Kakheti Wonders: Castles, Mountains & Wine

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A scenic day trip from Tbilisi to Kakheti, exploring ancient fortresses, breathtaking mountain views, and the heart of Georgia’s winemaking culture.

Morning: Historical Landmarks & Scenic Views

- **Pickup (9:00 AM):** Pickup from your designated location in Tbilisi.
- **Stop 1: Ujarma Fortress (9:30 AM – 10:15 AM):**
  - Start your journey with a visit to Ujarma Fortress, a medieval stronghold from the 3rd century.
  - Learn about its role in Georgian history and King Vakhtang Gorgasali’s reign.
  - Enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding forests and valleys.
- **Stop 2: Gombori Mountain Pass (11:00 AM – 11:30 AM):**
  - Drive through the Gombori Pass, a stunning 1,620m-high mountain road.
  - Stop at viewpoints to take in breathtaking landscapes of rolling hills, forests, and villages.

    - A perfect spot for photography and fresh mountain air.
- **Stop 3: Batonistsikhe Fortress (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM):**
    - Explore Batonistsikhe, the 17th-century royal palace of Kakheti's kings in Telavi.
    - Walk through the well-preserved fortress walls, palace halls, and museums.
    - Learn about the history of Kakheti's royal dynasty.

Afternoon: Wine, Nature & Culture

- **Stop 4: 900-Year-Old Platan Tree in Telavi (1:15 PM – 1:30 PM):**
    - Visit the legendary 900-year-old Platan tree, a symbol of Telavi and one of Georgia's oldest trees.
    - Stand under its massive 12-meter trunk and admire its ancient presence.
- **Stop 5: Wine Tasting at Khareba Winery in Kvareli (2:30 PM – 4:00 PM):**
    - Experience a wine tasting tour at Khareba Winery, famous for its unique wine tunnel carved into the rock.
    - Learn about traditional Qvevri winemaking and sample premium Kakhetian wines.
    - Walk through the cool underground wine cellars.
- **Stop 6: Signagi – The City of Love (5:00 PM – 6:30 PM):**
    - Stroll through the cobbled streets of Signagi, a charming hilltop town.
    - Enjoy stunning views of the Alazani Valley and Caucasus Mountains.
    - Walk along the ancient city walls, one of the longest in the world.
    - Browse local crafts, visit art galleries, and soak in the relaxed atmosphere.
- **End of Tour – Return to Tbilisi (8:00 PM):** Return to Tbilisi.