

Fortresses of Samtskhe-Javakheti

Coordinates & routes · a trip cheat-sheet

Samtskhe-Javakheti · the Kura gorge · southern Georgia

FORTRESSES

13 sites

GROUPS

3 clusters

BASE

Akhaltzikhe

ROUTE

3 days+

Coordinates of thirteen fortresses

Decimal degrees (WGS84). Work in maps.me, Organic Maps, Google Maps and any GPS device.

	FORTRESS	GROUP	COORDINATES
1	Khertvisi	Kura line	41.479693 43.286155
2	Tmogvi	Kura line	41.399396 43.317441
3	Saro	Kura line	41.505131 43.277013
4	Atskuri	Kura line	41.727962 43.165631
5	Rabati	Kura line	41.642974 42.977964
6	Abuli	Javakheti plateau	41.372930 43.685024
7	Akhalkalaki	Javakheti plateau	41.415493 43.480643
8	Okrostsikhe	Adigeni	41.708755 42.762641
9	Zanavi	Adigeni	41.700119 42.715294
10	Uznariani	Borjomi gorge	41.799005 43.491192
11	Tsikhisjvari	Borjomi gorge	41.719996 43.443744
12	Demoti	Borjomi gorge	41.805334 43.240768
13	Gogia	Borjomi gorge	41.841404 43.376410

TIP

Save the points to an offline map: many fortresses have no signposts and mountain signal drops out.

1 A day along the Kura gorge

Akhaltsikhe (Rabati), Atskuri, Saro, Tmogvi, Khertvisi

The easiest day: everything sits along the road. Vardzia can be added.

2 A day in Adigeni

Abastumani, Okrostsikhe, Zanavi, Chulevi monastery

Needs an off-road vehicle and some walking. Almost no tourists.

3 A day on the plateau

Akhalkalaki, Abuli fortress, Shaori

Megaliths at altitude. The Javakheti lakes are close by.

What to bear in mind

- Only Rabati charges admission; the rest are open ruins
- Okrostsikhe, Abuli, Zanavi and Gogia need a 4x4 and a walk
- There are no railings or signs at the ruins, take care on the walls
- In winter some approach roads become impassable
- Proper footwear is essential almost everywhere

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