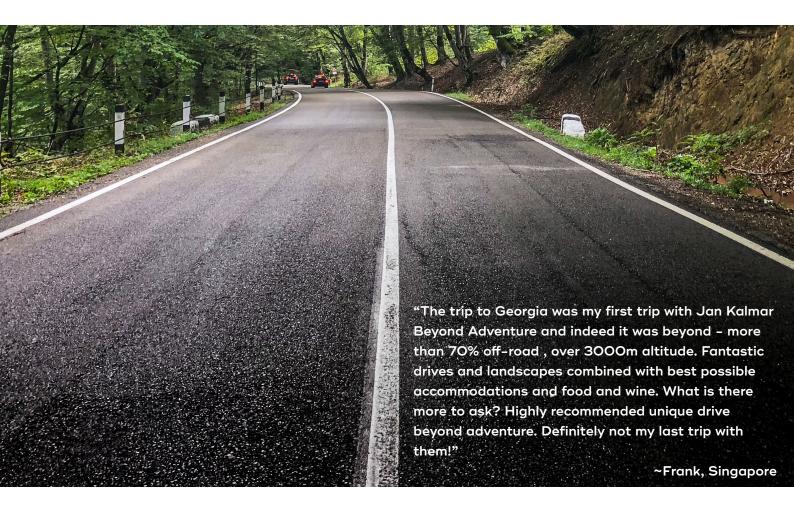


# **GEORGIA**

**SUPRISING CAUCASUS BY CAR** 









# BEYOND ADVENTURE GEORGIA

An amazing country at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, where ancient meets modern. Here you find nonstop positive and never-ending welcoming hospitality. A Georgian proverb says: Every guest is sent from God and here you as a guest do feel special. When adding the breathtaking landscapes and nature not spoiled by humans do make Georgia a must-see destination before it will be destroyed by mass tourism.

Georgia has always been independent and free in mind, heart and soul but not politically. The country has its own unique alphabet – one of 14 independent alphabets in the world. The first human civilization outside of Africa has been discovered in Georgia (the remains of the settlement are 1,75 million years old).

Not to forget about the unique and diverse national cuisine, which varies from province to province. 8,000 years of an unbroken tradition of wine-making makes it the first known place where wine was made. All the above is complemented by the strong traditions and amazing geopolitical history. This trip will surely stay with you long after you return home.

# **EXCELLENCE PAIRED WITH PASSION, ADVENTURE AND PRECISION**

Beyond Adventure is all about exploring the world on passionate and unique driving adventures. Getting from A to B shall become your experience not just transport. We offer you to explore "bucket-list" destinations. All behind the steering wheel of the best suitable vehicle for the challenges.

We dare to motivate you to go where no-one normally goes and we want to exceed your expectations with our one-of-its-kind concepts. We redefine automotive adventures and target via a distinctive teamwork to also extend your network and to create friendships. When joining a Beyond Adventure you will become part of a passionate team and will immediately feel our uniqueness in how we do things.

Jan Kalmar Beyond Adventure was established by Jan Kalmar – an adventurer, petrol head and extreme driver who is constantly exploring the planet on four wheels. This life-long passion has led to an extensive network. Jan has bent the limits for automotive challenges for over 20 years and even set World Records in the process.





## INDIVIDUAL APPROACH

For us the experience must be distinctive – we supply the best service wherever we go but never lose the flexibility and individual approach. Therefore have we developed an unique **Classic Rally-Style Driving Concept** for Beyond Adventure, not competing for the fastest time but instead for the most precise timing. This means you drive and navigate by yourself independently. Of course, the support team is always close by and for the most challenging stages, the entire group stays together.

#### YOUR TEAM

The passion for adventures is deep within our vastly experienced event team. We always aim for the best possible comfort and always ensure you are never alone. In case of an emergency, break down or a simple puncture, there is a solution assisted by the Beyond Adventure team. So, although you drive solitary, you are never alone, even in the most remote areas. On special adventures a Beyond Adventure paramedic is present to ensure premedical assistance in an unlikely emergency. Same goes for vehicle issues if needed a specially trained technician is on site.

For all Beyond Adventures the team always includes a local guide to explain about the area and inform about local habits and traditions, simply to widen your horizon – as Hans Christian Andersen said: "to travel is to live."

Behind the scenes, a team of travel experts is on alert from start to finish following your progress via GPS tracking for your safety and comfort - always ready to support.

The experience starts already when signing in, from that moment you can always rely on our support. Our adventure starts at the arrival airport. From here all is taken care of all the way to the departure airport. Get ready to explore the world you never knew existed... the extraordinary world!

