

# Mtskheta – ancient capital of Georgia

## TOUR PRICE - € 50

**Mtskheta** – ancient capital of east Georgia, from IV century BC. After moving political center to Tbilisi, Mtskheta remained as spiritual center of the country. Once more it became political center – in X – IX centuries, while Tbilisi was still occupied by Arabs and known as Tbilisi emirate. Currently it is little town 20 km from Tbilisi.

Here are prechristianity archaeological and Christianity architectural monuments, which are recognized by UNESCO as world heritage sites. Trip covers the most important monuments in Mtskheta.



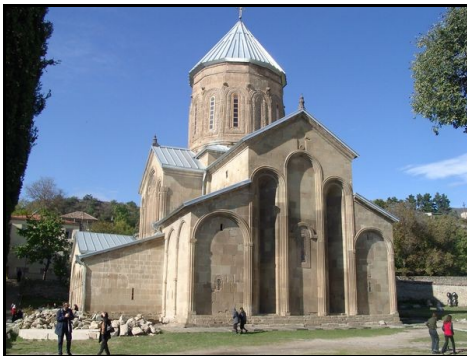
### Jvari monastery

built in VI century on top of hill, from where is perfect view on town Mtskheta and surroundings.

### Svetitskhoveli

cathedral XI century – the most respected holy place in Georgia, also very important architectural monument of Georgia. Also is burial place of Georgian kings and their offspring till modern time.

Both Jvari and Svetitskhoveli are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



### Samtavro monastery

– built in XI century. Here are graves of first christian king and queen of Georgia.

After an excursion in Mtskheta we shall have a lunch in a local restaurant **Salobie**. You will taste Georgian dishes: Mchadi, Lobio, etc.

