

DAY TRIP TO KHEVI PROVINCE – KAZBEGI (STEPANTSMINDA)

Duration of the program 8-10 hours

Spend your time relaxing and soaking up the views the **Caucasus Mountains** with its rich valleys, rushing mountain rivers. Take the opportunity to enjoy trip along **Georgian Military Highway**, which connects northern Caucasus with Transcaucasus, by exploring its attractive surroundings, as well as learning from sightseeing tours. Enjoy the breathtaking views of mountain passes littered by watchtowers and alpine fields. If weather conditions permit you'll see '**Mkinvartsveri**' or **Kazbek** (5047 m.) meaning 'ice-top'. Natives of Khevi province often call this giant volcano 'the bride of the Khevi.'

**Sites to Visit:**

- **Ananuri** architectural complex (16th -17th cc) - belonged to the house of the Eristavi of Aragvi - a violent local ruler. The characteristic architectural design of the late medieval period includes a fortress, two churches, an old watch tower, prison and civic buildings. Located on the famous Georgian Military Highway it stood as a guardian to the Northern borders of Georgia. A picturesque view of reservoir spread below opens from the base of the Ananuri Fortress.
- **Gergeti Trinity Church** (14th c) - was built in 13th-14th cc. and was the only cupola church in the Khevi region. Perched on the top of the *Tsminda Sameba* (Holly Trinity) hill at 2170m above sea level, it is something of a symbol of Georgia. The severe beauty of glaciers and austerity of local people are reflected in the construction of such a huge church on such a height. The trek up to the Gergeti Trinity church starts at the village Gergety and passes through lush forests and alpine fields. (**2-3h walking tour is required to visit Gergeti Church, on supplementary basis can be rented 4x4 vehicles*)

RATES:

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| 1 pax | 230 USD per person |
| 2 pax | 135 USD per person |
| 3 pax | 115 USD per person |
| 4-5 pax | 95 USD per person |
| 6-7 pax | 85 USD per person |
| 8-12 pax | 75 USD per person |

Supplement for 4x4 vehicle to get till Gergeti Trinity Church

35 USD per vehicle (*capacity 3 persons)

50 USD per vehicle (*capacity 5/6 persons)

What to bring with: Appropriate footwear, water, raincoat, suntan lotion & hat

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Prices include:

- Transportation by comfortable vehicle according the program
- Cultural English speaking tour guide according the program
- Entrance fees according the program
- Lunch on rout
- Pick-up & drop-off

Prices exclude:

- Catering not mentioned
- Alcohol beverages
- 4x4 vehicles to visit Gergety Trinity Church
- Visits not mentioned
- Other expenses not mentioned

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NOTES:

***All rates are based on contracts subscribed with our providers in 2015 and are subject to minor changes in 2016; we preserve the right to revise given rates in 2016**

***Most of museums are closed on Mondays and official holidays**

***Sightseeing order can be modified due to weather and time conditions**Prices