

## Fortnightly Kurreise to the Spa Tskaltubo in Georgia

Scheduled flights from Berlin, Dortmund or Memmingen, transfer from Kutaisi airport to the sanatorium hotel and back, 14 days full board with four therapeutic treatments. Literary wine tasting in the cellar of a famous Georgian writer, participation in the grape harvest, a carpentry, an ironwork, or a chain armourworkshop possible, trips to the caves Prometheus and Sataplia, to Kutaisi to Bagrati Cathedral and Monastery Gelati.

Dates: 15/11/ – 29/11/2019

Prices:

in a double room from € 1,300

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Minimum number of participants: five guests.

Individual journeys on separate dates upon request.

Background:

Tskaltubo is located in Western Georgia near Kutaisi. The spa is famous for its unique radon carbonate mineral springs. The naturally warm mineral water is recommended for diseases of the locomotor system, the cardiovascular system, diseases of the skin and the hormonal system, gynecological disorders, metabolic disorders, etc. The duration of treatment varies between 14 and 21 days.

At the time of the Soviet Union, Kutaisi had a direct train connection to Moscow and 180 thousand spa guests a year, mostly from Russia. An Oblomovian city to decelerate, thermal baths in the exotic forest surrounded by romantic ruins of sanatorium palaces. There were 22 sanatoriums with sounding names such as: Medea, Iveria, Imereti, Schachtjor, etc. Under the so-called Putevki voucher system for the preservation or restoration of labor power, these sanatoriums were subsidized by the state in order to benefit the Soviet citizens. These were provided by the state subsidized to Soviet citizens. The magnificent palatial sanatoriums, though abandoned to decay, are still spectacular. They are partly inhabited by very hospitable Abkhaz refugees.