

7 DAYS KAZBEK EXPEDITION v2 METEO



Georgia enjoys the interest and sympathy of tourists for a reason. This country is an extraordinary combination of breathtaking landscapes, hospitable people and a great history. It is a picturesque place, located at the junction of two cultures. The striving for Western standards is intertwined here with a typically Eastern approach to life, which results in an unusual, colorful mosaic. Each region of Georgia has its own unique characteristics that are worth getting to know.

DATE: July – august.

PROGRAM:

Day 1: TBILISI → STEPANTSMINDA – 495mnpm ↗ 1750mnpm - 250km

- Arrival in Tbilisi
- Departure along the Georgian Military Road (the main route crossing the Caucasus and connecting Tbilisi with Russia) in direction of Kazbegi (now Stepantsminda; 1740 m above sea level); on the way a stop at the Zhinvali artificial water reservoir and visiting the picturesquely situated Ananuri fortress from the turn of the 16th and 17th centuries
- Drive towards the winter resort of Gudauri and a stop at a beautiful vantage point in front of the Jvari Pass (2379 m above sea level)
- Accommodation in guesthouse, Stepantsminda, free time
- Preparation for the expedition: meeting with guides, repacking backpacks, checking the equipment and, if necessary, supplementing the deficiencies at the place (e.g., purchase of gas cylinders, rental of equipment)
- Welcome dinner, overnight stay in guesthouse

Day 2: GERGETI → METEO – 2150mnpm ↗ 3650mnpm - 14km

- Early breakfast in the guesthouse
- Jeep ride to one of the most beautifully situated monasteries in Georgia – Gergeti Holy Trinity, which lies at an altitude of 2200 m above sea level, at the foot of Mount Kazbek (5033 m above sea level)
- Loading luggage onto the horses, which will take them to the meteo station
- Trekking with light backpacks through the Gergeti Glacier to the weather station - Betlemi Hut at an altitude of 3650 m (a distance of 14 km to cover)
- Dinner and overnight in meteo station

Option nr 2 - Day 2/3: GERGETI → SABERTSE - 2150mnpm ↗ 3015mnpm - 7km / SABERTSE – METEO 3015 ↗ 3650mnpm - 7km

- It is possible to break this approach for 2 days with accommodation in tents near the Altihut shelter (or in the Altihut shelter - additionally payable). In the case of accommodation in tents, you must bring equipment and food. The horses, transport and all equipment will be sent directly to meteo station

Day 3: METEO –3650mnpm ↗ ~4000mnpm ↘ 3650mnpm - 3km

- Breakfast
- Acclimatization - trekking at an altitude of approximately 4,000 m
- practical exercises: using an ice axe, using crampons, belaying on a rope, etc
- Return to meteo station, dinner and overnight

Day 4/5: METEO → KAZBEK SUMMIT → METEO - 3650mnpm ↗ 5054mnpm ↘ 3650mnpm - 15km

These days are intended for additional acclimatization, possible waiting out of unfavorable weather conditions and the summit attack

- Wake up and light breakfast at approx. 2 am
- Exit to the summit attack around 3-4 am
- Ascent to the summit (around 10 o'clock in good weather conditions)
- Return to the weather station (distance traveled: 15 km)
- Dinner and overnight

Day 6: METEO → GERGETI – 3650mnpm ↘ 2150mnpm – 14km

- Breakfast
- Closing camps
- Descent to the Gergeti Holy Trinity monastery and drive by jeeps to Stepantsminda
- Dinner in the form of a traditional Georgian feast - supra, full of local specialties, chacha and homemade wine, and accommodation in the guesthouse



Day 7: STEPANTSMINDA → TBILISI – 1750mnpm ↘ 400mnpm – 250km

- Breakfast in the guesthouse
- Return to Tbilisi
- Evening walk in the old town
- Optional visit to the sulphur baths
- Dinner and overnight in the hotel

Day 8: Transfer to the airport

- Flight back



WHAT TO BRING:

- shell mountain boots suitable for climbing a five-thousander,
- Crampons, pickax, helmet
- climbing harness, 2 HMS carabiners
- sunglasses, goggles
- headlamp
- double-layer gloves (can be ski and fleece),
- 1 pc fleece sweatshirt
- Gore-Tex jacket and pants
- 2 pairs of warm socks, hat, thermoactivated underwear
- trekking poles
- warm sleeping bag
- gas stove*, jetboil*
- a pot, a mug, a mess tin, spoon + fork + knife
- 50-liter backpack
- sleeping mat*, tent*
- thermos 1L.
- UV cream min. 30

* Not needed if overnight in meteo station

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Due to the chance of bad weather conditions in the mountains, it is possible to extend the expedition by additional days.

It is also possible to extend the trip in order to organize optional trips to other regions of Georgia.

Hiking equipment, ice axes, crampons, helmets, tents, gas cylinders and burners are available for rent on site.

Some clothing or unnecessary equipment can be left with us in the deposit in Stepantsminda.

The Kazbek expedition program may change in the event of weather changes. Our experienced guides, who have several dozen ascents to the top, will take care of the safety of the group. They will also decide whether to stop the attack in the event of deteriorating weather. We do not guarantee reaching the summit, but we guarantee that we will do everything possible to ensure the safety of participants.

All participants are required to purchase individual insurance for extreme sports (we have a contact to the agency in Poland for appropriate insurance). All participants are required to inform about chronic or other diseases that may affect the course of the expedition.

All participants are required to bring or rent appropriate shoes for mountain action, in the absence of appropriate specialized shoes, the participant will be excluded from the expedition.

Price includes

- Car transfers (minibus and off-road vehicles), transfer from and to the airport
- Guarantees of a replacement car in case of a breakdown
- Accommodation in hotels / guesthouses / tents / Meteo stations
- Meals twice a day
- Payment for guides and horses (10-15 kg / person), who will take our luggage
- Care of an experienced mountain guide
- price of accommodation in the Meteo station additionally 25 EURO/person. per night*
- meals price 2x a day in meteo additionally 50 EURO/person. *
- price for the extension of the mountain action 100 EURO/person/day**

*In the case of the version without accommodation and meals

**extra peak attack days beyond day 5.

Price does NOT include:

- air ticket
- own expenses
- Insurance
- additional meals during the day (lunch, snacks)

PRICE: 1250€/pax. - version with accommodation and meals.

PRICE: 1000€/pax. - version without accommodation and meals.

