



# GEORGIA

## Expedition 2017





CACSEE offers a unique three-week field trip in the summer 2017 to explore the country in the heart of the Tian Shan Mountains. You are welcome to join us on the following tour:

**August 28 – September 17**

Our field trips addresses students and scholars of biology, geography, environmental management, agriculture, forestry and of social sciences.

Environmentalists, friends of nature, mountaineers and curious globetrotters of all ages are welcome as well.

The scientists from the Tbilisi State University and the Agricultural University Georgian will accompany the expedition. They will provide you with special lectures focused on different fields of their research: botany, zoology, geology, agroecology, forestry, and environmental protection of Georgia. In addition, trips to the mountains and sightseeing tours will be offered.

Professional qualification, prior knowledge and foreign language skills are not required.



## Program

The expedition route and the draft of the program overview below are variable and might slightly change. At this early stage of planning we cannot guarantee that all excursion destination points will be reached, especially due to adverse circumstances (weather, road conditions, etc.) There is a possibility open to target other exciting places according to the interest profile of the group. Please note that not all stops are listed in the program overview.





Day	Events
1	Arrival at <b>Kutaissi</b> Airport. The CACSEE team already waits to take you to the tent camp in Balda, where we stay for 3 nights. Recreation and adaptation, first steps, introduction.
2	Arrival of the second group. Easy hikes in the surrounding area. Introduction to political and economic geography of Georgia.
3	Day trip to Martvili canyon. Topics on Hydrology and Geomorphology.
4	Transit to <b>Tbilisi</b> with a short stop in Gori. 2 overnights.
5	City Tour in Tbilisi. Urban geography and City planning.
6	Transit to <b>Stepantsminda</b> . 2 overnights.
7	Day trip to Gergeti-Glacier. Glaciology of Caucasus.
8	Transit to <b>Trialeti Planned National Park</b> . 2 overnights.
9	Hiking in Birtvisi canyon. Topics on geobotany.
10	Transit to <b>Vardzia</b> . 2 overnights. Visit of the cave monastery.
11	Daytrip to Borjomi-Kharagauli National park. Forestry and Nature protection in Georgia.
12	Transit to <b>Batumi</b> . 4 overnights.
13	Lecture on Coastal ecosystem and Marine pollution.
14	Day trip to the Mtirala National park.
15	Botanical Garden and City Tour in Batumi.
16	Transit to <b>Mazeri</b> . 3 overnights.
17	Excursions in the surrounding area.
18	Hiking to mount Ushba (4710).
19	Transit to <b>Balda</b> .
20	City Tour in Kutaissi. Sightseeing and souvenirs. Pack your bags and say Goodbye.
21	We bring you to the Airport.  Have a safe trip home!



## Conditions of participation

Application deadline **June 01, 2017**.

Participation costs apply for the specified duration and for a minimum participation of 30 persons. Due to changing costs for transportation and other services or in the wake of a lower number of participants, the fee may increase to 4% maximum. The increase will be announced no later than one month prior to departure.

Standard price	1250 EUR	ca. 1350 USD <sup>1</sup>
PhD students	1050 EUR	ca. 1150 USD
Undergraduates	900 EUR	ca. 970 USD

*Participation fee covering the following expenses:*

1. Full board (3 meals a day) provided by the field kitchen (except for lunch and dinner costs in Restaurants during city visits).
2. Kitchen staff and food supplies.
3. Transport costs and the driver team.
4. Scientific supervision and the interpreters.
5. Entry charges for museums, reserves and national parks.
6. Accommodation (camping fee).

*Participation fee not cover:*

1. Plane tickets.
2. Visa costs (no longer required for EU citizens).
3. Foreign health insurance.
4. Rental fees for tents (we strongly recommend to bring along your own tent and equipment. If needed – a tent can be rented in Georgia).

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<sup>1</sup> According to the day's dollar euro exchange rate.



## Registration

Our German translator Dr. Konstantin Kaminskij welcomes your registration, requiring following steps:

1. Fill in the **registration form** below, sign and scan.
2. Mail the scanned registration form and a copy of your **passport** to [info@cacsee.com](mailto:info@cacsee.com)
3. You receive a notice of arrival and a confirmation of **reservation**.
4. **Prepayment** of 500 EUR<sup>2</sup> (students 400) will be required to be transferred to the bank account specified by Mr Kaminskij after reservation. Residual costs will be collected in cash after arrival in Georgia.
5. **Book your flight** to Kutaisi and convey your flight data to us.
6. After receiving the prepayment and the flight data your registration is completed.
7. Earlier arrival (1 to 2 days) is possible, though further costs for transportation and accommodation can arise. Please inform us timely if you wish to arrive earlier.

In case of **cancellation** your deposit will be refunded, with a deduction of the cancellation compensation of 15% of the registred participation costs.

**Later registration** is possible in case of free places or for a waiting list. Please contact Konstantin Kaminskij: [info@cacsee.com](mailto:info@cacsee.com)

Find impressions from our previous tours on the homepage

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## Organisation and logistics



### *Scientists and interpreters*

All Georgian scientists are well acquainted with the excursion area where they conduct research. Thanks to their extensive experience they will provide a solid professional background to the field trip. They will also accompany us during the visits of farms and nature reserves.

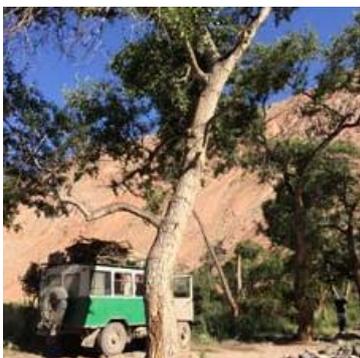


During the whole time of expedition, we will be accompanied by interpreters who translate the lectures of the Georgian scientists into English. They will be also available for other tasks, such as museum visits, city tours, visits to doctor, etc.



### *Accommodation*

We usually camp at the local farmers and campsites. In some circumstances, it may be possible to rent tents and sleeping pads in Georgia. However, we strongly recommend to bring your own equipment.



### *Transport*

We offer cross-country busses or trucks for the transportation. They will be available during the whole duration of the expedition. This, the subgroups can be transported flexibly to their day trip destinations.



### *Boarding*

The expedition will be accompanied by Georgian chefs and cooks. They cook for us 3 typical meals a day. On request, also vegetarian. For day trips in the mountains picnics will be prepared.



### *Hikes and day trips*

The guided hikes in the mountains are not extreme tours and well manageable for all participants under normal circumstances. In some areas, mountain tours are somewhat more challenging due to length and/or height difference. This will be discussed in detail.



### *CACSEE*

#### *Central Asian ad Caucasus School for Ecological Education*

was founded in Berlin, Germany in 2014. We promote academic and environmental exchange in the post-soviet area. We create cooperation networks between European, Central Asian and Caucasian universities and NGOs. We support the local initiatives of ecological tourism, faire trade, wildlife conservation and environmental education. We orginise field trips, summer schools and expeditions in the area. We get you in touch with unique landscapes, natural ressources, cultural heritage and the opena hearted people all over Central Asia and Caucasus.

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**Registration form  
CACSEE Georgia expedition 2017**

Date	Participation fee	
	1. Person	2. Person
SURNAME		
FORENAME		
DATE OF BIRTH		
ADDRESS		
PHONE		
E-MAIL		
PROFESSION		
Students: University, field of study, semester		
ADDRESS OF THE EMPLOYER		
CONTACT IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCY (Name, Email, Phone, Address)		

Tick **one** area of professional interest

Botany	Forestry	Geology	
Zoology	Agriculture	Ecology	

Place and Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_