



THE ITINERARY: 12 – 21 August 2026

12 Aug 2026 Day 1: After the briefing and gearing up at the garage we leave hectic Tbilisi for the rustic backroads. Getting used to the bikes surrounded by not much more than serpentines and majestic continuously changing landscapes. Riding wise we start off with a spectacular day: quiet roads and nothing else than windy asphalt crossing the mountains and open plains. We take the southern roads towards Vardzia. From Ninotsminda our offroad adventure starts. A very scenic steep serpentine brings us down towards the valley of Vardzia. The latter is a monestary "city" build inside a huge mountain. It was used as a secret hide out in case of wars. In the 11th century the front wall collapsed after an earthquake. Nowadays, you can see the hundreds of cave houses where the monks used to live. After visiting this special piece of history we head for our guesthouse which is around 5 minutes away. It is a "Agro Hotel", all food is grown on the premises, including fresh trout from the river which you will hear throughout the evening.

Distance Covered: 220 KM

Riding hours: 4.5

Average speed: 55 KM/H

Highest point: 1700 M

Accommodation: Vardzia Resort

13 Aug 2026 Day 2: From Vardzia we move in Northern direction towards Kutaisi. Again a totally different region with natural sights that will amaze you. We take the 35 KM long off-road pass from Sairme to Abastumani. This green and at times almost jungle like area brings us over the highest point of Europe's biggest national park. Afterwards we pass more than a few Soviet era spa resorts. This area is known for holding the highest amount of thermal water wells in the country. From the emptiness of the summits of the Lower Caucasus mountain range we descent towards Kutaisi. This is a relaxed yet vibrant historic city that offers a lot to discover. Our hotel is right in the center, 5 minutes away from the cities best restaurant where we will enjoy an amazing dinner.

Distance Covered: 180 KM

Riding hours: 5

Average speed: 35 KM/H

Highest point: 2100

Accommodation: Memoire Hotel Kutaisi

14 Aug 2026 Day 3: Today we head for Racha. A mystical region that has been undiscovered by foreign tourists. Often it is compared to Switzerland cause of its serene calmness and the impressive mountains surrounding the area. The roads in Racha are a dream for any motorcycle enthusiast, full of curves and many mountain passes: Always with very little traffic. These beautiful windy roads get us up to Oni, a calm mountain village. In the earlier part of the day there is time for a visit. The Prometheus caves, which is the largest cave complex of Europe. In Oni we stay for the night at Temuri's guesthouse. The guesthouse we stay at is a little bit of a museum but itself. Temur builds and makes almost everything you see at his guesthouse himself. The Georgian charm is amazing. And to give you some of the vibes of the mountains it is topped off with some skinned bear and wolf skins that decorate the beautiful house. His wife will prepare the most delicious specialties from Racha for us. Their son Nika takes you around the house, where they make virtually everything from their own land. This is authentic Georgian hospitality at its finest.

Distance Covered: 200 KM

Riding hours: 4

Average speed: 50 KM/H

Highest point: 2200 M

Accommodation: Guesthouse Gallery Oni

15 Aug 2026 Day 4: We ride towards Svaneti. The region is known for its famous towns Mestia and Ushguli, however the greater region is like a green fairytale. The ride up here is heavenly and simply made for motorcycle riders. The early autumn colors will make this visit even more beautiful. The region is known for its distinct culture and independence throughout history. Even the Soviets could never fully exert their influence out here. The region's remoteness and moreover the local aversion to authority contributed a lot to that. Svaneti still feels like a different world altogether with many local customs and pagan traditions still intact. One characteristic of the region's cultural distinctness is very visible from the twisty mountain road up here: The traditional Svan watchtowers. These towers were built from the 10th – 12th century and used as defense towers. Up until the 1990's they were also used to settle local disputes.

Distance Covered: 250 KM
Riding hours: 5
Average speed: 50 KM/H
Highest point: 2600 M
Accommodation: Hotel Posta Mestia

16 Aug 2026 Day 5: We take a rest day in Mestia. Climb one of the historical towers, stroll around the attractive mountain village and visit the award winning museum!

