

SINGING

DANCING

What's included

- ❖ 11 nights Bed and Breakfast in hotels and Traditional Family homes
- ❖ All inclusive
- ❖ Local Georgian wine with evening meals
- ❖ Personal welcome at Tbilisi airport
- ❖ All transport and transfers in Georgia
- ❖ 3 formal singing, dancing and speciality workshops with many more opportunities for informal experiences
- ❖ English Speaking Guide

Dates and prices

Date	Ex Flights
23 July – 4 August 2012	£1400



GEORGIA

TBILISI KAKHETI KHAZBEGI GURIA SVANETI

Authentic, Intimate, Engaging

Voices echoing in sacred places, dancing to the ancient call, connecting to the earth, god and each other, mountains, plains and forests, unique food and wine and unrivalled hospitality.

SHAVNABADA FAMILY



A typical week

Arrival/ Departure day

Most flights come into Georgia very late at night or very early in the morning so the first few as well as the last day will be spent in Tbilisi. Shavnabada will host a traditional Georgian Supra at the end of the tour.

Travelling about

We will travel together every few days in an air conditioned coach to experience different regions – we will stop for picnics and will visit ancient churches and places of interest along the way.



Workshops

Each Shavnabada member comes from a different region in Georgia. Each region has its own sacred choral, folk, dance, food, wine and supra tradition. We will have exclusive access to Shavnabada's own traditions whilst we are cared for by their friends and family. Shavnabada will open those traditions to us so that we can learn the purest and most authentic ways of Georgia.

Relaxation and Magic

Talking, eating, singing and wine all make a visit to Georgia wonderful and there will be plenty of it! We will also visit iconic sites, markets, churches and buildings as well as having free time to relax. Every visit will be accompanied by a member of Shavnabada who will give us depth and insight into Georgia's heritage.

Maximum number of places available 24

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Day 1 Exploring Tbilisi

Just some of the experiences you can have.

Sulphur Baths, Mosque and the balconies of Abano Area, Botanikuri Street, Botanical Garden, Narikala Fortress. Statue of Mother Georgia / Kartlis Deda, Jerusalemis Street. Jvaris Mama Church and Sioni Street, café-streets of Shardeni & Erekle with their Mediterranean atmosphere.

Sioni Church, Anchiskhati Church (6th c. A.D.) Tavisuplebis Moedani (Freedom Square) Old Tbilisi City Hall, Leselidze Street, Maidan Square, Metekhi Church and Vakhtang Gorgasali Statue





Programme Outline



Day 2 After two nights in a Tbilisi hotel we will leave for **Kakheti** and spend some time at the David **Garejeli** Monastery. A complex which includes hundreds of cells, churches, chapels, refectories and living quarters hollowed out of rock face.



After a picnic lunch of delicious and refreshing local food we will visit last resting place of St. Nino, at the **Monastery at Bodbe**. **St Nino** brought Christianity to Georgia in the 4th century and visiting this sacred place is often a journey of personal pilgrimage.

Early evening will be spent exploring the historic wine making town of **Sighnagi** famous for wine and carpets. We will then travel onto **Gurjaani** the wine making centre of Kakheti where we will be welcomed at a traditional Kakhetian supra. There we will be able to spend time listening to and learning from traditional village singers. We will stay with families in the village.



Day 3 Singing and Wine

Workshop 1 Learning from Kakhetian Masters of Song



After a leisurely breakfast with our host families in Alaverdi we will spend the morning learning from the village singers a traditional Kakhetian song or two and (possibly) a dance. We will share lunch with our new friends and then set off to explore the blessing that is the wine of Georgia. We will visit more sacred churches but of particular interest will be the Alavedri Monastery where archaeological excavations show the history of wine making in Georgia. Together we will learn about the role of wine at the supra and will sample many different wines.

A relaxing evening will then be spent dining and singing together ready for the morning's journey to Mtsketa.

There is a legend stating that Georgia is the country rendered to the Holy Virgin and the country is under protection of Mother of God. The shroud of Jesus Chris, sewn by the Holy Virgin, has been interred in Svetitskhoveli Cathedral in the city of Mtskheta

Day 4 Mtskheta

Today will be spent in the region of Mtskheta with a visit to the Jvari Monastery and the Twelve Apostles at Svetitskhoveli Cathedral on the banks where the two greatest rivers in Georgia meet. These sacred spaces are entwined with the legend of St. Nino and how the Georgian Faith endured persecution and destruction over the centuries. We will also visit archaeological sites and the museum of Culture, have a leisurely meal at the Armazi restaurant, relax, chat, sing and get to know one another a little more.



A few hours drive during the early evening will bring us to Kazbegi/ Stepantsminda where we will be welcomed by our host families where we will eat together, rest and be ready to walk in the mountains on day 4.





