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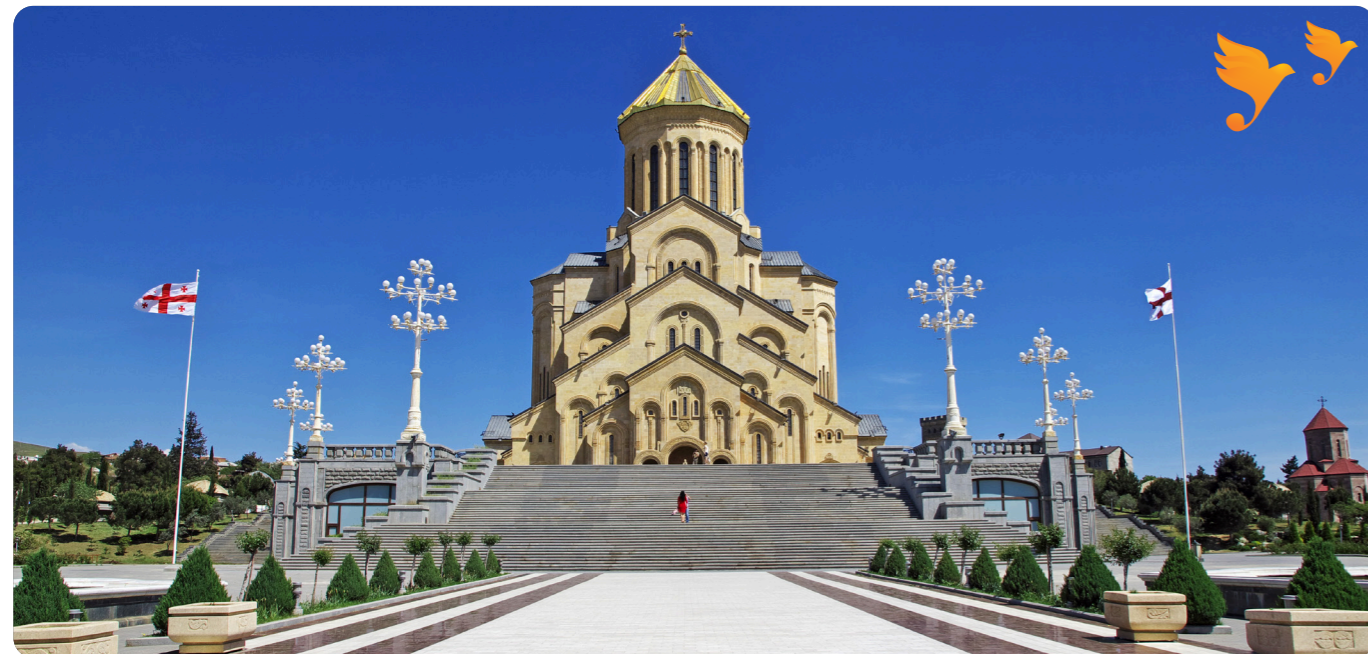
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# Georgia

## A Week in Georgia – My 8-Days Journey Through the Caucasus

Georgia is a country where the mountains meet monasteries, ancient traditions meet modern charm, and every turn surprises you. My 8-days journey here was less about ticking sights off a list and more about experiencing the heartbeat of the Caucasus.

### Day 1 – Arriving in Tbilisi

The capital welcomed me with its mosaic of old and new. I wandered through Old Tbilisi, admiring wooden balconies, colorful houses, and the quirky leaning clock tower of the Gabriadze Theatre. By evening, I strolled along Rustaveli Avenue, buzzing with cafés and street musicians. Dinner was my first taste of khachapuri (cheese bread) and khinkali. I chose the vegetarian dumplings, while locals recommended the juicy beef-and-lamb versions.

### Day 2 – Narikala Fortress & Sulfur Baths

A cable car lifted me to Narikala Fortress, where sweeping views of Tbilisi stretched across the Mtkvari River. The walk down led me to the Mother of Georgia statue—a sword in one hand, wine in the other, symbolizing the Georgian spirit. In the afternoon, I indulged in the famous sulfur baths—a tradition that has soothed travelers for centuries. Dinner was hearty: lobio (beans in clay pots) with cornbread for me, while fellow travelers savored mtsvadi (grilled meat skewers).