Let the adventure begin,

Jan Kalmar, founder



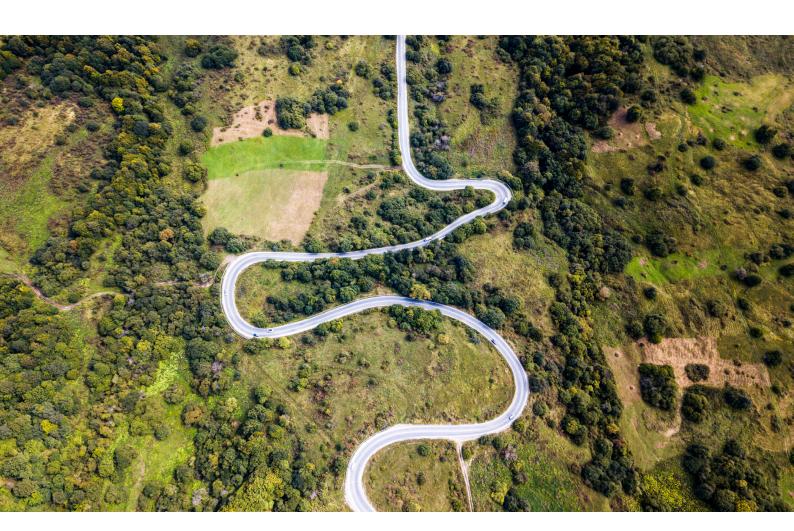


The adventure begins in Tbilisi, where the team will meet you at the airport. You will be shuttled to the exceptional Stamba Hotel - a former publishing house filled with books up to the ceiling which invites to industrial rooms where you will be able to re-charge after the journey.

After lunch and welcome briefing with our team introduction get a glimpse of the historic city of Tbilisi and the tales it has to tell. The melting-pot of colors and cultures has much to present. This experience will be followed by a welcome dinner in Georgian-style dinner in a very special place.

Get well-rested as your Driving Adventure starts tomorrow!

#### Hotel







After breakfast, you will meet the cars and drive to the unique Vashlovani National Park, located in the remote edge of Eastern Georgia. Its semi-arid landscape with juniper and pistachio arid light woodlands, semi-deserts and dry steppe, looks more like Africa than typical Georgia. You will be amazed by its remarkable nature and rich community of carnivores including brown bears, wolfs, leopards and golden jackals. On the way, explore an abandoned military airfield and the majestic Volcanos of Takhtitepa.

In the evening you will arrive to a wine-estate-hotel located in the beautiful Tsinandali wine region of Georgia. Enjoy the evening with tasty food accompanied by a great selection of local wines.

Total KM: 375







You start the day with a short introduction on Georgian wines and culinary traditions in wonderful settings straight at the foot of the Caucasus mountain chain. A cooking class of Georgian specialities is on the menu.

After lunch, which in fact you will cook yourself, you leave the wine region behind, heading along the foot of the Caucasus mountains towards the unforgettable Caucasus Highway and the North-Eastern part of Georgia close to the Russian border.

Navigate through farmland and large man-made lakes, not forgetting to watch out for the rather wild traffic and unpredictable wildlife.

A lunch with a spectacular view of Mount Kazbek (5,047m) is waiting before you may explore the area by foot or simply relax in the amazing hotel.

Total KM: 185







A day in the impressive Caucasus mountains. You have time to enjoy the extraordinary world of wild nature on an off-road trip pointing towards the high peaks. You might get wet feet crossing some of the rivers by car - but the finish point is well worth it - right at the border to Russia. It is time to head back to the stunning hotel for lunch and relaxation.

After lunch, we will be heading up towards one of the main landmarks of Georgia - the Gergeti Trinity Church - prepare yourself for the stunning view and unique sunset.

Optional activities can be organized such as the helicopter ride over the majestic peaks of Caucasus.

Total KM: 0-100







After an unforgettable mountain experience, you drive down to the Imereti region. A journey that passes through narrow gorges squeezed between colossal mountains. Amazing views guaranteed.

For lunch, you will visit one of the highest-rated Georgian wine houses, where a tour in the winery will be followed by a degustation. Lunch will be served at the property restaurant where a selection of regional food including the famous Caucasus-style dumplings will be on the menu.

Back on the "modern" silk-route with the last kilometers of real highway on this loop of Georgia before driving Rikoti pass that divides Georgia into its Western and Eastern parts. Keep an eye open for all the local goods to be bought along the road. Arrive in Georgia's second-largest city Kutaisi, once the capital of Georgia charge up for the next day's mountain drive.

