



Social programme

5-8 JUNE 2019

KAKHETI TOUR

EXCURSION, SATURDAY, 8 JUN 2019

- 10:00** Departure from hotel Guided tour to Kakheti Region, Signagi
The eastern region of Kakheti is Georgia's premier wine-producing area. Almost everywhere you go, you'll be invited to drink a glass of wine and it's easy to find yourself wandering around in a semi permanent mellow haze.
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- 11:30-12:10** Visit Bodbe Convent
Bodbe Convent, the revered final resting place of St Nino (she brought christianity to Georgia), is set among beautiful tall cypresses. The little church was originally built, over the saint's grave, by King Mirian in the 4th century. It has been rebuilt and renovated several times since. Nino's tomb, partly silver-covered, with a bejewelled turquoise cloisonné halo, is in a small chapel in its southeast corner. A steep path leads 800m down to a small chapel built over St Nino's Spring, which reputedly burst forth after she prayed on this spot. Pilgrims queue up to drink and splash themselves with the holy water.
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- 12:10** Departure to Signagi
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- 12:20** Wine Degustation with snacks at the Pheasant's Tears (18 Baratasvili Str. Sighnahghi, Georgia)
About: Pheasant's Tears was born out of a love of authentic tradition, and culture and endless creativity. It is more than a winery, it's about songs, cuisine, art, heritage, tangible and intangible. For wine is born out of a confluence of the spirit of a place, its geology, its history, and the emotions of the vitner himself. In the end, a dialogue between nature and man, a fine tension between respect for the past and creating a new experience for tomorrow. Traditions here are seen as the nourishing soul for improvisation and respectful evolution.
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- 13:45-16:00** City tour in Signagi
The fortified town of Sighnaghi lies high up on the ridge overlooking the Alazani valley. The defensive walls and 28 towers were built by King Erekle II in the 18th century against the Lezgian invasion. Little has changed here for the last 200 years. The town preserved its original image and now offers visitors stunning views of the surrounding Caucasus Mountains.
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- 16:00** Departure to the Giuaani Winery, Manavi
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- 16:30-18:00** Dinner at the Giuaani Winery, Manavi
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- 18:00** Departure to Tbilisi
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- 20:30** Arrival in Tbilisi
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