



DESKINATION
GEORGIA



SKIING IN GEORGIA

There is nothing better than reaching the summit, with the lift or with skins, breathing in the fresh air, and contemplating the breathtaking panorama and infinite possibilities of descending that the **Caucasian mountains** have to offer.

Georgia is an incredible playground for all levels of rider.

Modern resorts such as **Gudauri** are in constant evolution, especially in the wilder western part of the country.

It is possible to heliski in several locations while the opportunities for exploring remote places with skins are endless.





THE TRIP

The idea is to make a 10-day trip, ideally visiting the resort of Gudauri first (a two-hour drive north of the capital Tbilisi) and the wild and hidden kingdom of the Svaneti Park in the west.

We will use lifts to access some lines (especially in the Gudauri area), but we will mainly skin up to explore the most remote places.

Travelling in the Svaneti Park is an adventure and access to the remote villages is not easy, but it does give you the feel of being lost in time.

Most of these villages are cut off from the world in winter and are completely self-sufficient.

We will ride in wild places near the border with Russia where no one has ridden before, living in family houses and enjoying great homemade food.

The daily altitude difference that we will hike and ride is between 900 and 1300 vertical metres: the terrain consists mainly of long rolling ridges of around 35°-38°, perfect for big and fast turns in the dry Caucasian powder.





GUDAURI

Located in the heart of the Caucasus and surrounded by some of Georgia's most spectacular mountains, Gudauri is an ideal place for every season.

During the winter (December to April) Gudauri offers 57 kilometres of groomed pistes served by modern lifts that bring you up to the 3000-metre

summit of the Kudebi Mountain, with breathtaking views of Mount Kazbek (5047 metres).

Skinning on the surrounding mountains opens up endless possibilities for riding.

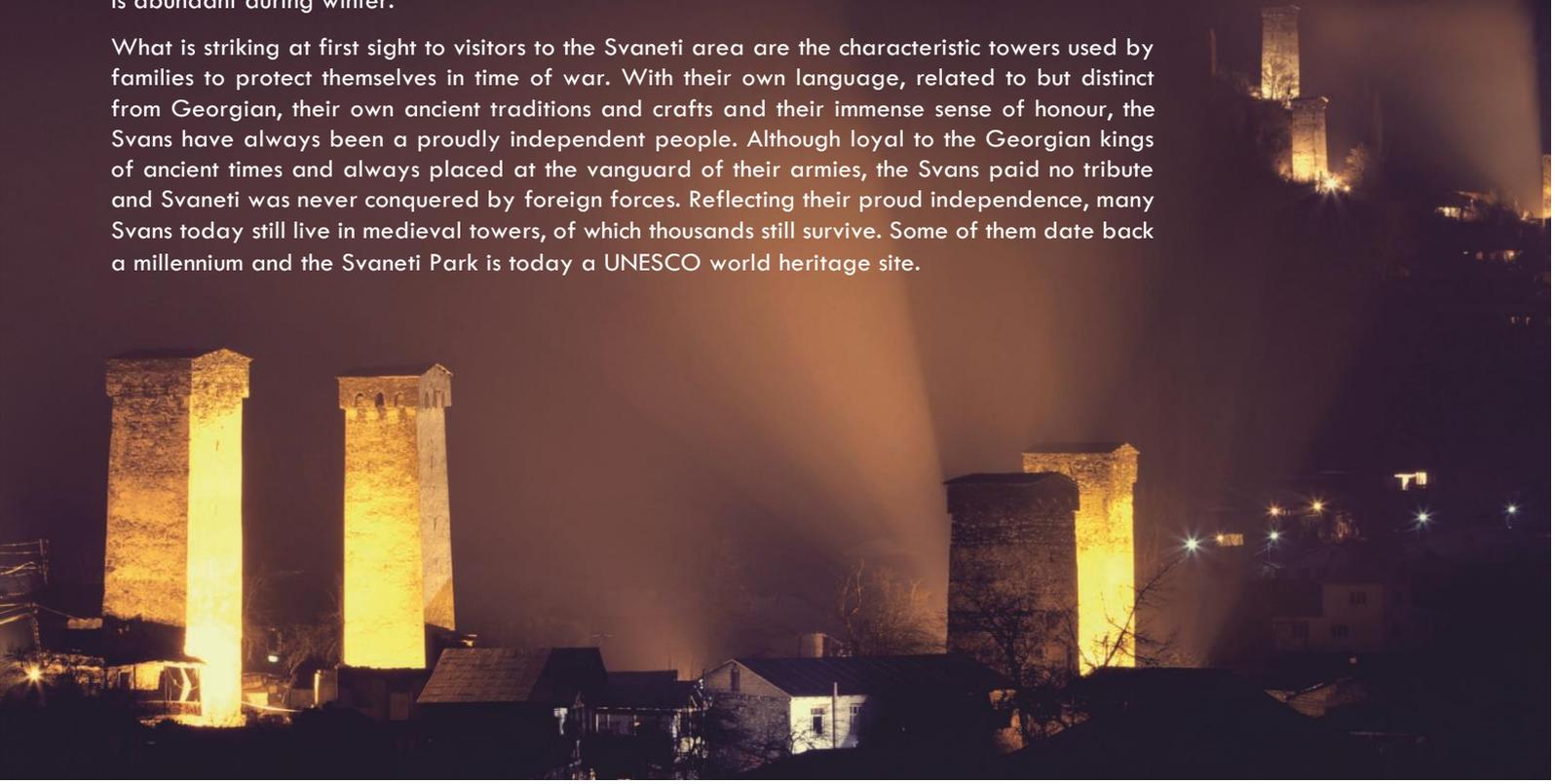
Heliskiing is also possible here.



