



## Tour Name

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Taste of Tbilisi

## Tour City

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Tbilisi

## Tour Snapshot

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Part history tour, part Home Cooked experience, this taste of Tbilisi's got it all! We'll show you just why Georgians are so famous for their hospitality with a home cooked meal (and glass of homemade wine) with a local family. But before you eat, you see! Wander the streets of Tbilisi, and hear the ancient tales that were born under your feet.

### Highlights

- Have lunch with a local family and learn how to make traditional Georgian dishes
- See some of Tbilisi's most fascinating sites, from the oldest church in Georgia to the seminary where Stalin studied
- Learn about the ancient traditions of *tamada* toasts and *qvevri* wine-making
- Hop on local transportation and get a glimpse into daily life in Tbilisi

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, public transport fee, lunch

Exclusions: Additional food and drink, items of a personal nature, tips and gratuities for the guide

### Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:  
Metekhi Church
- Starting time: 11.00 AM
- Ending point:  
Freedom Square

### Full Itinerary

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You'll start your Tbilisi tour at the point where the city's history began. Your guide will tell you the legends and tales of the ancient town, setting you up for your day exploring some of the city's most iconic sites.

We'll cross the Metekhi Bridge and head first to the sulphur baths, natural hot springs that are one of the most popular places to visit in Tbilisi. (If you would like to book a room at the bath for later during your trip, your guide can help you to make arrangements).

From there, we'll tour some of Tbilisi's most significant sites. We'll stop at the *tamada* sculpture and learn why it's a symbol of Georgia's ancient wine-making and *tamada* (toastmaster) traditions. We'll also visit a local carpet shop, the Great Synagogue, Sioni Cathedral, and Anchiskhati Church — the oldest church in Georgia — and pass by the Spiritual Seminary where Stalin studied.

Once we've finished touring you through Tbilisi's history, we'll follow the old narrow streets to Freedom Square, where we'll hop on public transit for the second half of our adventure: lunch! You'll be dining with a local family and getting a true taste of Georgian hospitality. Local custom dictates that guests are blessed gifts from God, so prepare to be welcomed into the family like a long-lost relative!

Your hosts will show you how to make popular Georgian dishes such as *khinkali* and *khachapuri* (dumplings and cheese-filled bread — yum!), letting you lend a hand in the kitchen if you like. In addition to the mains, your lunch will include salads, homemade jam, and Georgian wine, made using the traditional *qvevri* method of storing wine in clay jars underground.

Stuffed and satiated, we'll put you back on transit and return you to Freedom Square, where you're free to keep exploring on your own.

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Dress standard: Comfortable, walking shoes are preferable for sightseeing on foot. When visiting churches, please remember that women are requested to cover their hair and wear either long dresses or long trousers. Shoulders need to be covered. Men should remove their hats avoid wearing shorts.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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