

# KUTAISI EXCURSION

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Kutaisi is Georgia's third largest metropolitan area. Its appeal lies in both its natural scenery and its historic and architectural monuments, particularly its unique river bridges, sacred cathedrals and monastic structures. The city is rich with regional Georgian cuisine, museums and shopping. Kutaisi also serves as a transportation hub for domestic and trans-European air travel, lending a cosmopolitan vibrancy to its small town charm.

### Caves and Canyons

#### PROMETHEUS CAVE

Prometheus Cave is one of Georgia's natural wonders. Its unique features include a variety of halls and landscape diversity. Four distinct layers were formed during different stages of the Earth's development and tourists are able to journey through the historic territory by foot or in boats. Prometheus Cave is one of the most popular international tourist caves, and includes various types of stalactites, stalagmites, curtains, petrified waterfalls, cave pearls, underground rivers, and lakes. The cluster of six caves differs significantly from each other in scale and the unique shapes of petrified flowstones found within.

#### MARTVILI CANYON

Martvili Canyon is a cool oasis of slender, mossy trees that hug the low slung walls of the canyon. Funnelled through the rippled cliffs are the deep teal waters that have made this place the tourist attraction it is today.

A short paved path leads you through the area with a series of small, arched bridges that crisscross the river and lead to viewing areas for the cascades. An optional 10-minute boat trip will take you a short way further up the river to another waterfall.

The walking track is about 500m and can be completed in under 30 minutes. The rock platform around the boat departure point has quite lovely views but, annoyingly, this is out of bounds in order to make the boat trip a little more enticing.