SVANETI

Surrounded by mountains that rise to between 3000 and 5000 metres, Svaneti is Europe's highest inhabited area. The climate is humid all year round, strongly influenced by the warm and wet winds blowing from the nearby Black Sea. The average rainfall varies from 1000 to 2500 mm per year according to altitude; it is most concentrated in the Greater Caucasus where the snowfall is abundant during winter.

What is striking at first sight to visitors to the Svaneti area are the characteristic towers used by families to protect themselves in time of war. With their own language, related to but distinct from Georgian, their own ancient traditions and crafts and their immense sense of honour, the Svans have always been a proudly independent people. Although loyal to the Georgian kings of ancient times and always placed at the vanguard of their armies, the Svans paid no tribute and Svaneti was never conquered by foreign forces. Reflecting their proud independence, many Svans today still live in medieval towers, of which thousands still survive. Some of them date back a millennium and the Svaneti Park is today a UNESCO world heritage site.







PROGRAM

Day 1

Departure

Day 2- Arrival in Tbilisi

Transfer Tbilisi – Gudauri

Freeride/Backcountry day (lifts)

Day 3 - Gudauri

Freeride and Backcountry day with skins

Day 4 - Gudauri

Morning – Freeride/Backcountry with skins

Afternoon/evening – Transfer to Tbilisi, city tour and visit to ancient spa

Day 5 - Transfer Tbilisi – Mestia (Svaneti) –

Town tour in the evening visiting one of the ancient towers

Day 6 - Svaneti

Morning – Transfer to a small village

Afternoon – Freeride/Backcountry with skins

Day 7 - Svaneti

Freeride/Backcountry with skins

Day 8 - Svaneti

Freeride/Backcountry with skins

Day 9 - Svaneti

Freeride/Backcountry with skins

Day 10 Transfer Svaneti – Tbilisi

Day 11 - Fly back home

INFO

The cost depends on the number of participants (min. 4) and includes:

ACCOMODATION

- 2 nights in Gudauri, Hotel ***, double room with half board
- 5 nights in the Svaneti Park: typical guesthouses, double room, half board
- 2 nights in Tbilisi, Hotel ***, breakfast.

SPA

- 2 hours in private room in the ancient spa of Tbilisi

TRANSFERS

- All transfers during the entire trip to Georgia, with 4x4, A/C and good music

- From and to the Airport

The cost does not include:

- Return flight to Tbilisi (approx. €200-250 from Milan, skibag included)
- Insurance, skipass, evening meals in Tbilisi, drinks
- Everything not indicated under “the cost includes”

USEFUL INFOS:

Passport: must have a remaining validity of at least 6 months

Compulsary Vaccinations: none

Time Zone: +2 hours (or +3; Georgia does not apply “legal time”)

Difficulty

BS – BSA, previous backcountry experience required as well as good physical condition. We will skin and climb from 900 to 1300 vertical metres a day.

The places where we will hike and ride do not require the use of harness or ice axe; a pair of light aluminium crampons could be useful.

Avalanche transceiver/shovel/probe are all obligatory

Use of airbags is optional

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