

## Catskiing in Bakhmaro, Georgia

We have been running our catski operation in Bakhmaro since 2016. We scouted the terrain and created the network of cattracks. Nobody knows the area as we do.

For our own groups we will rent again a guest house in Bakhmaro. Priority is given to a cozy atmosphere, independent heat sources for a pleasant temperature in the house and high functionality for freeriders. We plan 2 groups at a time in the Base.



### Itinerary

- **Saturday:** Pick up at Kutaisi Airport (KUT) or Batumi Airport (BUS).  
Best time to arrive is before 3:00 p.m.  
Transfer to Bakhmaro, safety briefing.
- **Sunday to Friday:** Freeriding in the mountains around Bakhmaro.
- **Saturday:** Transfer back to Kutaisi Airport (KUT) or Batumi Airport (BUS).  
Departure time should preferably not be before 3:00 p.m.

Alternative arrival and departure days can be agreed - accommodation costs near the airport due to different flight times are not covered by us. The program always starts on Saturday.

### Leistungen

- Pick up at Kutaisi or Batumi airport and transfer to Bakhmaro and back.  
Alternatively, we are also happy to pick you up from a hotel in Kutaisi or Batumi. In this case, however, we do not organize the transfer from the airport to the hotel.
- 7 nights in simple accommodation in a 3-bed or 4-bed room.  
Depending on the situation, some of these 7 nights can take place near the airport. We'll only cover the cost if we make that decision.
- Upgrade to a 2-bed room with surcharge (100,-€ per person) possible.
- Rich breakfast, simple packed lunch and Georgian dinner in Bakhmaro.
- 5-6 days cat skiing.
- The group size is limited to a maximum of 12 participants.
- Experienced local guides. Head Guide as Team Leader.
- English speaking contact person with local knowledge.
- Safety back-up with a replacement snowcat, rescue equipment, a back-up team and lots of experience.

### Dates

- December 2023 till March 2024

<b>Price:</b>	<b>Peak Season</b>	<b>2'600,-€</b>	<b>per person</b>
	<b>Shoulder Season</b>	<b>2'400,-€</b>	<b>per person</b>



## Requirements

- Safe freeriding in alpine terrain.
- Safe technique on the descent, even in difficult conditions.
- Condition for short ascents (boot track).
- AND also the corresponding courage!
- Patience (for alpine conditions, weather and the situation in a transition country like Georgia).

Please consider that for a safe expedition there must always be a reserve. We are moving here in undeveloped terrain. We are on our own on site. Experience shows that weaker participants in particular suffer injuries more often than average.

## Accommodation & Food

There are a growing number of good houses for rent in Bakhmaro, but unfortunately, they are not equipped for the winter. Since many things will change before the summer, we will only moor a house in the fall and prepare it for the winter ourselves. Bunk beds are possible, as are shared bathrooms. Surely, we will improvise a sauna.

Our local team of chefs and kitchen helpers prepare the food freshly every day. In the morning there is a rich breakfast, for lunch we take a lunch box with us and in the evening our ladies cook typical Georgian food. Georgian cuisine is hearty and varied. Meals are served in bowls and on plates, so everyone can take what they like. We also cover various special diets (vegetarian, gluten-free, lactose).



## Guiding & Team

The groups are led by experienced local guides. In recent years we have been able to build up a pool of young, freeride-oriented mountain guides who speak good English. Since autumn 2021, the Georgian Mountain Guide Association has been part of the world association IFMGA.

Our guiding concept is based on understanding experienced freeriders as partners on the mountain. In addition to the self-evident safety, we want to ride good lines and strengthen the experience in the group. Communication with the group is therefore of particular importance.

Our local snowcat drivers were trained by us and Austrian professionals. The drivers have known the terrain since they were children. We offer regular training and English classes for the whole team to keep improving quality and safety standards each season.