17 Aug 2026 Day 6: We head down South over the concrete road that is the only other entrance and exit of this unique and remote mountainous region. Even more medieval towers pop up with glaciers and eternal snow on the background. We visit the Enguri dam, the biggest and most impressive dam in the Caucasus. The old mechanism and techniques are a joy for the eye. We slowly move closer the lush greeneries of Western Subtropical Georgia. With an amazing windy road we climb up to higher Guria. A lesser known part of the country that deserves a lot more. We visit Gomismta. The highpoint gives us a view with clouds. This is where high altitude mountains meet to humidity of the black sea. Simply an awe inspiring view. We ride down to enjoy some wine and an amazing dinner at a local winery.

Distance Covered: 250 KM
Riding hours: 5
Average speed: 50 KM/H
Highest point: 2000 M
Accommodation: Menabdes Marani

18 Aug 2026 Day 7: Today a short ride. From Guria and through seaside the Roman settlement of Petra we ride into Ajara. An autonomous region with plenty of its own traditions and culinary treasures. Ajara packs both mountains and seaside. We spent the day in the capital: Batumi. Relax and take a dive in the Black Sea, climb the famous Alphabet tower or visit this buzzing city with lots of entertainment.

Distance Covered: 70 KM

Riding hours: 1.5

Average speed: 40 KM/H

Highest point: 800 M

Accommodation: Batumi City Hotel (tbd in correspondence, plenty options for any budget here. Budgetted for 40 EUR per person, twin share)

19 Aug 2026 Day 8: The Goderdzi pass is on the menu today. We cross the Ajarian Highlands. Endlessly winding roads crossing the lush greenery with attractive villages of wooden houses and historical medieval bridges crossing the river. The villages here consist of Ethnic Georgians, however where we used to see many Orthodox Churches, this area is covered with Mosques. The faith have co-existed peacefully for centuries. The Goderdzi Pass sits at over 2000 Meter and offers amazing views that on a clear day allow you to see the Black Sea from such altitudes. We have a picnic lunch at the Green Lake, an alpine lake that offers some of the best options for a fresh dive! Later on we reach Akhaltsikhe; literally meaning New Castle. The beautiful Rabat Fortress is a treat for the eye and used to be the center of power for Greater Georgia.

Distance Covered: 200 KM

Riding hours: 4.5

Average speed: 40 KM/H

Highest point: 2000 M

Accommodation: Art Hotel Akhaltsikhe

20 Aug 2026 Day 9: From Akhaltsikhe we head straight up North. With a gravel road of around 35 KM we reach Tabatskuri lake. Simply a magical place on the ridge between the Lesser Caucasus peaks to its West and the plateaus to its East. Later on we take the curvy road around Bakuriani. A town that revolves around Wintersport but which is also popular in the Summer for local visitors. We have an amazing lunch here after which we pass Borjomi. This town is a famous Spa resort and the local mineral water is sold worldwide. After Borjomi we hit the road for our final destination: Gori. Gori has not been able to shake of the thick Soviet sauce it is drenched in. Not much mentionable happens in Gori were it not for the fact that one of the most infamous Georgians was born here: Joseph Stalin. For those interested we will pay a visit to the museum later on. The museum aims to give an unusual account of Stalin's life as the leader of the Soviet Union. We spent a night at an upscale hotel with Sauna's, Pool and other amenities to rest our bones. We dine at a local restaurant with delicious local delicacies.

Distance Covered: 240 KM

Riding hours: 5

Average speed: 50 KM/H

Highest point: 2100 M

Accommodation: Gori Inn

21 Aug 2026 Day 10: From Gori we take the old road towards Mtskheta, Georgia's former capital. From there we take the head towards Didgori. Didgori is where one of Georgia's biggest battles took place. This battle was where Georgia's Golden Age started with, therefore a place with great historic relevance. The roads leading there are curving and waving through the mountains. Views stretch as far as the mountains of Armenia. Later on we take some small gravel roads by which we get closer to Tbilisi. Slowly but surely we look down on Tbilisi for the serpentine roads. We arrive at our garage around 15.30-16.30. A beautiful adventure behind us that will make you want more of these bikes and more of Georgia

Distance Covered: 160 KM

Riding hours: 3.5

Average speed: 50 KM/H

Highest point: 1300 M