AJARIAN WINE ROUTE

ROUTE STARTING POINT: AJARISTSKALI VILLAGE

ROUTE LENGTH FROM BATUMI TO

AJARISTSKALI – 18 KM

ROUTE TYPE: CAR

ROUTE DIFFICULTY: EASY

ROAD TYPE: ASPHALT AND DIRT ROAD

CELLULAR NETWORK COVERAGE: FULL

Keda municipality is considered to be a hotbed of Ajarian wine-making. The most famous local wines in Ajara are Tsolikauri and Chkhaveri. Pink dry wine Chkhaveri is distinguished with its tenderness and exceptional taste, while dry white table wine Tsolikauri is made from the Tsolikauri grape variety. There are numerous rural wine cellars in Keda producing delicious wines with a distinct delicacy and aroma.

Ajarian wine route offers the possibility to travel through a beautiful landscape of mountainous Keda region sampling locally produced wines.

The route begins in village Ajaristskali, from where it can be continued in 7 directions as described below. No matter which direction you choose, the initial part of the route will go through the same area and on the road you can see the arched stone bridge of Queen Tamar ⑩ and Makhuntseti waterfall ⑬, both located in the village Makhuntseti. Near the bridge and next to the waterfall visitors can taste and buy local honey.

SIGHTS ON THE ROUTE

ZVARE CHURCH ⑧
Zvare St.Giorgi Chapel is one of a few churches in Keda district. The church was built in modern times and is beautifully located on the edge of a cliff right above the Ajaristskali River.

THE ARCHED STONE BRIDGE OF DANDALO (12TH CENTURY) ⑨

Dandalo Bridge is located in the village of Dandalo, near the Batumi-Akhaltsikhe highway. It is built on volcanic lime mortar rock. The piers are erected on a rock, on which scaffold holes have been preserved. The Dandalo arched bridge is one of the best examples of arched bridges in Georgia.

MUSEUMS ⑪ ⑫

Makhuntseti Ethnographic Museum
Keda Municipality, Makhuntseti
Tel: +995 591 71 42 53
Opening hours: daily (except Monday), from 10:00 a.m to 19:00 p.m.
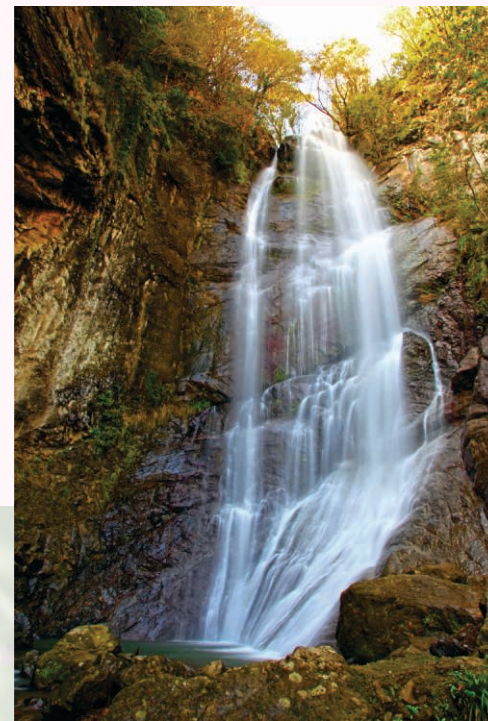
Keda Historical Museum
Keda Municipality, 10, Tbel Abuseridze St.
Tel: +995 425 00 19
Opening hours: daily (except Monday), from 10:00 a.m to 18:00 p.m.

The museums display various aspects of the ethnography and history of Ajara: tools of the trade, the decorative arts collection, old household items and other ethnographical material.

MAKHUNTSETI WATERFALL ⑬
Falling from a height of 36 meters, Makhuntseti waterfall is one of the most beautiful and most visited tourist attractions in Ajara. Near the waterfall several picnic sites are available for visitors. While visiting the waterfall it is also possible to visit nearby tourist attractions, including the arched stone bridge of Queen Tamar ⑩.

ACTIVITIES

While traveling the wine route you can not only explore the world of wine, but find a wide array of alternative options: hiking through vineyards and surrounding area, cookery workshops - making the authentic Ajarian dishes, including pelamushi (dessert made of condensed grape juice and corn flour) and churchkhela (nuts strung on a thread dipped in thicken grape juice), participating in the grape picking (seasonally), acquaintance with unique Ajarian traditions and villagers' life.

MEALS

Ajara has colorful and flavorful cuisine based on unique centuries-old local recipes. Traveling along the Wine Route you will have the opportunity to taste Georgian cuisine in one of the wine cellars or rural restaurants and to prepare one of the authentic Ajarian dishes under the guidance of hostess of a guest house.

RESTAURANTS ALONG THE ROUTE
OPEN SEASONALLY (JUNE-OCTOBER)
RESTAURANT CHADREBI
Keda, village Zundaga
Tel: + 995 577 26 04 05/ +995 571 26 00 00

RESTAURANT «CHALA»
Keda, village Pirveli Maisi
Tel: + 995 557 52 76 85 / 995 558 24 74 74

RESTAURANT "TAMARIS KHIDI"
Keda, village Makhuntseti
Tel: + 995 558 33 66 95 / 995 558 45 92 39

RESTAURANT "GVIRABI"
Keda, village Pirveli Maisi
Tel: + 995 593 63 39 75

RESTAURANT "MARIA"
Keda, village Zvare
Tel: +995 593 99 30 62 / +995 555 79 65 84

OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND
AJARIAN WINE HOUSE
Khelvachauri, village Ajaristskali
Tel: +995 577 21 40 02

SYMBOLS
- Main route
- Wine Route
- Arch bridge
- Information centre
- Wine Cellar / Factory
- Guesthouse
- Museum
- Church
- Fortress
- Mosque
- Picnic area
- Police
- Mineral Water
- Waterfall
- Restaurant