+*) in Sighnaghi

Guide & driver's accommodation outside Tbilisi

Group of singers in Tbilisi & Sighnaghi

Unlimited mineral water on a bus

Entrance fees as per program

Local taxes

Flight time Stockholm - Tbilisi

Air Baltic 10 MAY ARN- RIX 1955 2210

Air Baltic 10 MAY RIX - TBS 2310 0340+1

Air Baltic 18 MAY TBS - RIX 0415 0650

Air Baltic 18 MAY RIX - ARN 0920 0935

Flight time Copenhagen- Tbilisi

Air Baltic 10 MAY CPH - RIX 1950 - 2225

Air Baltic 10 MAY RIX - TBS 2310 - 0340+1

Air Baltic 18 MAY TBS - RIX 0415 - 0650

Air Baltic 18 MAY RIX - CPH 0940 - 1020

Anmälan görs till:

Sverker@konferensbolaget.se (alt. scrolla ner på hemsidan)

Uppge förutom namn även tel.nr och adress. Deposition 1.000 SEK innan den 1 Februari, full betalning siste mars.

Med vänliga hälsningar

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