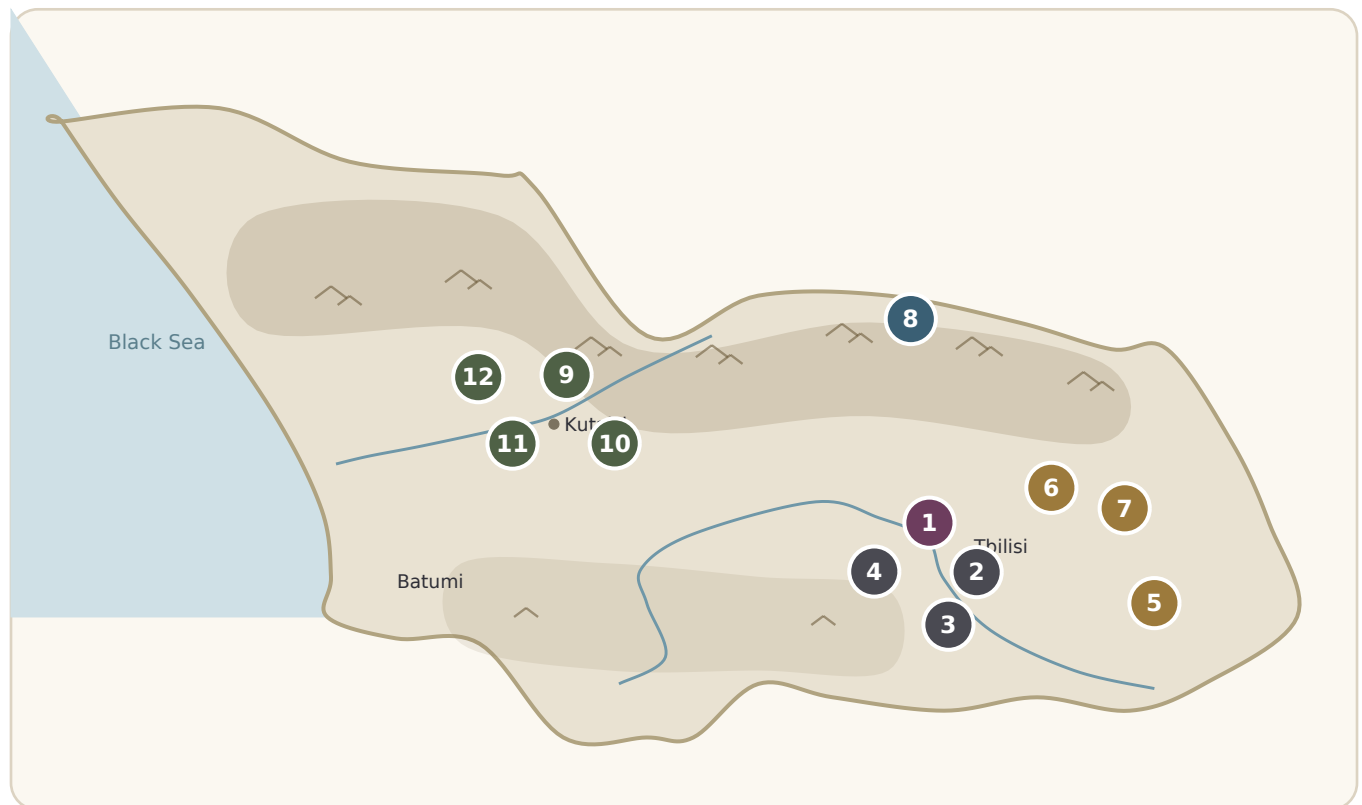


Monasteries and Churches of Georgia — Offline Guide

Holy sites by region: map, coordinates, routes

A printable companion to the madloba.info article. The country's main monasteries and churches, their coordinates for a navigator, era, region and who each suits: the pilgrim or the traveller. Works offline.

Location map



- Mtskheta
- Kakheti
- Kutaisi and the west

- Tbilisi and nearby
- Kazbegi

Coordinates for your navigator

#	Holy site	Coordinates (lat, lon)
1	● Svetitskhoveli (Mtskheta)	41.842220, 44.720950
2	● Sameba (Tbilisi)	41.697500, 44.817200
3	● Sioni & Anchiskhati	41.690300, 44.808900
4	● Betania	41.689722, 44.610833
5	● Bodbe	41.601700, 45.931900
6	● Alaverdi	42.032200, 45.377300
7	● Nekresi	41.955700, 45.771900
8	● Gergeti Trinity	42.662400, 44.620600

#	Holy site	Coordinates (lat, lon)
9	● Gelati	42.294650, 42.768100
10	● Motsameta	42.277800, 42.797200
11	● Bagrati	42.276900, 42.706700
12	● Martvili	42.405650, 42.378620

Coordinates are checked. Betania, Nekresi and Martvili involve climbs and gravel stretches, check the road on the spot.

Holy sites: era, region, who it suits

#	Holy site	Era	Region	For whom
1	Svetitskhoveli (Mtskheta)	11th c.	Mtskheta, UNESCO	pilgrim & traveller
2	Sameba (Tbilisi)	2004	Tbilisi	pilgrim & traveller
3	Sioni & Anchiskhati	6th-13th c.	Old Tbilisi	pilgrim & traveller
4	Betania	11th-13th c.	16 km from Tbilisi	traveller
5	Bodbe	From 4th c.	Kakheti, Signaghi	pilgrim
6	Alaverdi	11th c.	Kakheti	pilgrim & traveller
7	Nekresi	From 4th c.	Kakheti	traveller
8	Gergeti Trinity	14th c.	Kazbegi, 2,170 m	traveller
9	Gelati	12th c.	Kutaisi, UNESCO	pilgrim & traveller
10	Motsameta	11th c.	Kutaisi	pilgrim & traveller
11	Bagrati	11th c.	Kutaisi	traveller
12	Martvili	7th-10th c.	Samegrelo	pilgrim & traveller

How to combine by region

Mtskheta in one day	Svetitskhoveli, Samtavro and Jvari above the town; Shiomgvime nearby if you wish.
Tbilisi in half a day	Sameba on its hill, Sioni and Anchiskhati in the Old Town, on foot.
Kakheti, wine and faith	Bodbe with Signaghi, then Alaverdi and Nekresi in the Alazani valley.
Georgian Military Road	The Gergeti Trinity from Stepantsminda: on foot or by 4x4 up the hill.
Kutaisi and the west	Gelati, Motsameta and Bagrati in a day; Martvili with the canyons separately.

Before you go

- ✓ The holy sites do not form one route, plan them by region.
- ✓ Mtskheta, the Tbilisi churches, Bodbe and Gelati are reachable by public transport.
- ✓ For Betania, Nekresi and Martvili a car or transfer is easier; the last stretch to Betania is gravel.
- ✓ The Gergeti Trinity needs a climb: sturdy shoes, time to spare, an altitude of 2,170 m.
- ✓ The dress code is required: headscarf and skirt for women, long trousers for men.
- ✓ Entry to most sites is free; you usually pay only for parking, candles or the ride up to Gergeti.
- ✓ Bagrati was removed from the UNESCO list in 2017 after a controversial reconstruction.

Dress code and offline

These are working holy sites: women need a headscarf and a skirt below the knee, men long trousers; these are often handed out at the entrance. The coordinates above can be pre-loaded into an offline map (for example, Organic Maps) to travel without a signal.