

Abkhazia 3 days/2 nights

We invite you to blossom subtropical land on the black the seacoast - Abkhazia



1 Day. Arrival Meeting at the airport.

Gagra orientation tour (15 min)

Gagra is climatic and balneological resort founded by Prince A. Oldenburg. We see the architectural complex of the Colonnade, and the subtropical Park.

After small orientation tour we have **wine tasting (30 minutes)**:

Abkhazia has fifty centuries of winemaking history. Traditional Abkhazian wines are distinguished by their lightness of taste, freshness and deep aroma.



Then we go to the town of **Pitsunda** where we have **city tour**. We visit to the relict pine grove and beach (1 hour 30 min.)

Lunch on the way to Gudata.



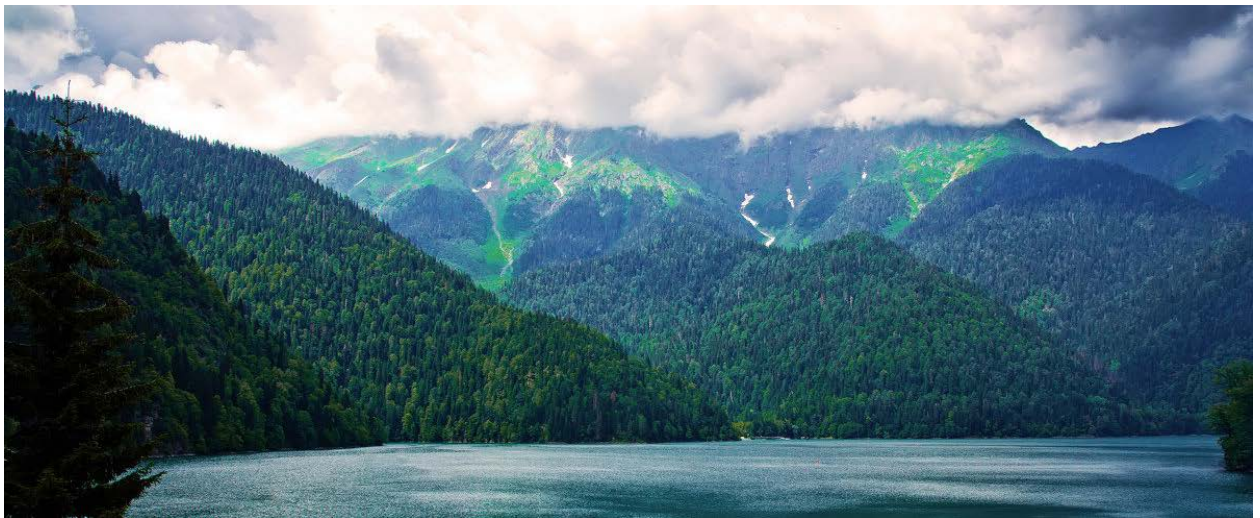
After that we visit Sukhum. Transfer to hotel. Accommodation in the hotel.

City tour of Sukhum (1 hour) with a visit to the Botanical garden (1 hour), the Monkey nursery (1 hour) and the State Museum (1 hour.)

Sukhum, the capital of the Republic of Abkhazia is an ancient and beautiful city located in a very picturesque place on the black seacoast. Now the city welcomes You with the quiet charm of shady streets, the proud splendor of the surrounding mountain peaks, the salty freshness of the sea, and the hospitality of the inhabitants.

Return to the hotel.

2 Day. Lake Ritsa



Breakfast. In the morning we are going to visit lake Ritsa. Excursion to the mountains at an altitude of 1000m above sea level. Hike to the fabulous beauty of the high-altitude lake Ritsa, which is the largest and most famous lake in Abkhazia. It is located at an altitude of 950m above sea level among the majestic mountain peaks of the Rcin Relict National Park. The road to the lake passes through the picturesque gorges of the mountain rivers Bzyb, Gega and Yupshara On the way to lake Ritsa we visit: Honey apiary, Blue lake, Yupsharsky Canyon, wine tasting room.

Honey yard apiary (30 minutes) is in the Bzyp gorge. We discover a lot of interesting and useful information about honey, propolis and pollen. After small excursion we have the tasting session, during which we can try varieties of this product and surely, we taste Mead.



