



places worth visiting in Batumi
Botanical Gardens and Green Cape
Waterfront boulevard
Gonio castle
Adjaran hills and rivers
Kobuleti night life
Black sands and fun fair in Ureki
Sarpi beach near the Turkish border



Batumi, situated on the Black Sea coast near the Turkish border, is the ideal point of departure for a discovery of both the seaside and the Adjaran mountains.

With its charming, white, two-storey buildings, the town still radiates the colonial atmosphere of its past. Reminiscent of past Turkish rule, British and French business activities, and Russian immigration, Batumi is marked by a striking mixture of different cultures. While the street cafes and the waterfront boulevard invite the passersby for a cup of Turkish coffee and a piece of “**pakhlava**”, the international seaport is a hive of busy commercial activity.

Naturally, the high season of the Adjaran coast is the summer – the best time to swim, sunbathe and generally have fun. Especially in the village of Kobuleti, a wide range of local hotels and private guesthouses offer comfortable rooms to the many tourists from within Georgia and abroad. Nightlife is busy here – you can dance to the hit songs of the year, as well as to the traditionally inspired tunes of this corner of Georgia. In Batumi, where numerous open

air concerts and festivals take place, the best activity of an evening is just to stroll along the famous waterfront boulevard, watch the musical fountains and enjoy the view of the illuminated ships in the harbour.

If you want to take a break from the busy beach life, Gonio castle, a few kilometers southwest of Batumi, offers you a journey into the past. Known already by the ancient Greeks, it gained importance as the base of a Roman garrison. It remained inhabited throughout the Middle Ages and eventually became a citrus plantation during Soviet times. Alternatively, you may want to take a short drive upstream to enjoy a picnic and a refreshing bath in the waters of the River Adjaristskhali, or take a casual walk around the botanical gardens overlooking the sea from the hilltop of Green Cape.

Whatever you chose, Adjara offers you a myriad of opportunities to enjoy a relaxing holiday

in an area that combines the fun of a beach resort with the cultural riches of a historic site.

