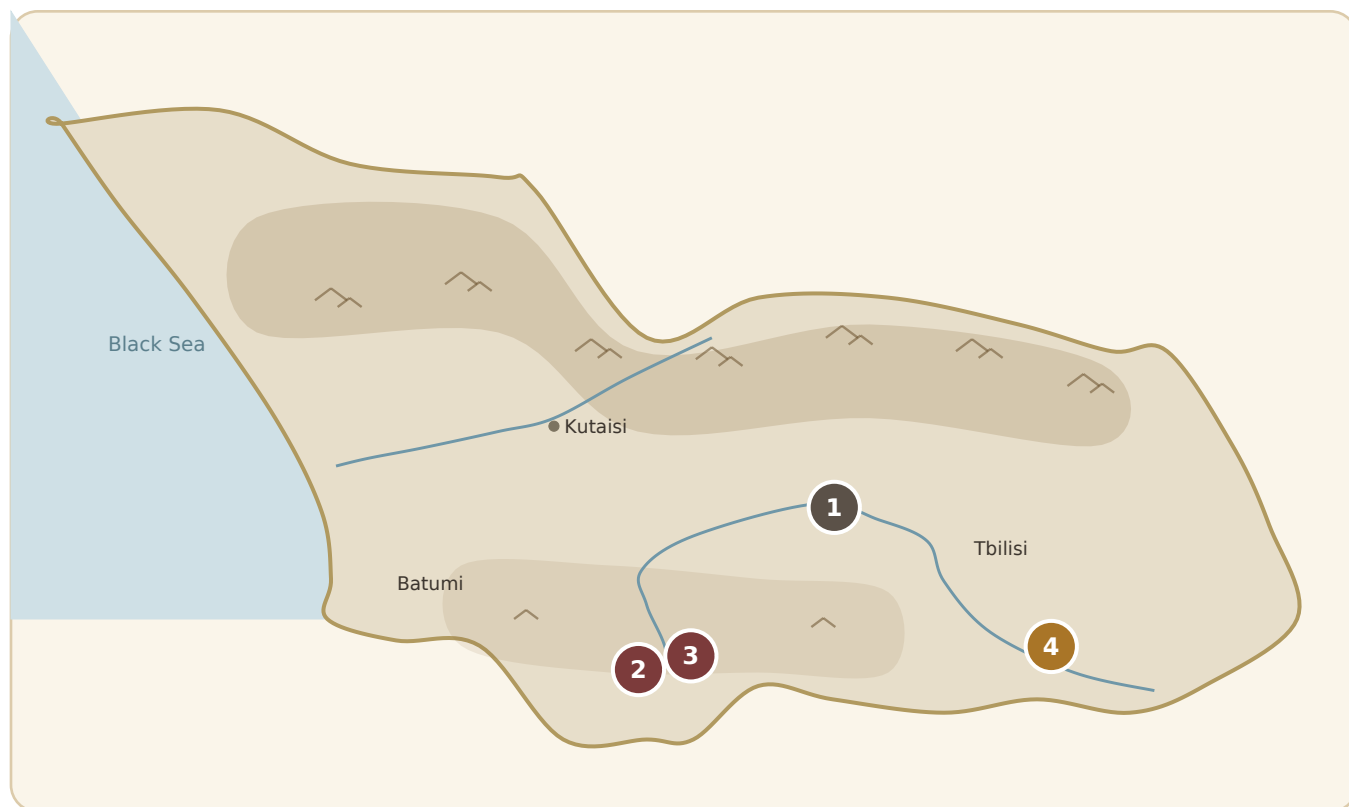


Cave Towns of Georgia — Offline Guide

4 rock-cut towns: map, coordinates, routes

A printable companion to the madloba.info article. Four cave towns of the country, their coordinates for a navigator, era, region and how to get there. Works offline.

Location map



● Uplistsikhe (near Gori)

● David Gareja (border)

● Vardzia & Vanis Kvabebi (south)

Coordinates for your navigator

#	Site	Coordinates (lat, lon)
1	● Uplistsikhe	41.966840, 44.208819
2	● Vardzia	41.381076, 43.284224
3	● Vanis Kvabebi	41.382419, 43.307872
4	● David Gareja	41.447380, 45.376766

Coordinates are exact. Access to the rock complexes changes, and the road to David Gareja is broken up in places, check on the spot.

Four cave towns: era, region, road

#	Site	Era	Region	Road & access
1	Uplistsikhe	Pagan era, 1st mil. BC	Near Gori, Shida Kartli	Half a day, easy from Tbilisi
2	Vardzia	12th c., Tamar era	Samtskhe-Javakheti, south	Far, better with a night
3	Vanis Kvabebi	From 8th c.	3 km from Vardzia	Pair with Vardzia, no entry inside church
4	David Gareja	From 6th c.	Azerbaijan border	A separate day, hard road

How to plan the visit

One day from Tbilisi	Uplistsikhe with Mtskheta on the way: closest, two eras in a day.
The most impressive	Vardzia with a night in Akhaltsikhe, plus Vanis Kvabebi and Rabati fortress nearby.
A pair in one day	Vardzia and Vanis Kvabebi are 3 km apart, one day. You cannot enter the Vanis Kvabebi church.
Solitude and border	David Gareja on a separate day; sort out transport in advance, easy to combine with Kakheti.

Before you go

- ✓ These four sites do not form one route, plan them as separate trips.
- ✓ Uplistsikhe is reachable by minibus via Gori; for Vardzia and David Gareja a car, transfer or taxi is easier.
- ✓ David Gareja sits on the Azerbaijan border: a sensitive frontier zone, access to the far monasteries (Udabno) is at times restricted.
- ✓ You cannot enter the Vanis Kvabebi church (rockfall risk); the visit is from outside, with tiers and balconies unrailed.
- ✓ Slippery tuff, narrow passages and steep stairs, non-slip sturdy shoes are needed.
- ✓ Check the season, weather and the state of the roads, especially to David Gareja.

Offline tip

The rock complexes, especially David Gareja, are reached by roads with no signal. The coordinates above can be pre-loaded into an offline map (for example, Organic Maps) so you can travel without internet.