Total KM: 328

Hotel







Today is an endeavour! Many hours in the car but it is very worth it. You may think that you have already visited all the mountains in Georgia. But no! Today It is time for the highest Georgian mountains peaks. Enjoy the rough terrain to the village Ushguli situated at an altitude of 2,100 meters before the roads will be paved. Ushguli is the highest habited area in Europe and is surrounded by a number of 5,000+ meter peaks. About 70 families live in the village, which is covered with snow for six months over the year. The village dates back to the 12th century and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Expect an average speed of 20-30 km/h today as the road conditions are far from perfect, but it gives you more time to enjoy the stunning views. After a long off-road drive the smooth roads are welcomed towards your way to Batumi.

Total KM: 472 Hotel





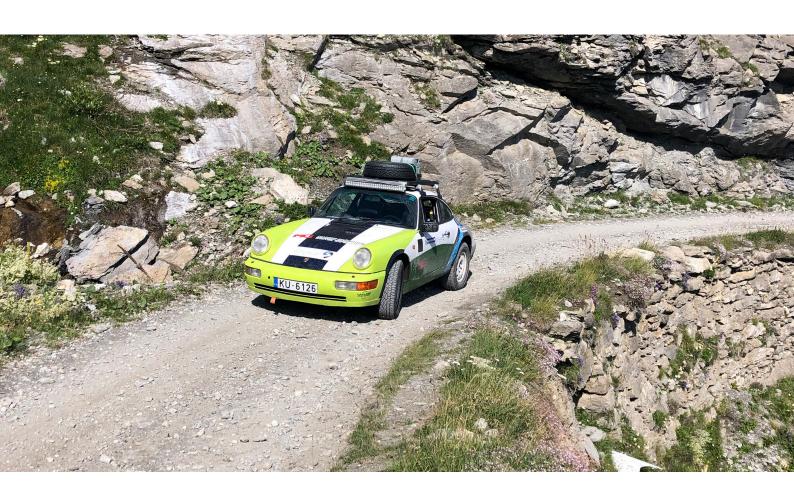


In the morning you can explore Batumi, mainly known for the longest Black Sea riviera and seaports.

Before lunch it is time to head up the mountains again, where wild nature and driving on skislopes are a part of the off-road experience. Discover how people live in high mountains and remote areas – a true reality check. The spectacular views will take your breath away together with the altitude.

Late lunch will be enjoyed inside a newly restored castle before heading to the mineral water capital of Georgia, Borjomi, where the hotel spa area will be very welcoming.

Total KM: 222







A relatively late start gives you time to explore the area of Borjomi, a "once-were" Soviet Union spa resort, known for its healing natural spring waters and pools. Have a short walk in Central Park and enjoy perfect harmony with nature.

Now awaits one of the most stunning driving you will ever experience. A highland drive where nature will remind you of Mongolia, Iceland and Switzerland within two hours. Discover the almost nomadic life lived in this region from the comfort of your car.

Lunch enjoyed on the go - but keep food away from the eagles circling over you most of the time. After lunch, it's a smooth drive back to Tbilisi. Here the Classic Rally results will be announced and celebrated during a wonderful Georgian style farewell dinner.

Total KM: 316 Hotel



## DAY 9

In the morning, you have time on your own in Tbilisi where you can explore more of the beauty of the old-town or maybe try sulfur-baths.

After lunch it is the time to say "see you next time" to all the similar-minded adventurers, whom you have shared this unique experience with.

According to your flight schedule, you will be shuttled to the airport, unless you have decided to explore more of Tbilisi on your own.





## **GEORGIA IS:**

- · Totally different than expected
- · Amazing routes and off-road tracks
- Hight and low within hours
- · Ever-changing diverse nature
- Melting-pot of cultures
- · Warm and welcoming people

# **GEORGIA IS NOT:**

- The cold ex-Soviet union that you expect
- · Light and healthy food
- · Strict when it comes to traffic rules
- · A country always planned to perfection
- · A continent without road works so better go now before it is all tarmac
- · A place to fear







## **DURATION:**

9 days (7 driving days) |  $\sim$  1,812 KM 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### Map

#### CARS:

We offer 2 different options:

- Porsche 911 (964/993) KALMAR RS
- · Porsche Cayenne KALMAR CS

## PRICE PER PERSON:

Price upon request.

## Including:

- Beyond Adventure with great food and top class accommodation
- Local guiding
- · Shuttles from and to airport
- · Classic rally organization
- All non-alcoholic drinks
- · GSM / Satellite data connection

Excluding flights to and from Tbilisi International Airport from and to your home destination.

#### MISC:

Group Size: Min. 8 - max. 12 participants. More waves possible if needed to cover demand. Information correct at time of publishing, due to the nature of the projects changes can occur.

## **CONTACT:**

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