

Cycling tour in Georgia (Caucasus) with tour option (detour) to Armenia

start July 28th, 2012. from Budapest

Start from the Turkish-Georgian border

I.day August 5th

Sarpi-Batumi {M2}(15km)-Poti (70 km) Kvaloni (33 km junction {M1}) **Zugdidi** (40 km=160 km)

II.day August 6th,

Enguri or Inguri river valley (**WW II labour camp**): Dzhigali, Jvari (28km) Khaisi (40 km)

Mestia 68 km (=140 km)

III.day August 7th, sightseeing in Mestia.

If the „road „ in Inguri valley accessible by bicycle (dirt road , gravel road) over a pass to Chazhashi ~50 km .

If not back on the same route to Zugdidi (300 km).

Chazhashi this village is [on the list of UNESCO cultural heritage](#) .

IV.day August 8th ,

Jakhunderi (~45 km) Sakdari, **Lentekhi** (35 km) **Tsageri** (20 km =100 km)

V.day August 9th, to the left, (East) junction to Lajanurhesi (22 km) Khvanchkara-

Ambrolauri (26 km) [Nicortsminda cathedral on the tentative list of UNESCO cultural heritage](#) -**Tkibuli**

WW II labour camp (43 km) , {95 km

VI.day August 10th,

Kutaisi (40 km) [Gelati monastery on the list of UNESCO cultural heritage](#) {M1} Zestaponi (40 km) , ca. 8 km possible detour to South (to the right) to **Borjomi** a side road (~60 km) =140 km

VII.day August 11th,

site seeing {M80} Khashuri {M1}- **Gori**(80 km)

VIII.day August 12th, near Igoeta [Samtavisi cathedral on the tentative list of UNESCO cultural heritage](#) , Mtskheta :[Jvari monastery on the list of UNESCO cultural heritage](#)100 km

Tbilisi

IX.day August 13th,

sightseeing 20 km

X.day

August 14th,Mtsketha junction {M3} Georgian Military Highway Dusheti (White castle) (~ 50 km) Ananuri (~10 km) [on the tentative list of UNESCO cultural heritage](#)

attraction: Assumption church and castle , Pasaauri (35 km) camping =100 km .

XI.day August 15th,Gudauri,Kobi (50 km) Sioni , Gergeti Holy Trinity cathedral Kazbegi (17 km) +~15 km Russian border Verhnij Lars

Option for 4-5 day hiking tour up to Kazbek (5033 m) ~ 300 €USD for the guide

From the border back on the same road or if the road is accessible by bicycle from (20km) Arsha (=100 km)

XII.day August 16th,from Arsha to the East (left) to Barisakho (~35 km) – Zhinvali (55 km) to the East (right) to Tianeti (small lake) camping ? (23 km) =120 km

XIII.day+ 5 days ,August 17th,Tolunji, Sakdrioni,Tskhvarichamia {M9} **Rustavi** (120 km)

XIV.day+5days

If I ll have time, and energy, the weather will be good, I can make a toour to Armenia about 500 km in 5-6 days

I.option from Tbilisi

65 km Armenian border Sadakhlo/ Ayrum [UNESCO cultural heritage monastries Hakhpat](#) , [Sanahin](#) 40 km **Alaverdi** =120 km

XV.+5 days August 18th, **Vanadzor** (50 km) **Dilijan** 40 km +50 km Sevan (lake and monastries 55 km Yerevan =140 km

XVI.+5 days August 19th,

sightseeing monastries+ Gephard cave monastery 40 km detour

XVII.+5 days August 20th,

option for climbing the mountain Ashtarak ca 12 hours Aragats-ra (4039 m) Gyumri (115 km) Torosgyugh (25 km chruch) =140km

XVIII.+5 days August 21st,

Bavra/Zhdanovi Armenian-Georgian border Ninotsminda (50 km) 35 km Cave City – or Akhalkalaki - Khratskaros unghelt (2154 m)

XIX.day

August 22th, Akhaltsikhe (100 km)

XX-XXI.+5 days Batumi (150 km) 20 km Turkish border **Sarpi**

II.option

If I will have less time, then

XV-XVI.+5 days

From Tbilisi to Manglisi- Ninotsminda 170 km Akhalkalaki (20 km) =190 km in two days

XVII.day

Kumuldo church, cave city, Akhaltsikhe 100 km

XVIII-XIX + 5 days

170 km to the border in two days

III.option even shorter

XV-XVI.+5 days

If I will go from Kutaisi-ból not to Borjomi on the bad side road at the begin of the tour, but on {M1} , then to Manglisi (60 km)-Tsalka (lake) 41 km Nardevani junction to the north Oliangi-Avrala-Gujareti-Sadoeri-Timotesuban monastery+Daba monastery 100 km =200 km

Borjomi

XVII.-XVIII. +5 days

Akhalsikhe 80 km- Goderdzis ughelt (pass 2025 m)160 km **Batumi 15 km Sarpi Turkish border**

=265 km

altogether 1800-2100 km