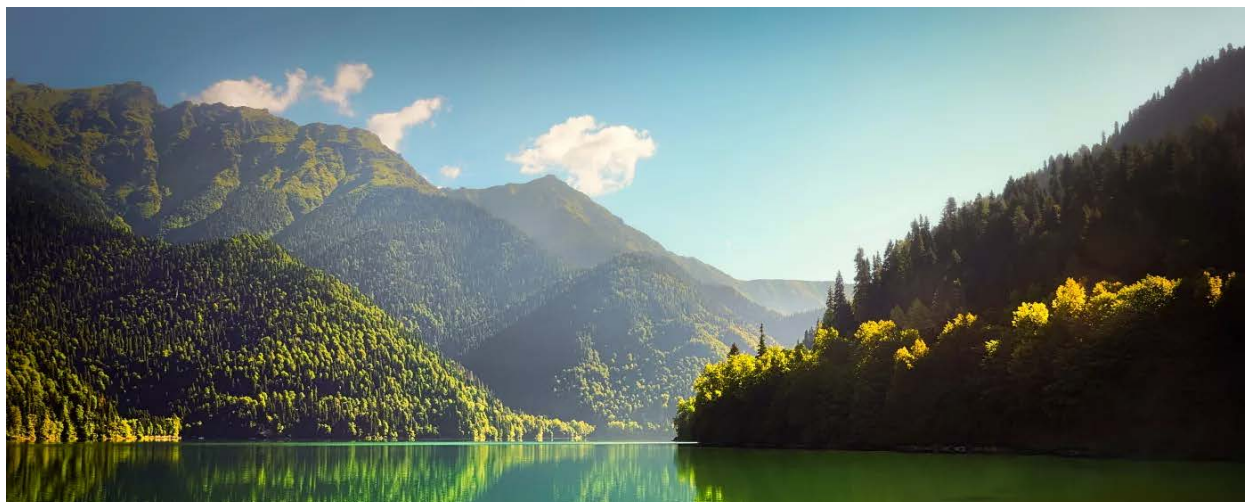
Visit to the Blue lake. (30 minutes)

Blue lake is located at an altitude of 100 meters above sea level, at the foot of the Tshina mountain. The water shakes everyone with its blueness. The diameter of the water surface is 20-25 m, and the area is 200 sq. m.



Visit to Yupsharsky Canyon (30 minutes)

Yupsharsky gate, or stone bag - the narrowest place on the Ritsyn highway 430 meters above sea level (the distance between the rocks is 22 m.), bare steep cliffs reaching a height of 400 m. Here, a person lifting his head up, feels a slight dizziness. Ritsa lake is 10 km away.



Ritsa lake (2 hours) + lunch at the lake.Ritsa

We reach lake Ritsa which is 950 meters above sea level. The water has a wonderful natural color of Ural malachite (from August to September). The lake is surrounded by Majestic mountains Agepsta, Pshegishkha, Acetal and Ariha. We hear wonderful legends related to the appearance of lakes and waterfalls, get information about how the Caucasus mountains were formed, about the flora and fauna of Abkhazia. We see objects located on the territory of the Ritsyn national relict Park: Solovyov's grotto, the ruins of the oldest Bzyp fortress of the twentieth century, an experimental grove of Himalayan cedar and American Sequoia, the Hasan Abaa defensive fortress.



Rafting

The rafting begins at the confluence of the Bzyb with the Gega river and ends on the coast. It belongs to the first category of complexity and is safest one. The Bzyb river – the second longest river in Abkhazia, originates at an altitude of 2000 meters above sea level. With great speed, it carries its crystal-clear water along the Bzyb gorge, surrounded by the most beautiful mountains of the Gagra and Bzyb ranges. The length of the route is 11 km. Return to the hotel.

3 Day. Departure

Breakfast. Check out.



City tour of New Athos. (4 hours)

We visit New Athos one of the most picturesque resorts with a unique terrain and beautiful nature. **Visit to new Athonite simonite-Kananite Orthodox monastery:** founded in 1876 by the monks of the Panteleimon monastery from mount Athos in Greece. The monastery is located at an altitude of 75 m. above sea level and consists of two and three-story buildings, forming a closed 4-coal building. The building has 5 churches, a bell tower and a Cathedral. **Visit to the church of the Holy Apostle Simon kananita:** Unique monument of medieval architecture, the oldest Church architecture was built in the IX-X centuries.



Then we go to Duripsh village where we have national lunch. We taste real Abkhazian cuisine cooked on an open fire: barbecue, homemade sulugun cheese, bread, adjika, plum sauce, vegetables, abysta (Hominy), akud (bean paste), pickles, fruit, chacha, wine (white, red), lemonade.

Departure to the airport.