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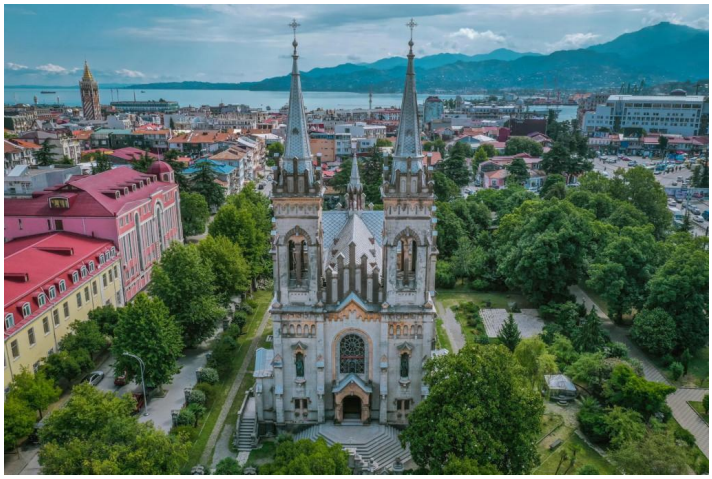

Tour code: Gr-TR-001

Duration: 1 day

From €123.00 / person

Starting point: Rize,Trabzon

Languages: English

Overview

Discover the fascinating blend of art, history, architecture, and natural beauty in Batumi, Georgia. Explore Gonio Fortress, historic cathedrals, the Adjara State Museum of Art, and the spectacular Batumi Botanical Garden. Stroll through charming European-style squares and experience authentic Georgian cuisine along the Black Sea coast.

Your itinerary

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Locked between Russia, Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Georgia is most visited country in the South Caucasus and long attracted visitors from neighbouring countries – and there's really no wonder. Fronted by the calm waters of the Black Sea, vintage appeal, rich culture and astonishingly diverse landscapes makes coastal city of Batumi an ideal destination for anyone loving history and nature with a backdrop of mist-wrapped hills on the grandest of scales.

Today we will follow the winding Black Sea’s coastal road to Batumi in Georgia approx. 200km/125 miles to the northeast, with lush greenery of the mountain slopes, meadow and fruit orchards on one side and calm wavy waters of the Black Sea on the other. Entering from Turkish-Georgian border-crossing point at Sarp and driving further 1,5 km or few minutes after border crossing, we arrive at the Sculpture and Waterfall of St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle. May 12 is an official holiday in Georgia and marks the day that the Apostle Andrew the First-Called arrived in Georgia, in present-day Ajara region. Born in Bethsaida on the northern coast of the Sea of Galilee.

Passing through rural villages, fruit orchards and eucalyptus trees towards Gonio Fortress and visit Mausoleum of Saint Matthias with an chapel, widely rumoured to be the burial site of the Apostle. Participation of the Imperial Russian Navy to help Greeks against the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Navarino (The last major fleet action of the sailing-ship era) in the afternoon of October 20, 1827 resulted with another war between Ottoman and Russian Empires and allowed Russia to annex some regions of modern-day Georgia including Batumi. Have the chance witness historical moment and snap photos at Gonio Fortress last-time used by Ottoman Empire during the period of war

From one famous site to another! Built between 1898-1903, Neo-Gothic style Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary originally constructed as an Roman Catholic Church and used as a transformer substation during Soviet reign.

Adjara State Museum of Art, Georgia's achievements in fine arts are displayed across two floors in this vast neoclassical space.The downstairs is dedicated to contemporary post-1950 Georgian artists llike Amiran Parqosadze, Bela Bolkvadze, and Rusudan Petviashvili, while the upper level holds the perhaps less striking permanent collection of paintings, graphics, woodcuts, ceramics, and sculpture by both Georgian and Western artists.

A nice lunch will be served in a quaint local restaurant before taking off to the 112-year-old, world’s second largest botanic garden brings to life nine geographical areas with over 5,000 different species of plants over 274 acres. Located 10km north of Batumi on Green Cape. The compact city center of Batumi is full of parks, gardens statues and stunning sights. This guided tour takes you on

a walking tour of Poseidon Statue, Opera and Ballet House, Astronomical Clock, grandeur of Piazza and Europe Squares and much more!

Good to know

Valid travel documents are required for crossing the Turkish–Georgian border. Guests should check visa and entry requirements according to their nationality. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

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