### Day 3 – Mtskheta, the Ancient Capital

A short drive took me to Mtskheta, the cradle of Christianity in Georgia. Svetitskhoveli Cathedral stood majestic, while the hilltop Jvari Monastery offered views of the confluence of two rivers. The serenity was overwhelming. Lunch was simple but perfect—eggplant rolls with walnut paste, fresh tomatoes, and warm bread. Meat lovers can try shkmeruli—a garlicky chicken dish that is a regional favorite.



### Day 4 – The Road to Kazbegi

The Georgian Military Highway felt like a journey into another world. I stopped at the turquoise Zhinvali Reservoir, admired the medieval Ananuri Fortress, and crossed the high-altitude Gudauri Pass with its monumental Friendship Arch. In Stepantsminda (Kazbegi), I rode up to the iconic Gergeti Trinity Church, framed by the mighty Mount Kazbek. Dinner at a mountain guesthouse was warm and rustic: roasted vegetables and cheese, while the hosts proudly served chakapuli (lamb stewed with tarragon and sour plums).

### Day 5 – Wine & Charm in Kakheti

Eastward in Kakheti, Georgia's wine region, the landscapes opened into rolling vineyards. I visited a family winery, learning about qvevri winemaking—an 8,000-year-old tradition. Tasting amber wine with local dishes was unforgettable: for me, pkhali (vegetable pâtés with walnuts) and churchkhela (walnut and grape snack). For meat lovers, the spread included chakondrili, a slow-cooked beef stew with vegetables. A walk through Signaghi, the "City of Love," with its pastel houses and fortress walls, was the perfect evening end.

### Day 6 – Kutaisi & Prometheus Cave

Leaving the wine valleys behind, I journeyed west toward Kutaisi, one of Georgia's oldest cities. The road wound through green hills and tiny villages where time seemed to pause. In the afternoon, I descended into the stunning Prometheus Cave—a dreamlike underground world of stalactites and shimmering lakes. That night in Kutaisi, I dined on spinach pkhali and grilled vegetables, while locals enjoyed kupati (spicy Georgian sausages) with red wine.

### Day 7 – Batumi-The Las Vegas of the Black Sea

Morning brought me to Batumi, Georgia's seaside star. The Batumi Boulevard stretched endlessly along the coast, lined with sculptures, fountains, and palm trees. I explored the Ali and Nino moving statue, the Alphabet Tower, and wandered through the Old Town, full of Art Nouveau facades and cafés. Dinner by the sea was special—vegetarian ajapsandali (eggplant stew) for me, while seafood lovers relished grilled trout and chakondrili fish prepared in local spices.

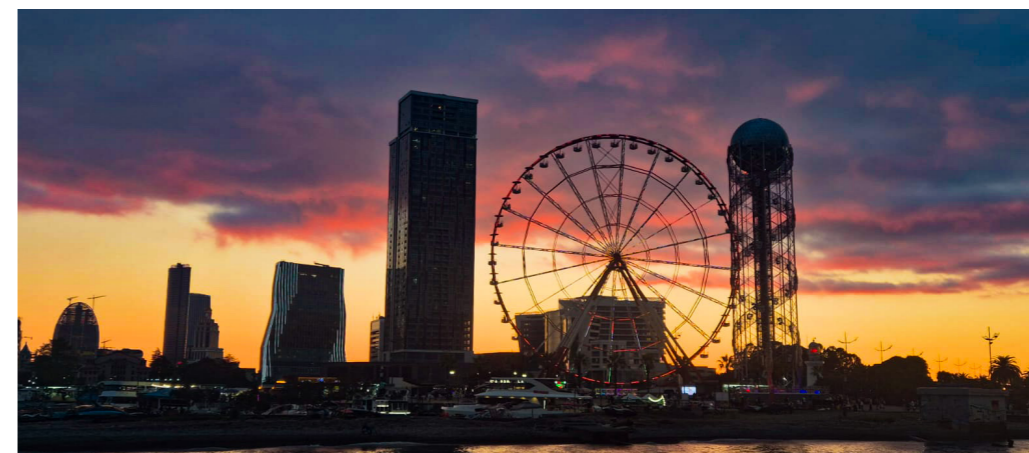
### Day 8 – Return to Tbilisi by Train

I boarded the morning train from Batumi to Tbilisi—a comfortable, scenic five-hour ride tracing rivers, valleys, and endless vineyards. Back in the capital, I spent my final afternoon browsing the Dry Bridge flea market and walking the futuristic Peace Bridge one last time. My farewell meal was a classic Georgian supra—a spread of fresh salads, beans, breads, and roasted vegetables for me, with generous platters of chicken and trout for others. And, of course, not to forget the Khachapuri—Georgia's beloved cheese-filled delight. The toasts were heartfelt, the laughter genuine, and the memories lasting.

