

## Itinerary

**Day 1:** Arrival in Tbilisi, Full day free in Tbilisi

**Day 2:** Tbilisi Excursions

Visiting AFG Projects

**Day 3:** Tbilisi to Kakheti (Bodbe, Signagi, Tsinandali)

**Day 4:** Telavi

Ikalto – Alaverdi-Gremi, visiting Pankisi Project (TBC)

**Day 5:** Travel back to Tbilisi

**Day 6:** Tbilisi – Mtskheta, Kutaisi

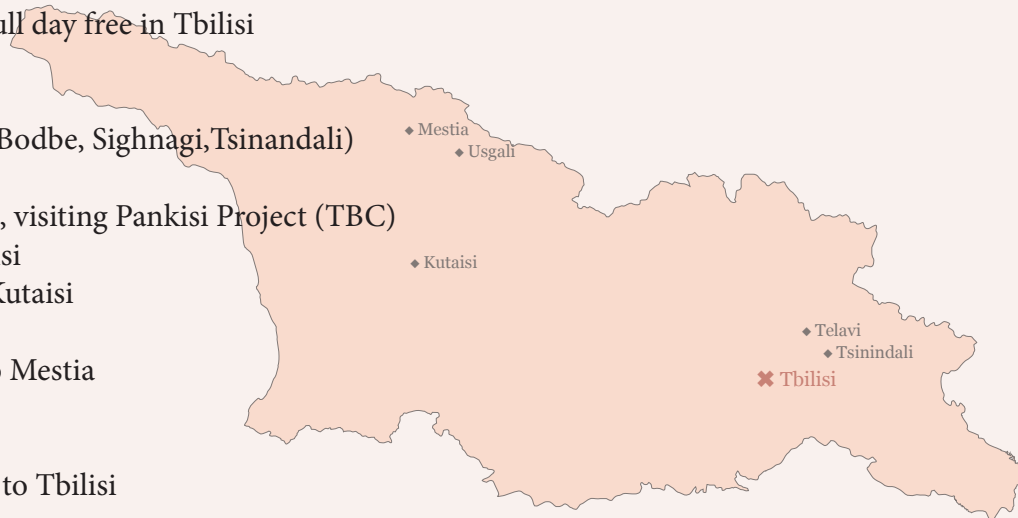
**Day 7:** Kutaisi – Mestia,

**Day 7:** Excursion, travel to Mestia

**Day 8:** Svaneti Area

**Day 9:** Svaneti Area

**Day 10:** Back from Svaneti to Tbilisi  
(Farewell Evening)



### Day 1 Tbilisi

Arrival in Tbilisi, you will be met and transferred to your central hotel in Tbilisi, (Tbilisi Courtyard by Marriot or similar) the ancient city and the capital of Georgia. If arrival early in the morning - Having a few hours of rest in the Hotel, free day, Meeting in the evening, having a welcome dinner and introduction with AFG Team.

### Day 2 Tbilisi

After breakfast pick up to enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. Tbilisi sightseeing tour: We will be visiting the area of the old town of Tbilisi, Sulphur Baths, Narikala Fortress, ancient churches, exploring spirit of its history, architecture and people. Lunch at *Iasamani* (or similar style restaurant) with Georgian fusion dishes.

During the course of the day's program, after the sightseeing tour pay a visit to the **Mercy Center Hospice, Nursing School and Home Care Program** (the first hospice and nursing school in Georgia supported by AFG) and meet with AFG's first partner, Mother Mariam, founder of the Hospice and Abbess of the Transfiguration Convent. Attend a dinner hosted by Mother Mariam with special guests and AFG's Higher Education Scholarship Kids who are former street children.

Also pay a visit to **Decorative Landscaping College** established by Mother Tekla with support of AFG and Georgian Patriarchy on the grounds of Holy Trinity Church. Visit the beautiful garden of the church.

In the evening dinner at "Shavi Lomi" (or similar restaurant) certain naïve, simple, but conceptual cuisine; an interesting correlation of spices and taste arranged on your plate: Take pleasure from fascinating

improvisations of Georgian dishes in the company of vivid conversation.

The restaurant is an homage to Georgia's favorite artist, Niko Pirosmani, a naive painter whose favorite subjects were animals, a singer named Margarita and feast scenes.

Arrival at the hotel, rest.



### Day 3 Kakheti

After breakfast at the Hotel you will travel to Kakheti - Georgia's largest wine region. Besides being the premier wine-producing area of Georgia, Kakheti is also rich in history: here you'll find the incredible monastery complex of Davit Gareja, the picturesque hilltop town of **Signaghi**, and many beautiful churches, castles and mansions in the region.

About 12:00 arrival in 9<sup>th</sup> century Bodbe Convent that was reconstructed several times. It has been significantly remodeled especially in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The monastery now functions as a convent and is one of the major pilgrimage sites in Georgia, due to its association with St. Nino, the 4<sup>th</sup>-century female evangelist of Georgians,