



## MOUNTAIN FREAKS MOUNTAIN TRAVEL & ADVENTURE AGENCY

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## The expedition to Mt. Kazbek (5047 m above the sea level) – hiring a guide

Throughout the season, (from the 15<sup>th</sup> of May until the 15<sup>th</sup> of September) we organize custom expeditions on the dates of your preference. We offer certified and experienced guides, high-altitude equipment rental, transfers from the airports in Tbilisi and Kutaisi, transport to the foot of Mt. Elbrus (for those who want to ascend the two Caucasian giants), transport by off-road vehicle to the church of the Holy Trinity (where the trail to Mt. Kazbek begins), horse rental to transport luggage to Meteo Station, gas for camping stoves, freeze-dried meals, and everything else that can help guide you as you ascend Mt. Kazbek and Mt. Elbrus safely.

In order to determine the date and details of your trip, please contact us by e-mail: [info@mountainfreaks.ge](mailto:info@mountainfreaks.ge) or on our [Facebook profile](#).





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### HIRING A GUIDE FOR MT. KAZBEK

**Mountain action plan is prepared individually for each group. Most often, the trip will last 4 or 5 days.**

**DAY ONE** – We will meet at our office in Stepantsminda (Kazbegi), Georgia, the starting point of the expedition. If you are unable to bring your own equipment, you can rent any equipment needed from us, including crampons, alpenstock, harness, sleeping bag, etc. At our

office, you can also buy gas for camping stoves and freeze-dried meals. You can also leave a deposit at our office including anything that you do not need during the expedition to and from the summit. Then, we will start our journey to the top of Mt. Kazbek. The trail to Mt. Kazbek starts on the hill with the church of the Holy Trinity (2170 meters above sea level). We will reach this hill by off-road vehicle. If a horse is arranged for luggage transport, your luggage will be packed and transported from here to Meteo Station. You will continue onwards just with a small backpack. The estimated trekking time for this day is 7-8 hours. After we arrive at Meteo Station - 3600m above sea level - we will pitch a camp (tents). There is also the possibility of accommodation at Meteo Station. During the expedition, we will prepare all meals on our own (camp stoves and gas will be needed).

The route to Meteo Station can be broken down into two days. In this case, on the first day we will go to a river, where we stay for the night - 3200 m above sea level. On the next day, we will arrive at Meteo Station. If this option is selected, the estimated trekking time for each day will be about 3.5-4 hours.

**Equipment that is necessary for Mt. Kazbek:** <http://mountainfreaks.ge/en/mountain-equipment-rental/>

**Our office in Kazbegi:** <http://mountainfreaks.ge/en/contact/>

**DAY TWO OR THREE** - Acclimatization day. As a part of acclimatization, we will trek until we cross the height of 4000m above sea level. The estimated trekking time for this day is three hours. After we return, we will undergo training about walking on the rope, belaying, using the alpenstock, and being safe in the high mountains. We will then rest on the base by Meteo Station and prepare to reach the summit.

**DAY THREE OR FOUR** - On this day, we plan to stand on top of Mt. Kazbek (5047m above sea level). At 01:00, we will begin our journey to the summit. The estimated trekking time for the day is about 10-13 hours. After returning from the summit, we will rest and sleep at our base by Meteo Station. There is also the possibility to descend to Stepantsminda (Kazbegi) immediately after reaching the summit. In this case, an additional 5-6 hours of trekking should be added.

**DAY FOUR OR FIVE** - In the morning, travel to Stepantsminda (Kazbegi). The descent will take about 5-6 hours. We will be picked up by off-road vehicles at the church of the Holy Trinity. If you arrange luggage transport by horse, then your luggage will be taken back to the village on horseback, and while trekking you will only have a small backpacks. Our common expedition will be finished upon arrival to our office in Kazbegi.

**DAY FIVE OR SIX** - (spare day in the case of bad weather conditions in the mountains)





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### PRICE OF THE EXPEDITION FOR ONE GROUP (MAX. 4 PEOPLE FOR ONE GUIDE):

**690,00 EURO**

#### RULES OF PAYMENT:

- 1st installment: reservation fee: 290 EURO – paid by bank transfer
- 2nd installment: 400 EURO - paid to our bank account 14 days prior to the beginning of the expedition

Payment for renting high-altitude equipment, buying gas, or buying freeze-dried meals can be made at our office, by cash or by credit card.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Care of certified guide and mountain rescuer during the entire expedition (4 or 5-day plan of the mountain action plus one spare day)
- Help preparing for your expedition: by e-mail or on Facebook, we can provide you with a consultation concerning physical preparation, purchase of equipment, organization of flights to Georgia, reservation of accommodation at Meteo Station, and everything else related to the expedition
- Transportation by off-road vehicle to the hill (and down) with the Church of the Holy Trinity, where the trail to Mt. Kazbek begins
- Possibility to leave a deposit at our office for the duration of the mountain action
- T-shirt with Mt. Kazbek, cup, and other company gadgets as souvenirs

#### ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES:

- Additional guide for groups of more than 4 persons: 400,00 EURO (the additional guide can take another 4 people)
- Basic equipment rental - crampons, alpenstocks, harness, carabiners, trekking poles and a helmet for the entire expedition - 80 EURO
- Rental of other equipment (sleeping bag, camp stove, etc.) - according to our rental price list, including a 20% discount
- Arrangement for a horse to transport luggage to Meteo Station (and/or to or from Meteo Station to Stepantsminda) - 120 EURO (one way, with one horse able to transport up to 60kg of luggage)
- Purchase of gas for camp stoves - 8 EURO (small), 12 EURO (large)
- Transfer from Tbilisi airport (or to the airport after the mountain action) - 80 EURO (per car, with 6 seats plus luggage)
- Transfer from Kutaisi airport (or to the airport after the mountain action) - 100 EURO (per car, with 6 seats plus luggage)

#### FOR ENLISTMENT OR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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