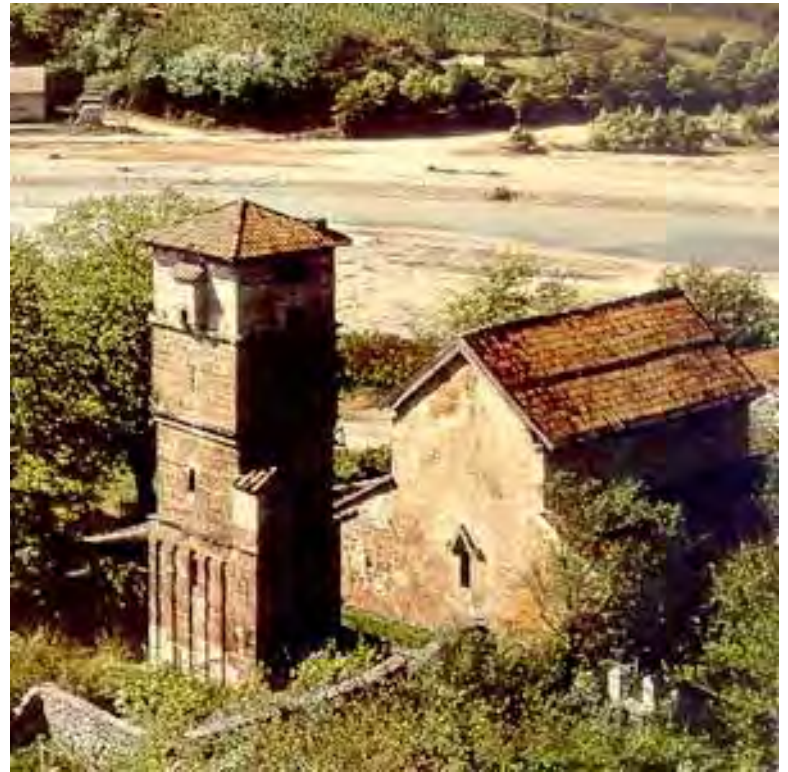
Day 5 Gentle day walking into the mountains of Kazbegi.

An earlier start will see us walking through the spectacular mountainous region of Imereti and heading for the Holy Trinity Church parts of which date back to AD1141. Adorning its walls are 14th century murials. The area is also famous for its healing mineral water. We will rest and picnic in the fresh air before our leisurely walk back to an evening meal and a relaxing evening with our hosts.



Day 6 Travelling to Guria

On our way to Guria we will pass the region of Imereti and visit Ubisa and Bagrati Cathedral in the city of Kutaisi. We will also visit the Kutaisi State Historical Museum. Eating local fresh food in local woodlands will help us to connect with the real living Georgia as we spend the next two nights with Gurian families sharing their lives, traditions, music and food.



Day 7 The Real Guria - Workshop 2

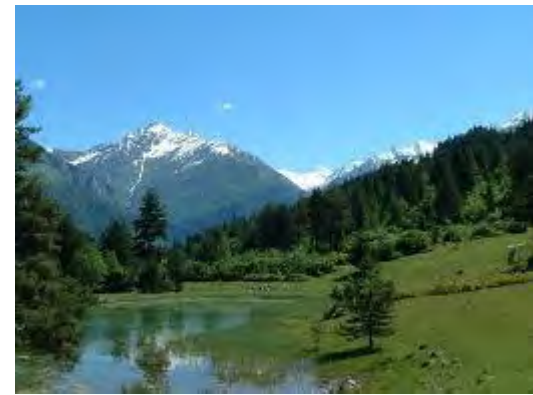
Singing and Dancing Workshop with Traditional Supra



Gurian people are renowned as being expert horsemen, singers and fighters! Whenever Georgia found herself under attack the monarch would always seek generals from Guria as their fearless nature would be invaluable at times of crisis. This is reflected in Gurian traditional song, dance and culture. We will be engaging completely with this nature, and will stay with local families whose generosity is overwhelming. The morning will be spent learning Gurian songs and dance. During the afternoon we will enjoy the river where we will swim and relax with a picnic. The evening will be spent at a Traditional Gurian Supra where we will be part of a very special tradition that will involve up to 6 hours of eating drinking Gurian wine and singing. (Alternatives to alcohol are available.)

Day 8 Travelling to Svaneti

Travelling through breath-taking scenery on the way to Svaneti we will stop in the Megrilian Town of Zugdidi to visit the Palace of Dadiani which houses many national treasures of Georgia. These include a garment worn by the Virgin Mary.



Our journey will be further broken by a meal in the low mountainous regions but once we arrive in Svaneti we will be welcomed by local singing choirs and families at a traditional Svanetian Supra. We will stay with our new Georgian friends in their homes and experience the Svanetian way of life.





Day 9

Workshop 3 Svanetian Song and Dance



We will spend the morning learning from masters of Svanetian song and dance and will share together a very special experience and create memories, set against a stunning backdrop that is the Georgian mountainside, that will remain with us forever.



In the afternoon we will visit Lataili Village which has 64 sacred churches and a beautiful Museum of Christian Treasure.

Day 10 Retuning to Tbilisi Forests and Lakes



After breakfasting with our Svanetian hosts we will wend out way back to Tbilisi via Forests, Lakes and small villages, where we will stop for sightseeing, eating and visiting iconic churches.



Once we have settled into our hotel and have eaten together the early evening can be spent to explore this astounding and beautiful city. You might enjoy a visit to the Turkish Baths or walking Tbilisi by night. You might like to visit The Old Town or Rike Gardens or perhaps Rustavi Avenue.

