

## Catskiing in Bakhmaro, Georgia

Freeriding in Bakhmaro means an above average amount of snow with a good likelihood of a fresh dump almost every week. The terrain offers a variety of different runs from treelines in beech trees or pine trees, wide open faces or steep couloirs. Within one week it is impossible to ride every area. The resort lies on 1'900 meters and the skiable mountains go up to 2'755 meters. The treeline is at around 2'100 meters.



## Itinerary

- **Arrival day:** Saturday: pick up at the airport Kutaisi (KUT) & transfer to Bakhmaro [Situationally, it could be necessary to do an overnight stay near the airport.]
- **Day 1:** safety meeting catskiing in the mountains around Bakhmaro.
- **Days 2 to 6:** catskiing in the mountains around Bakhmaro.
- **Departure day:** After breakfast transfer to the airport Kutaisi (KUT).

## Services included

- Pick up at Kutaisi airport and **transfer** to Bakhmaro and back.
- 7 nights in a **simple mountain lodge** in Bakhmaro.  
(Depending on the situation up to 2 of the 7 nights near the airport.)
- **Breakfast, packed lunch** and **Georgian dinner** in Bakhmaro.
- 5-6 days catskiing.
- European certified mountain guide as coordinating lead guide, local guides.
- English speaking contact persons with local knowledge.

The group size is limited to a maximum of **10 participants** (12 in our budget accommodation).

## Dates

- Dezember 2021 till March 2022

December is already a good powder month. There is reliable snow from November. It can get warm in March, so we also offer a combination of catskiing and ski touring in March.

**Price:** from 2'100,-€ per person (or 1'900,-€ in our budget accommodation)

## Pioneers

## of Bakhmaro



### Requirements

- safe freeriding in alpine terrain.
- safe technique in all snow conditions.
- Experience in backcountry behaviour and avalanche safety
- Fitness for short ascents.
- Patience (for alpine conditions, weather and the situation in a transition country like Georgia).

Please keep in mind that there must always be a reserve for a safe expedition. We move here in undeveloped terrain. External support is virtually impossible. We are on our own. Experience shows that in particular weaker participants suffer injuries more often than average.

### Accommodation & Food

Since summer 2021 *Pioneers of Bakhmaro* has got its own guesthouse – the PIONEERS - with 10 double-, twin- and triple rooms. All rooms have a private bathroom and a balcony. In our budget accommodation we have rooms with bunk beds for up to 5 freeriders.

A local team cooks for you. In the morning there is an extensive breakfast, for lunch the group takes a lunch box and in the evening the team cooks typical Georgian dishes. Georgian cuisine is hearty and varied. In Georgia, food is served in bowls and plates and everyone takes what they like.



### Guiding & Team

In Bakhmaro Bernd, a state-certified mountain guide from Germany, is coordinating all snow issues as lead guide. For the groups *Pioneers of Bakhmaro* employs experienced guide as residential guides. If possible Georgia guides are guiding groups.

Our local Pistenbully drivers have been trained by us and Austria professionals. They have known the terrain since childhood. We provide safety training and English lessons for the local team to increase our quality and safety standards every season.