

## Catski & Backcountry Experience in Adjara, Georgia

In winter 2022/23 we started a new project to open up a new catski area. The feedback from the groups was very good, so we will continue this project next winter. Access is not easy and depends heavily on the snow situation.

With the simple accommodation and the remote location, we revive the Bakhmaro spirit of the first years. No comfort but pure freeriding experience!

The new project remains a place for adventurers!



### Itinerary

- **Saturday:** Pick up at Batumi Airport (BUS) or Kutaisi Airport (KUT).  
Best time to arrive is before 15:00 - Batumi and 13:00 – Kutaisi.  
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 Batumi Airport (BUS) or Kutaisi Airport (KUT).  
Departure time is best not to be earlier than 13:00 - Batumi and 15:00 – Kutaisi.

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

- Pickup at Batumi or Kutaisi airport and transfer to the hut and back.  
Alternatively, we are also happy to pick you up from a hotel in Batumi or Kutaisi. 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. We'll only cover the cost 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.
- English speaking contact person with local knowledge.
- Safety back-up with a replacement snowcat, rescue equipment.

### Dates

- December 2023 till March 2024

Price:	<b>Peak Season</b>	<b>2'600,-€</b>	per person
	<b>Shoulder Season</b>	<b>2'400,-€</b>	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).
- Desire for adventure.

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 new hut has several simple rooms with bunk beds. There are three bathrooms in total - each with a toilet and shower. The electricity is planned via a solar system. A generator is available as a back-up. Between the two huts we are planning a larger and cozy lounge with the old sofas, wood stove and dining tables for 2 groups.

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.