### Final Thoughts

Georgia isn't just about sightseeing—it's about slowing down, tasting, listening, and connecting. The monasteries whisper stories of centuries, the mountains humble you, and the people make you feel like family. And then there's the food: whether vegetarian delights of walnuts and herbs, or meaty feasts of skewers and stews, Georgian cuisine is an invitation to belong.

Eight days here weren't enough, but they were enough to leave me enchanted.



Narikala Fortress



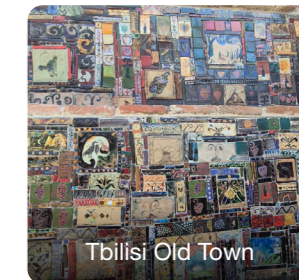
Mtskheta



Road to Kazbegi



Prometheus Cave



Tbilisi Old Town



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### Suggested Itinerary

#### Day 1: Arrival – Angeles City

Upon arrival at Clark International Airport, the group will transfer to the hotel and enjoy a welcome drink, followed by a group activity featuring a welcome dinner at a local resort or themed restaurant with karaoke night or a cultural dance show as an ideal icebreaker for the incentive group, before staying overnight in Angeles City.

#### Day 2: Angeles City Tour

After breakfast at the hotel, the group visits the Clark Museum and 4D Theatre, followed by a fun outing to Dinosaur Island or Aqua Planet. An optional hot air balloon ride offers a unique photo opportunity. Lunch will be at a local Filipino restaurant, and the evening concludes with leisure time at the casino or dinner at Mimoso Golf Clubhouse before an overnight stay in Angeles City.

#### Day 3: Pagsanjan Falls Excursion – Transfer to Manila

After an early breakfast and checkout, the group departs for a full-day trip to Pagsanjan Falls in Laguna, featuring the exciting “Shooting the Rapids” boat ride and a picnic lunch by the falls. In the evening, they transfer to Manila, check in, and enjoy a casual rooftop or bay-view dinner before staying overnight in Manila.

#### Day 4: Manila City & Cultural Immersion

After breakfast, the group explores Manila’s highlights with an Intramuros tour, visits to Rizal Park and the National Museum, and a Jeepney ride for local flavor. After lunch at a heritage restaurant, they enjoy shopping at the Mall of Asia. The day ends with a sunset dinner cruise on Manila Bay before an overnight stay in Manila.

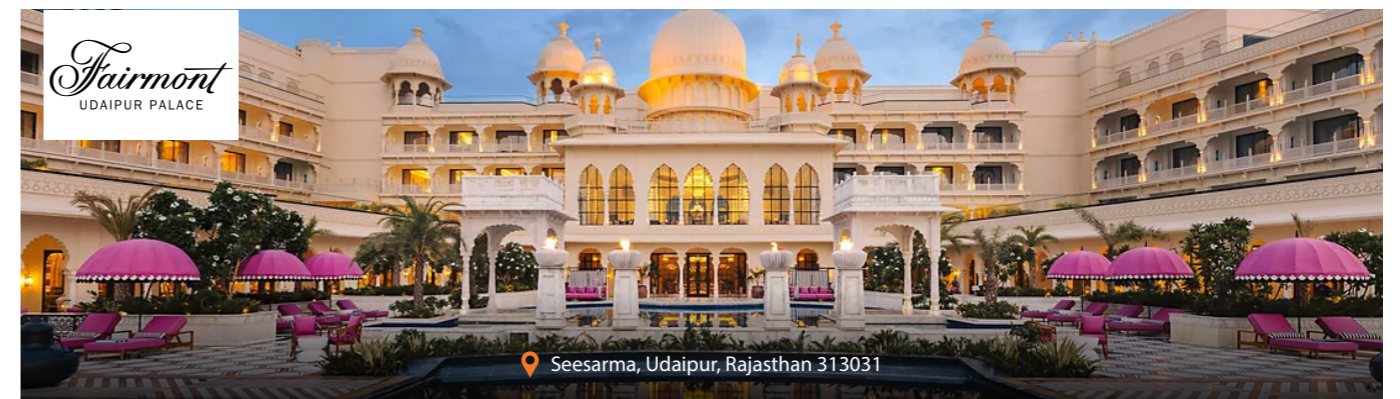
#### Day 5: Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, guests will have free time for leisure or last-minute shopping before transferring to Ninoy Aquino International Airport for their departure.

