

Catski & Backcountry Experience in Adjara, Georgia

In the mountains of Adjara at 2,400 meters we have a remote mountain hut for our backcountry freeriders. In the summer of 2019 we renovated an existing alpine hut and expanded it into a mountain hut. The hut can accommodate a group of up to 12 freeriders. The area is high alpine, quite remote and lies directly at the foot of the highest mountain in the region: Sarkornia [2,755m].

We plan up to an hour of ascent per day. Skis and splitboards for boarders are mandatory. Due to the exposed location, downdays may occur.



Itinerary

- **Saturday:** Pick up at Kutaisi Airport (KUT) or Batumi Airport (BUS) (the best time to arrive is before 2:00 p.m.)
Transfer to the hut – the transfer can only take place for the whole group together
- **Sunday to Friday:** safety briefing, freeriding in the mountains around the hut.
- **Saturday:** Transfer back to Kutaisi Airport (KUT) or Batumi Airport (BUS). (the departure time should preferably not be before 17:00)

Alternative arrival and departure days can be agreed, however, due to the remote location, no private transfer to the hut can take place - accommodation costs near the airport due to different flight times are not covered by us. The program always starts on Saturday.

Services included

- Pick up at Kutaisi or Batumi airport and transfer to Bakhmaro and back.
Alternatively, we are also happy to pick you up from a hotel in Kutaisi or Batumi. In this case, however, we do not organize the transfer from the airport to the hotel.
- 7 nights accommodation in basic mountain accommodation with bunk beds and shared shower/toilet.
Depending on the situation, some of these 7 nights can take place near the airport or in Bakhmaro.
We will only cover the additional costs if we make that decision.
- Rich breakfast, simple packed lunch and Georgian dinner in Bakhmaro.
- 5-6 days cat skiing.
- The group size is limited to a maximum of 12 participants.
- experienced local guides. Head guide as team leader in Bakhmaro.
- Deutsch- oder englischsprachige Ansprechpartner mit Ortskenntnissen.
- English speaking contact person with local knowledge.
- Safety back-up with a replacement snowcat in Bakhmaro, rescue equipment, and lots of experience.

Dates

- December 2023 till March 2024

Prices:	Peak Season	2'600,-€	per person
	Shoulder Season	2'400,-€	per person



Requirements

- safe freeriding in alpine terrain.
- Safe technique on the descent, even in difficult conditions.
- Condition for short ascents (boot track).
- AND also the corresponding courage!
- Patience (for alpine conditions, weather and the situation in a transition country like Georgia)

Please consider that for a safe expedition there must always be a reserve. We are moving here in undeveloped terrain. We are on our own on site. Experience shows that weaker participants in particular suffer injuries more often than average.

Accommodation & Food

The alpine hut has three simple rooms with bunk beds. On the ground floor/basement there are two toilets, a shower and a sauna with a relaxation room. The electricity is generated by a solar system. A generator is available as a back-up. On the upper floor there is a cozy lounge with a sofa corner, wood stove and a dining table.

Our local team of chefs and kitchen helpers prepare the food freshly every day. In the morning there is a rich breakfast, for lunch we take a lunch box with us and in the evening our ladies cook typical Georgian food. Georgian cuisine is hearty and varied. Meals are served in bowls and on plates, so everyone can take what they like. We also cover various special diets (vegetarian, gluten-free, lactose).



Guiding & Team

The groups are led by experienced local guides. In recent years we have been able to build up a pool of young, freeride-oriented mountain guides who speak good English. Since autumn 2021, the Georgian Mountain Guide Association has been part of the world association IFMGA.

Our guiding concept is based on understanding experienced freeriders as partners on the mountain. In addition to the self-evident safety, we want to ride good lines and strengthen the experience in the group. Communication with the group is therefore of particular importance.

Our local snowcat drivers were trained by us and Austrian professionals. The drivers have known the terrain since they were children. We offer regular training and English classes for the whole team to keep improving quality and safety standards each season.