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## Ski Touring in Svaneti, Georgia - 9 days

**Day 1: Arrival** at Kutaisi, meet at Kutaisi airport and 1:30h drive to the town of Zugdidi for a first night in Georgia. Dinner in Zugdidi.

**Day 2: Zugdidi - Becho valley in Svaneti**, accommodation in Mazeri village. Half day of warm up ski touring in the area.

**Day 3:** We put the skins from the front door and climb the peak of **Datsil (2578 m)** and descend back to Mazeri or down to the village of Etseri at 1500 m through beautiful breach forests. Second night at the same place.

**Day 4:** We skin up to **Guli Pass at 3000 m.**, +1500 of ascent. The route up to Guli pass will take us right below the prominent Ushba peak. Afterwards a long descent following the route of the climb will take us back to Mazeri village. Accommodation in Mestia, the capital of Svaneti, after a short transfer.

**Day 5:** We'll be transferred by 4x4 machines to the local ski resort of **Tetnuldi**. Depending on the snow conditions and our preferences we'll take the lifts for a 1st run to warm up or skin up to a nearby peak, then ski down to Zhabeshi or Adishi village. Transfer back to Tetnuldi, we'll get the chair lift up and ski down to the village of **Adishi**. Transfer to the highest permanently inhabited settlement in the area – the village of Ushguli at 2200 m, accommodation.

**Day 6:** A full day in **Ushguli** area. We start straight from our accommodation with a day of ski touring along the border massif between Upper and Lower Svaneti that has several valleys with peaks between 2900 and 3200m. The day starts with an entertaining ski run through the village to its lowest point where our ascent starts. A 1000m climb to one of the passes between Upper and Lower Svaneti. Ski back to Ushguli with an option for an extra climb. Accommodation in the same guest house in Ushguli.

**Day 7:** Today we will do another ski route right next to **Ushguli** - skin up the nearby peak that offers a 800m climb, with good skiing down and a stunning view towards the highest peak of Georgia – Skhara (5 193m). Afterwards we head back to Mestia for accommodation.

**Day 8:** Half day of ski touring near **Mestia (Koruldi/Chaaladi)** and 5hrs drive down to Kutaisi for a night in the town.

**Day 9: Departure** from Kutaisi airport.