

A WINTER DREAM

A "cool" experience ...

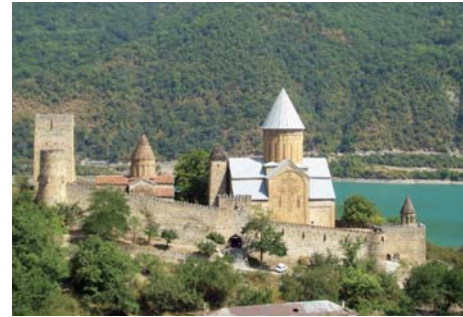


Do you dream of challenging ski slopes where you don't have to spend most of your time waiting for the lift up the mountain and then battling crowds on the way down?

Does your heart skip a beat at the sight of untouched snow as far as the eye can see? Would you like to experience the peace and tranquility of a walk in crisp, clean winter air with only the snow crunching under your feet as a reminder that you are not dreaming? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then a winter tour of central Georgia is the vacation for you. We will take you to two wonderful resorts that have yet to be discovered by the tourist masses.

Winter in Georgia offers something to satisfy your appetite for every winter activity possible. At the Gudauri resort, there are ski lifts and trails for beginners, as well as for those who enjoy far more challenging runs. For visitors who prefer to explore the slopes of the Greater Caucasus on a more individual basis, a variety of ski tour operators around Gudauri are at your service. Our professional tour guide will plan a tour tailored to suit your requirements.

Anauri The fortified residence of the rulers of Aragvi is known for its church, castle and charming bell tower. It is located on the military highway between Georgia and Russia, overlooking a magnificent artificial lake whose colour varies between emerald and turquoise depending on the weather. A relief representing the tree of life completes the complex, which bears witness to the refined sense of style and artistic taste of its creators.



- Day 1 **Arrival in Tbilisi**
- Day 2 **Tbilisi city tour**
- Day 3 **Transfer to Gudauri, skiing**
- Day 4 **Snowshoe tour from Kazbegi to Gergeti**
- Day 5 **Ski tour around Gudauri**
- Day 6 **Transfer via Anauri and Borjomi to Bakuriani**
- Day 7 **Winter hike around Bakuriani**
- Day 8 **Transfer to Tbilisi, visit to the hot baths**
- Day 9 **Departure from Tbilisi**

No matter what you are looking for in your alpine holiday, you should not miss out on an excursion to the town of Kazbegi, with a snowshoe tour to the famous church of Gergeti. With a little luck and good weather, you might even catch a glimpse of beautiful Mount Kazbegi, decked in its winter attire. The swimming pool and other wellness facilities in Gudauri give you the possibility to relax after a busy day.

Your other principal stop on the tour will be the resort of Bakuriani, the winter playground of the Lesser Caucasus. Its climate provides soothing relief to many asthma patients who refresh both body and soul in the mountain heights. Throughout the winter, the air is filled with the comforting fragrance of the coniferous forests that shroud the lower parts of the area and invite even the most avid skier to take time out to go on a tranquil winter hike.

For those who would like to warm up and soothe their aching muscles after this unforgettable winter experience, the tour ends with a visit to the famous hot baths in Tbilisi. Legend has it that a long time ago, King Vakhtang was once hunting here when a wood grouse he had shot fell into one of the springs, but was immediately healed by the water in front of his eyes. Taking it as a providential sign, the king ordered the capital to be moved from Mtskheta to this place. Reflect on this marvel as you bathe in the "t**bil**i" (warm) waters of the capital's namesake.