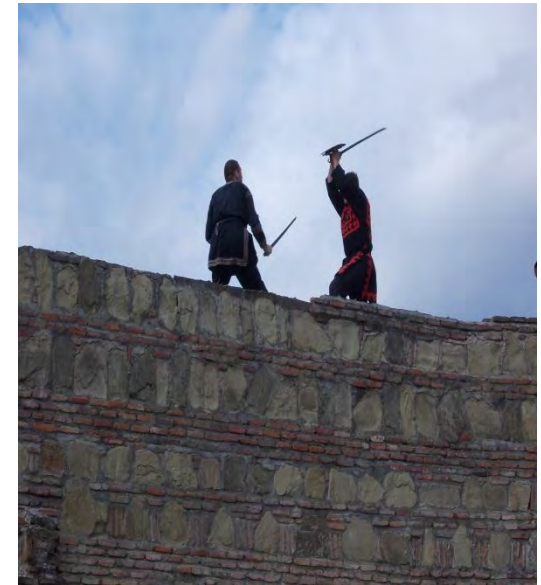


No matter where you go you will be made to feel welcome. Georgians see visitors to their country as 'Gifts from God;.



Day 11 Traditional Tbilisi – Customs and Heritage

A tour of Tbilisi with a visit to the market will take place in the morning and then there will be a chance to hear The Patriarch of Georgia's choir sing as part of the Mass in Sameba Cathedral. We will stay for a little while and feel and hear the spirit of Georgia at its most profound. Then after a spot of lunch we will watch and meet with the Georgian Traditional Warriors as they demonstrate Georgian Fighting techniques that have been used through out Georgia's history.



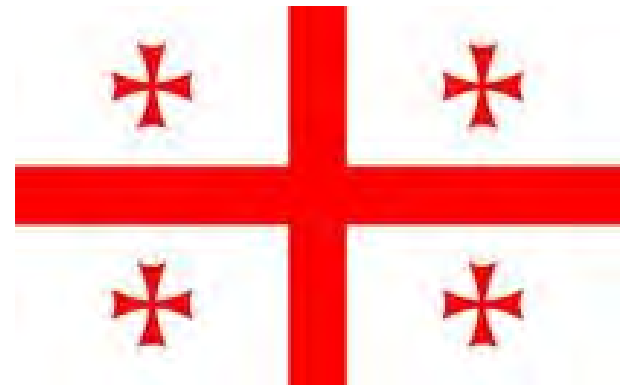
A free early evening until we all come together with Shavnabada for a SUPRA **Shavnabada style!!**

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A chance to win this holiday!

Buying a raffle ticket at any of the concerts or workshops on the Shavnabada UK Autumn Tour 2011 could win one all expenses paid (excluding flight) trip to Georgia.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Wakefield Cathedral Concert on Friday 21st Oct.

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- BBC RADIO LEEDS LIVE INTERVIEW 3—3.45 27 SEPT
- BRADFORD COMMUNITY RADIO LIVE INTERVIEW 2—3 29 SEPT
- THE RUSSIAN RESTAURANT AN INFORMAL EVENING 30 SEPT 7.30
- ST ETHELBURGHAS FILM AND CONCERT 3 MEMBERS LONDON 1 OCT 7.30
- RICHMONDSHIRE CHORAL WORKSHOP YORKSHIRE 3 OCT 7.30
- 7 ARTS LEEDS FILM AND CONCERT 3 MEMBERS YORKSHIRE 6 OCT 7.30
- ST ANDREW'S CHURCH MORLEY YORKSHIRE 9 OCT 7.30
- HENDAL PRIMARY GEORGIAN EXPERIENCE DAY 7 OCT
- STAGECOACH WORKSHOP YORKSHIRE 8 OCT
- BRADFORD UNIVERSITY GEORGIAN DAY / FILM AND CONCERT 3 MEMBERS 10 OCT 7.30
- YORKSHIRE PHILHARMONIC CHOIR WORKSHOP 6 - 7 11 OCT BBC RADIO 4 INTERVIEW
- ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC HIGH GEORGIAN DAY YORKSHIRE 12 OCT
- SHEFFIELD SINGERS WORKSHOP 13 OCT 7.30 – 9.30
- WORKSHOP THE OTHERS LONDON 15 OCT 1-3
- WORKSHOP KIRKGATE CENTRE 1-3 FULL CONCERT KALA SANGAM BRADFORD YORKSHIRE 16 OCT 7.30
- WORKSHOP 3-5.30 FULL CONCERT JDP OXFORD 17 OCT 7.30
- KIRKHAMGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL GEORGIAN EXPERIENCE YORKSHIRE
- YORKSHIRE YOUTH CHOIR WORKSHOP 19 OCT 4-5
- WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL FULL CONCERT CELEBRATING GEORGIAN EXPERIENCES IN YORKSHIRE 21 OCT 7.00
RECORDED FOR RADIO 4
- BLOOMSBURY FESTIVAL LONDON RUSSELL SQUARE 22 OCT 15.45
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