

# 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: independent arrival we will recommend a hotel for the night on Sunday.
- Sunday: Pick up at an agreed meeting point in Batumi at lunchtime.
  The transfer to the hut can only be carried out for the entire group together.
  Safety briefing, dinner.
- Monday to Friday: freeriding in the mountains around the hut.
- **Saturday:** Freeriding and transfer back to Batumi in the afternoon. The trip ends on Saturday evening in Batumi we will recommend a hotel for the night on Sunday.
- Sunday: independent departure

Alternative arrival and departure days <u>cannot</u> be agreed. The program always starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday evening.

### Services included

- Pickup at the agreed meeting point in Batumi and transfer to the hut and back.
- 6 nights accommodation in basic mountain hut with bunk beds and shared shower/toilet.
   Depending on the situation, some of these 6 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 the hut.
- Up to 6 days catskiing depending on weather and snow.
- The group size is limited to a maximum of 12 participants.
- Experienced local guides. English speaking contact person with local knowledge.
- Safety back-up with a replacement snowcat, rescue equipment.

#### **Dates**

December 2024 till March 2025

Price:	Peak Season	2'700,-€	per person
	Shoulder Season	2'500€	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 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 generator. 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 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. That way 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.