



A TASTE OF GEORGIA

with **ROSE MURRAY BROWN MW**

23 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER 2023

WINE & CULTURE TOUR TO GEORGIA

- Eight day wine tour with expert wine guide Master of Wine Rose Murray Brown and a local cultural guide - offering a unique insight into the beautiful wine regions during harvest time & the culture of Georgia.
- Explore the birthplace of wine where you will see at first hand the ancient 'qvevri' winemaking methods developed 8000 years ago still used.
- Walk in the dramatic foothills of the Caucasus mountains; immerse yourself in the culture of Georgia visiting monasteries, churches, cathedrals & caves; meet a local mountain cheesemaker.
- Visit leading wine producers in three wine regions: Imereti, Kartli and Kakheti - and discover some of the 525 indigenous grapes of Georgia from white Kisi, Rkatsiteli and Khikhvi to red Saperavi and Otskhanuri Sapere.
- Explore the diversity and quality of modern Georgian wine: from premium sparkling, crisp dry whites, rose, amber to lush succulent reds.
- Stay at well appointed 3, 4 & 5 star hotels in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Kazbegi and Kakheti.



SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

- Arrival in Tbilisi airport (with coach transfer to connect with Turkish Airlines 16:40 flight arrival)
- Overnight stay in 4 star Iota Hotel in Tbilisi

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

- Walking tour of Tbilisi city (optional)
- Introduction to Georgian wine
- Welcome dinner in local restaurant
- Overnight at Iota Hotel in Tbilisi

MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2023

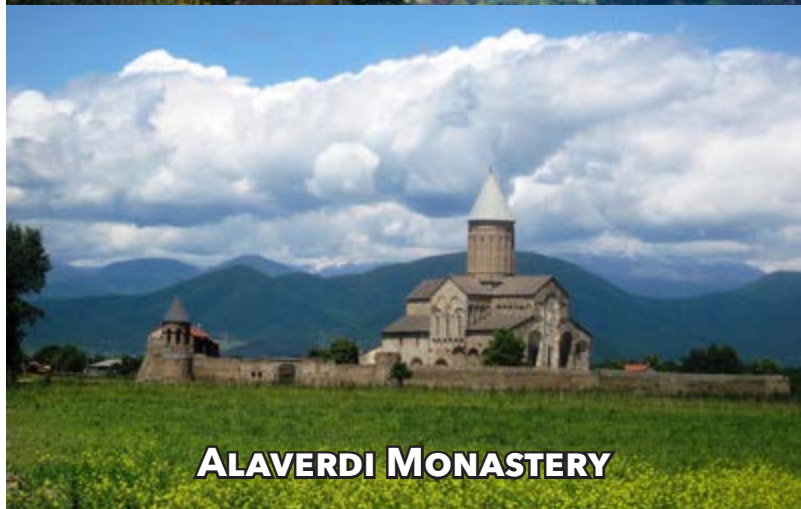
- Drive to UNESCO heritage city Mtskheta which was an old royal city in the Kartli Kingdom to visit Svetitskhoveli cathedral CXI and Jvari monastery CVI.
- Lunch and wine tasting at Chateau Mukhrani in Kartli region
- Drive to Imereti region
- Visit Ubisa church enroute
- Tasting & supper at Baia's Wine Cellar
- Overnight at 3 star Best Western Hotel in Kutaisi

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023

- Drive to Martvili to see the canyons
- Lunch and wine tasting at family winery Oda Martvili
- After lunch visit the Prometheus speleological cave
- Tasting supper at Tina's Ethno Wine House in Kutaisi
- Overnight at Best Western Hotel in Kutaisi

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

- Drive to Labara winery in Vartsikhe
- Lunch and wine tasting at Ori Marani in Kartli region
- After lunch drive up to Stepantsminda / Kazbegi
- Visit Ananuri Fortress CXVII
- Check in to 4 star Rooms Hotel, Kazbegi
- Evening free



THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023

- Take 4x4 cars and drive up to 2200m above sea level and visit Gergeti Trinity Church or relax at hotel in Kazbegi if preferred
- Lunch with a local family
- After lunch drive to Kakheti by bus via Gombori pass
- Check in to 5 star Lopota Lake Resort & Spa in Kakheti
- Evening free at Lopota Lake Resort



GERGETI TRINITY CHURCH

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

- Tasting at Chateau Buera
- Tasting & lunch at Nekresi Estate
- Visit Gogi Dakishvili wine cellar Orgo/Teleda
- Visit to Marleta cheese farm
- Tasting supper at Gia Togonidze wine cellar
- Overnight at Lopota Lake Resort



WINEMAKER'S TOOLS

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

- Visit to Alaverdi Cathedral
- Tour, tasting & lunch at Alaverdi wine cellar
- Visit Qvevri maker's family in Vardisubani
- Tasting & supper at Casreli
- Overnight at Lopota Lake Resort



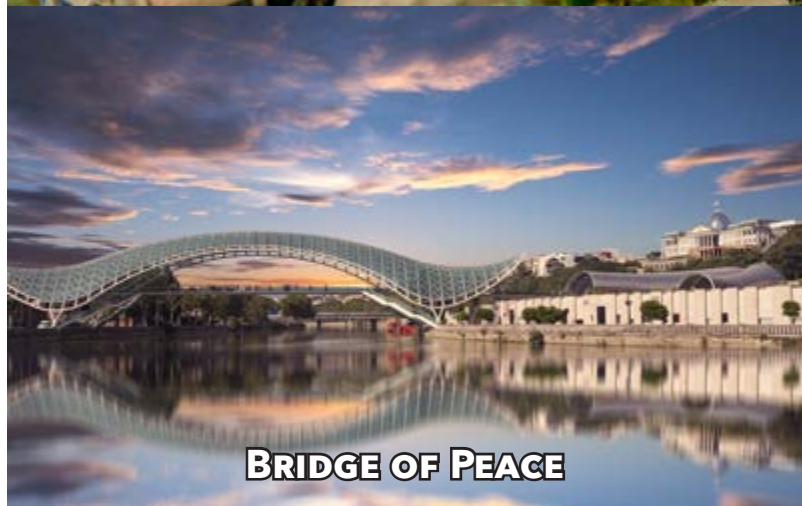
MEET THE WINEMAKERS

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023

- Final lunch & tasting at Twins Wine House in Kakheti region
- Drive to Tbilisi
- Evening free
- Overnight 4 star Iota Hotel in Tbilisi

MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2023

- Early morning departure to Tbilisi airport to connect with Turkish Airlines departing 4am
- Tour ends



BRIDGE OF PEACE



The tour will be escorted by Rose Murray Brown, Master of Wine - and a local cultural guide from Georgia

Price: **£3,899 per person** for twin share room (+ £600 for single room supplement)

Includes all cellar visits, tourist visits as specified, tastings, transfers, 9 nights accommodation with lunches & dinners as specified. Breakfasts at all hotels are included.

Transfers around the wine regions will be by comfortable air-conditioned coach.

Please note that we are not including flights with this trip. We would recommend Turkish Airlines (via Istanbul) - the coach will connect with these flight times - or if you prefer you could use Air France (via Paris) or Qatar Airlines (via Doha). If you would like us to arrange your flight to Georgia please ask for further details of flight times and costs.

In the event of any change to visits, another winery will be substituted: September is a busy month for winegrowers - and many will be in harvest when we visit.

Please note that wines served at tastings and lunches at wineries are at the discretion of the winery. Wines served at restaurant meals are estimated at half a bottle of table wine per person.

Please note that there will be no evening activities organised on 'free evenings', but we are happy to offer advice on local restaurants.

Please send your booking form by email. Payment to be made by bacs - details are found below:

Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland
Account Name: Connoisseur Travel
Sort Code: 83-18-44
Account Number: 00115268

If you would like further information on travel arrangements for this tour, please contact Diane Longmuir or Linda Thomson at Connoisseur Travel enquiries@connoisseur-travel.co.uk 0131 625 6330.
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