

Catskiing in Bakhmaro, Georgia

With the Riders Lodge we have now our second house in Bakhmaro, which was designed from the start for winter operations and international freeriders. The house has 10 rooms with private bathrooms. In winter the entire house is reserved for our groups. On the ground floor the hotel has a cozy lounge with a small bar. The location above the river offers great views of Bakhmaro and the surrounding mountains.

The Riders Lodge, together with the PIONEERS, is our most comfortable accommodation.



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.

Services included

- 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 a double, twin or triple room at Riders Lodge in Bakhmaro. Depending on the situation, some of these 7 nights can take place near the airport. We will only cover the cost if we make that decision.
- Single room possible with availability with surcharge (500,-€ per person).
- Rich breakfast, simple packed lunch and Georgian dinner in Bakhmaro.
- 5-6 days cat skiing. The group size is limited to a maximum of 10 participants.
- Experienced local guides. English speaking contact person with local knowledge.
- Safety back-up with a replacement snowcat, rescue equipment, back-up team and lots of experience.

Dates

- December 2024 till March 2025

Price:	Peak Season	3'200,-€	per person
	Shoulder Season	2'800,-€	per person



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

The Riders Lodge has got 10 rooms that are designed as double, twin or 3-bed rooms. A single room can also be booked for a surcharge but subject to availability. The rooms have a private bathroom and balcony. Central heating provides heat and hot water. Sauna and relaxation room are in the basement. There is a hot tub outside.

Our local team of chefs and kitchen helps 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. This way 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.