

## Mount Kazbek 5033m

Climbing tour 8 days South Face (from Georgia)

Program 2015: 20.06.2015, 25.07.2015, 23.08.2015



*Kazbek-Djimarai view*

**Day 1.** Early morning arrive in Tbilisi. Transfer to the northern part of the Great Caucasus along Aragvi river to famous ski resort Gudauri 2200m. Acclimatization hike to Sadzeli peak 3300m. Accommodation in guest house 3-4 bed rooms.

**Day 2.** Today we cross the Jvari Pass (2380m) to a small town of Kazbegi and then village Gergeti (1750m. 4hrs driving). Leave extra luggage in hostel Take a horses for common stuff and go via Gergeti pass 3387m (about half way to Betlemi hut) to tent camp place near the glacier about 3000m. Tent camp.



*Necropolis of Dargavs city*



**Day 3** Hike to mountain hut Betlemi (former meteorological station at 3675m, 3-4hrs walking from the campsite). One will not expect much comfort in this high mountain hut, but we try our best.





*View of Maily glacier and North face Mt.Kazbek*

**Day 4.** Sunrise viewed from the refuge provides breathtaking panorama of the Caucasus. This is the day for acclimatization. Usually, in good weather conditions, we prefer to climb Mount Ortsveri, 4365m. grade 2. It is a good preparation before attempting Kazbek. We walk to the west and gain altitude up to 4000metres, where from we climb snow and icy north-east slopes to the summit, 4-5 hrs. Return to the refuge.



*Morning view*



*At the top of Maily pass 4400m*

**Day 5.** The Summit Day. From the Betlemi hut a gently rising traverse W leads back to N side of the Ortsveri glacier. Now follow the glacier generally NW for 4km, passing under the S side of the mountain, to attain a large snow Maili Plateau at 4500m on the NW side of the summit area (3h); this section is easy if amply snow covered, but later in the day or late in the season great care must be taken as there are many crevasses in the glacier. Now a steeper slope leads to a small saddle on W side of the summit (4900m, 2h). Snow, rocks and easy angled ice (35 to 40 degrees) lead to the top; possibly 4 rope lengths of difficulty - max. PD sup, grade II+ (from Betlemi hut, about 7h). Return to the refuge, 4hrs.



*Last pitch before the summit*



*Under Kazbek slope*

**Day 6.** After breakfast we walk down to Kazbegi, 4hrs (Optionally: spare day to attempt climb Kazbek).

**Day 7.** Drive to the hotel in Tbilisi and city tour.

**Day 8.** Transfer to the airport. Departure from Tbilisi.



**Price per person for the trip 935€**  
 Single room supplement: hotel 25€

**The price includes:**

- All necessary transfers required for carrying out the trip
- Accommodation according to the program
- Full board throughout the trip, excluding farewell dinner
- NewRoute mountain guide
- NewRoute Outdoor Cook
- Horses to carry common group equipment
- Necessary formalities (visa support, passport registration, border permit)
- National Park fee

**Not included:**

- Flights to / from Tbilisi airport
- Unexpected preliminary evacuation cost
- Insurance
- Personal porters
- Personal expenses, alcohol
- Visa costs

**In case of earlier descent to Gergeti or Tbilisi – extra accommodation in Hotel and meals (not according to the tour program) at its own cost!**

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