

Stone Arch Bridges of Adjara

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bridges preserved in Adjara

4th-10th c.

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All 12 bridges: quick guide

Dandalo Bridge

Area: Keda
Era: 9th-10th c.
Size: about 3 m

A clear example of Adjara stone arch building: dark basalt, slim line and a mountain river below.

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Makhuntseti Bridge

Area: Keda
Era: 9th-10th c.
Size: 29 m x 2.5 m

About 30 km from Batumi, near the waterfall. A convenient first stop for a bridge route.

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Furtio Bridge

Area: Shuakhevi
Era: medieval
Size: n/a

A local story links the bridge with Queen Tamar, who is said to have crossed here on foot.

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Tskhemlara Bridge

Area: Keda
Era: medieval
Size: narrow

A smaller crossing over the Tskhemlara river, good for a deeper Keda route.

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Mirveti Bridge

Area: Khelvachauri
Era: medieval
Size: n/a

Set in the Mirveti valley, close to the waterfall. Works well for a short trip from Batumi.

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Jaimela Bridge

Area: Khulo
Era: medieval
Size: n/a

A remote point. Check the road and build extra time into the plan.

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Tskhmorisi Bridge

Area: Keda
Era: medieval
Size: n/a

Located on an old trade route through the gorge, easy to pair with Dandalo and Tskhemlara.

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Tskhemvani Bridge

Area: Kobuleti
Era: medieval
Size: n/a

A bridge in the Kintrishi gorge, useful for the northern part of the route.

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Makho Bridge / Old Makho Bridge

Area: Khelvachauri
Era: medieval
Size: about 30 km by road

Two crossings near Makho village. It makes sense to see them together.

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Khabelashvili Bridge

Area: Shuakhevi
Era: 17th-18th c.
Size: 25 m x 1.2 m

A covered wooden bridge made of chestnut and oak, a rare type in Georgia. Chvani gorge.

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Earthen Bridge

Area: Khulo
Era: natural
Size: geological arch

A natural stone arch rather than a built crossing, kept in the guide as a special case.

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Comparison table

Bridge	Area	Era	Width	Note
Dandalo	Keda	9th-10th c.	~3 m	stone arch and basalt
Makhuntseti	Keda	9th-10th c.	2.5 m	near the waterfall, about 30 km from Batumi
Furtio	Shuakhevi	medieval	n/a	Queen Tamar legend
Tskhemlara	Keda	medieval	narrow	crossing over the Tskhemlara river
Mirveti	Khelvachauri	medieval	n/a	near Mirveti waterfall
Jaimela	Khulo	medieval	n/a	remote point
Tskhmorisi	Keda	medieval	n/a	old trade route
Tskhemvani	Kobuleti	medieval	n/a	Kintrishi gorge
Makho Bridge	Khelvachauri	medieval	n/a	near Old Makho Bridge
Old Makho	Khelvachauri	medieval	n/a	two points by one village
Khabelashvili	Shuakhevi	17th-18th c.	1.2 m / 25 m	covered wooden bridge
Earthen Bridge	Khulo	natural	natural	geological arch

Three routes to see the bridges

Route 1: one day from Batumi Road: 80-90 km loop Time: 6-7 hours Level: easy • Makhuntseti + waterfall • Mirveti + waterfall • Furtio if time allows • Return to Batumi	Route 2: Keda and nearby valleys Road: about 70 km loop Time: 6-8 hours Level: medium • Dandalo Bridge • Tskhemlara + Tskhmorisi • Jaimela if time allows • Khabelashvili detour	Route 3: full circuit, 2 days Road: 160+ km Time: 2 days Level: for bridge fans • Day 1: routes 1 + 2 • Night near Khulo • Day 2: Tskhemvani • Earthen Bridge if possible
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Practical tips

When to go May to October. Morning and late afternoon usually give softer light in the gorges.	What to bring Shoes with good grip, a rain jacket, water and snacks. Remote bridges have little infrastructure.
Can you walk on them Usually yes, with care. On wooden Khabelashvili, cross one at a time and check local advice.	Without a car Makhuntseti is partly reachable by minibus. Routes 2 and 3 usually need a car, taxi or guided tour.