

Tbilisi City Highlights — Old Town, Narikala & Mtatsminda

Operator: Georgia Journeys

Duration: 8 hours | Price: USD 50.00 per person | Regions: Tbilisi

About this tour

A full-day private walk through Tbilisi's signature landmarks — rewritten for a smoother flow than a simple checklist of stops. We begin at the monumental Chronicles of Georgia by the Tbilisi Sea, continue to Sameba Cathedral and Metekhi Cliff, then cross into the Old Town via Rike Park and the Bridge of Peace. A cable-car ascent brings you to Narikala Fortress and Kartlis Deda for the classic panorama. From there we descend into Abanotubani, the Leghvtakhevi waterfall, Meidan Bazaar and Shardeni Street, pause by the Gabriadze puppet theatre, and finish high above the city at Mtatsminda Park. Ideal for first-time visitors who want the essentials in one well-paced day with a local guide.

What's included

- Professional English-speaking local guide
- Private transport between distant stops (Chronicles of Georgia / Mtatsminda area as needed)
- Hotel pickup in central Tbilisi
- Bottled water

What's not included

- Cable car tickets (Rike–Narikala)
- Funicular tickets (Mtatsminda)
- Meals and drinks
- Personal shopping and souvenirs
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities

Tour program (stops)

Stop 1: Chronicles of Georgia

Start at Zurab Tsereteli's monumental chronicle overlooking the Tbilisi Sea — unfinished stone columns, a long staircase, and wide views for photos.

Stop 2: Holy Trinity Cathedral (Sameba)

Visit Sameba, the main cathedral of the Georgian Orthodox Church, rising above Avlabari with its golden dome and hillside setting.

Stop 3: Metekhi Church

Walk the Metekhi cliff for the classic view across the Mtkvari toward Old Tbilisi, with the historic church on the edge of Avlabari.

Stop 4: Rike Park

Cross into Rike Park for open lawns, playful installations, and a short pause before the cable-car ascent.

Stop 5: Bridge of Peace

Stroll the bow-shaped glass-and-steel pedestrian bridge over the river — one of Tbilisi's modern icons, especially striking in daylight.

Stop 6: Rike-Narikala Cable Car

Ride the cable car from Rike Park up to Narikala for a few minutes of rooftops, river bends, and Old Town panorama (ticket not included).

Stop 7: Narikala Fortress

Explore the ancient fortress walls between the sulphur baths and botanical gardens, including the restored St Nicholas church court.

Stop 8: Kartlis Deda (Mother of Georgia)

Short walk to the Sololaki hilltop statue that greets the city with a bowl of wine and a sword — classic Tbilisi panorama.

Stop 9: Abanotubani

Descend into the sulphur-bath district with its trademark brick domes — the neighbourhood that gave Tbilisi its name.

Stop 10: Leghvtakhevi Waterfall

A short canyon walk to the Leghvtakhevi waterfall — a cool photo stop tucked behind the bathhouses.

Stop 11: Meidan Bazaar

Browse the underground brick arches for crafts, spices, wine, and local sweets in an atmospheric Old Town market setting.

Stop 12: Shardeni Street

Wander the lively pedestrian lane of cafés, galleries, and boutiques at the heart of Old Tbilisi.

Stop 13: Rezo Gabriadze Marionette Theater

Pause by the Gabriadze puppet theatre and its famous clock tower — a compact cultural landmark full of character.

Stop 14: Freedom Square

Reach Freedom Square at the eastern end of Rustaveli Avenue — a central landmark linking Old Town and modern Tbilisi.

Stop 15: Mtatsminda Park

Ride the funicular up Mount Mtatsminda (ticket not included) for park time, Ferris-wheel views, and a city-wide farewell panorama.

Photo gallery



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