*Note: The tours can be customized. For MICE groups please contact us on +91 98197 14082*



## Featured Hotel – Fairmont Udaipur Palace



**Location :**  
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Rajasthan 313031

**Number of rooms :**  
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Fairmont Udaipur, set amidst the Aravalli Hills near Sisarma, is a palatial resort blending Mughal grandeur with Rajput elegance. Spanning 25 acres, it features 245 luxurious rooms and suites adorned with intricate marble and jali designs. With over 40,000 sq ft of event space—including a 12,000 sq ft pillarless Grand Ballroom, breakout venues, and scenic lawns—it stands among Rajasthan’s finest MICE and wedding destinations. Guests can dine at Zoya (all-day dining), relish Indian cuisine at Aangan, or unwind at Aza Bar overlooking the pool. Leisure facilities include a temperature-controlled outdoor pool, Willow Stream Spa, yoga pavilion, and modern fitness centre. Located about 45 minutes from Maharana Pratap Airport, the resort offers expansive parking, grand architecture, and warm hospitality—making it an ideal venue for royal weddings, high-end incentives, and exclusive events that capture the essence of Udaipur’s timeless luxury and regal spirit.



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Abu Dhabi		19:00
Dubai	08:00	23:00
Sir Bani Yas Island	12:30	18:00
Abu Dhabi	07:00	

### 4 Nights Iconic Arabia



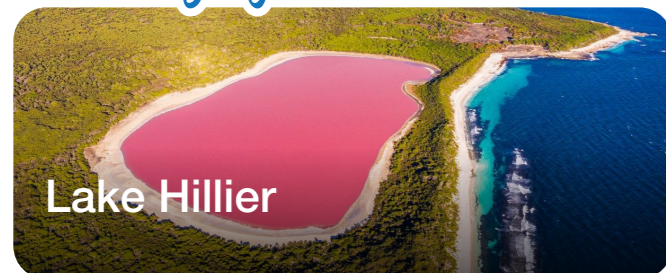
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Abu Dhabi		19:00
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## Travel News

## NEW AIRLINES ROUTE LAUNCHED

Sector	Airlines	Segment	Time	Frequency
Mumbai London Mumbai	Indigo	BOM-LHR	14:45 hrs 19:20 hrs	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Sat, Sun
	Indigo	BOM-LHR	13:10 hrs 17:45 hrs	Friday
	Indigo	LHR-BOM	21:30 hrs 11:45+1 hrs	Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat, Sun
	Indigo	LHR-BOM	21:10 hrs 11:20+1 hrs	Thursday
Delhi Krabi Delhi	Indigo	DEL-KBV	15:40 hrs 21:35 hrs	Tue, Thu, Sat
	Indigo	KBV-DEL	11:15 hrs 14:35 hrs	Tue, Thu, Sat
Delhi Bali Delhi	Indigo	DEL-DPS	05:45 hrs 17:30 hrs	Daily
	Indigo	DPS-DEL	11:20 hrs 18:05 hrs	Daily
Mumbai Bali Mumbai	Indigo	BOM-DPS	04:25 hrs 16:10 hrs	Daily
	Indigo	DPS-BOM	17:45 hrs 00:25+1 hrs	Daily
Kolkata Siem Reap Kolkata	Indigo	CCU-SAI	01:50 hrs 06:20 hrs	Mon, Thu, Sat
	Indigo	SAI-CCU	07:20 hrs 08:55 hrs	Mon, Thu, Sat
Mumbai Copenhagen Mumbai	Indigo	BOM-CPH	04:35 hrs 10:05 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun
	Indigo	CPH-BOM	12:30 hrs 00:30 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun
Kolkata Guangzhou Kolkata	Indigo	CCU-CAN	22:00 hrs 04:05+1 hrs	Daily
	Indigo	CAN-CCU	05:35 hrs 07:50 hrs	Daily
Bangkok Gaya Bangkok	Thai Airways	BKK-GAY	10:55 hrs 12:40 hrs	Daily
	Thai Airways	GAY-BKK	13:40 hrs 18:15 hrs	Daily
Delhi Manilla Delhi	Air India	DEL-MNL	13:20 hrs 22:40 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun
	Air India	MNL-DEL	23:40 hrs 03:50 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun