

RACHA

Svaneti
Heliskijng
in Racha

WINTER
2027

NEW
DESTINATION

A NEW HELISKIG FRONTIER IN GEORGIA

The first heliski week in Racha run by a Georgian operator
– created by locals and based in the Caucasus.

RACHA • NORTHWEST GEORGIA

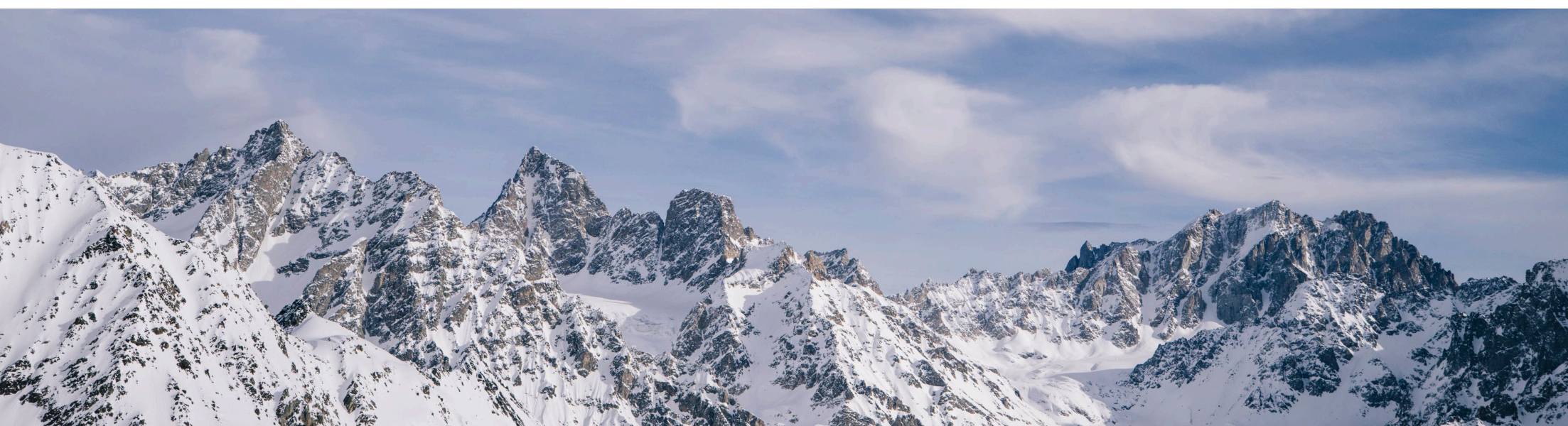
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WHY RACHA ['rätʃ'ä]

Georgia's quietest mountain province - vineyards below, the Greater Caucasus above.

Less than 3 hours north of Kutaisi, the road leaves the vineyards of the Rioni valley and climbs into a landscape of wooden villages, mineral springs and empty ridgelines. Racha has been famous in Georgia for centuries – for its wine, its air and its silence – and completely unexplored to freeriders.

It is a region people are protective of: no resorts, no crowds, no development on the big mountains. That is precisely why the skiing here has waited until now.



2 h 45 m

FROM KUTAISI INTERNATIONAL

4 h 15 m

FROM TBILISI & BATUMI INT

550–4000 m

VALLEY FLOOR TO SUMMITS

TERRAIN

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Two mountain systems in one flying zone.

To the north, the glaciated crest of the Greater Caucasus above Ghebi and Shovi – Chanchakhi 4,461 m, Buba 4,419 m, Geze 4,009 m. To the south, the forested slopes for bad weather.

4,461 m	3,700 m	1,200 m	300 km ²
HIGHEST PEAK IN THE ZONE	HIGHEST DROP-OFF	LONGEST DESCENT	FLYING AREA, PHASE ONE

GLACIERS

Glaciated terrain on the northern side: open shoulders, wide faces and couloirs.

SNOW

Inland, continental winters: cold, dry snow and a long season on north-facing terrain.

SEASON

January to April, deepest and most stable in February and March.



THE HELICOPTER · AIRBUS AS350 B3

The reference machine for high-altitude flying – and the same helicopter we have flown in Svaneti for a decade.

4+1

SKIERS PER LIFT

10 h

FLIGHT HOURS

CULTURE & WINE

You ski above one of the most famous wine micro-zones on Earth.

Khvanchkara wine comes from the valley under the base – two native grapes, a handful of south-facing slopes, and a name no one else in the world is allowed to use. Prince Kipiani produced the first bottles of Khvanchkara in the 1880s; by 1907, the wine had won a Grand Prix in Belgium. One afternoon of your week goes there – to a cellar, with the family who grew the vines.

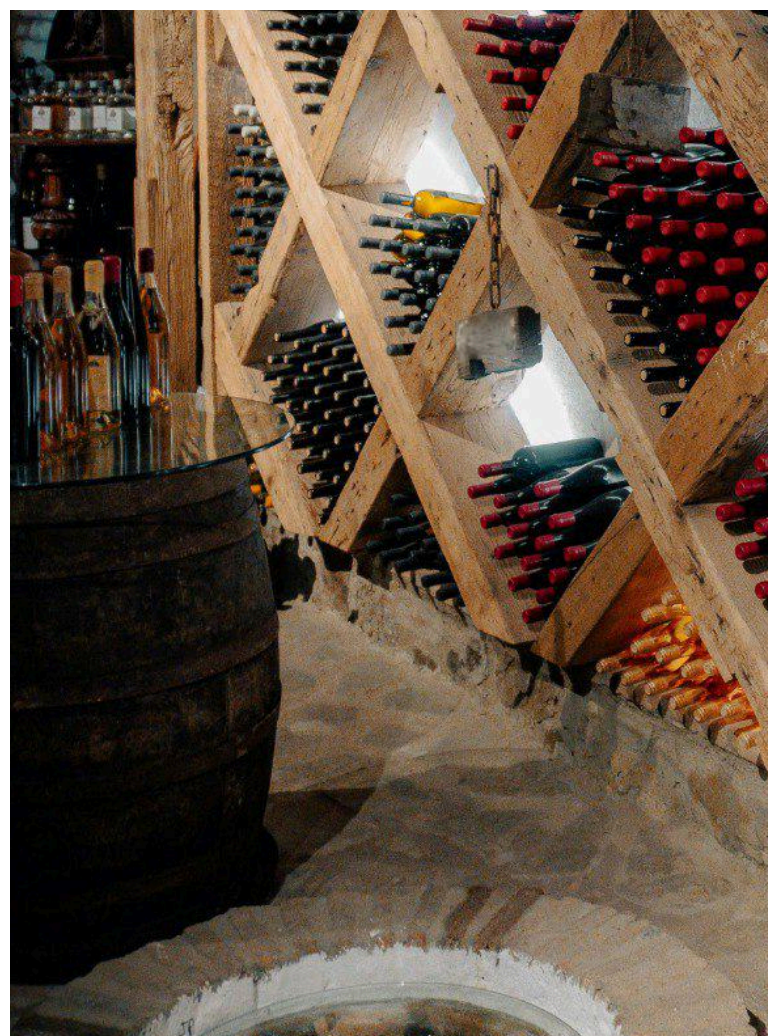
CELLAR TASTING & LOCAL TABLE · INCLUDED IN THE WEEK

Native Aleksandrouli & Mujuretuli grapes · 8,000 years of Georgian winemaking



THE CELLAR

Qvevri and barrel,
tasting with the maker



THE TABLE

Racha ham, lobio,
mountain cheese.

THE REST OF IT

An 11th-century cathedral,
mineral springs, villages that
never moved..

RACHA & SVANETI, 30 MINUTES APART

Our home base in Mestia is a 30-minute flight from the Racha base – the two regions we know best, side by side. Close enough that a heliski safari day over Svaneti can be added to your week on request, as an extra: no extra travel days, no second trip, just a different range beneath your skis.



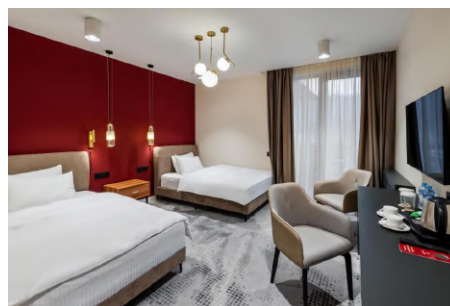
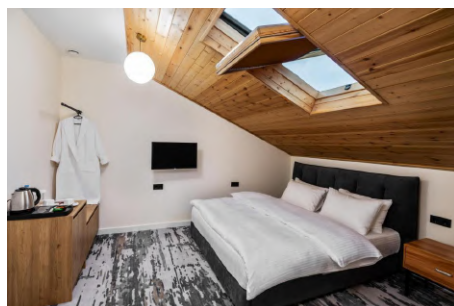
SVANETI, IN A DAY

Cross the range at breakfast, ski unnamed faces above the Svan villages, and land back in Racha for dinner. Thousand-year-old stone towers below your skis, and a second, completely different snowpack.

- Not included in the week – quoted on request
- Added on the day the conditions are right
- Option to split the week between both bases

HOTEL AND HELIPAD, SIDE BY SIDE

The helicopter station is a two-minute walk from the hotel door. Breakfast, boots, briefing, take-off – no morning transfer, no road, no waiting. The most valuable hour of a heliskiing day is the one you don't spend in a minibus



And you are not cut off. The base sits in Oni, the capital of Racha: hospital and pharmacy, shops and cafés, fuel, bank and mobile coverage – all within a few minutes of the hotel. Wilderness skiing, with a town behind it.

2 MIN TO THE HELIPAD • FULL BOARD, LOCAL CUISINE • HOSPITAL & SHOPS IN TOWN

THE TRIP DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

ARRIVAL & BRIEFING

Airport welcome – Tbilisi, Batumi or Kutaisi – road transfer to Racha, or helicopter transfer on request. Hotel check-in, dinner and welcome meeting with the guides, avalanche safety briefing.

DAY 2-7

HELISKI DAYS

Six flying days on the Racha massif, with routes chosen each morning where the snow is best. Off the mountain: a wine tasting and a tasting of local Racha dishes. Optional: a heli-safari day over Svaneti, on request.

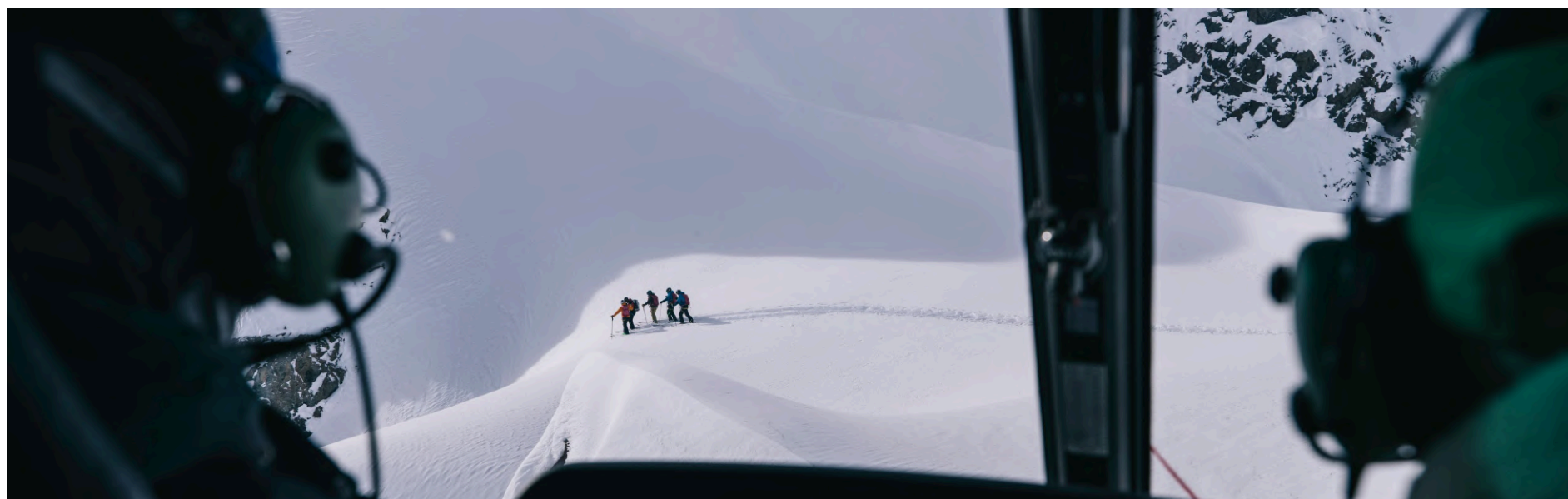
DAY 8

DEPARTURE

Departure for your return flight from your chosen airport.

A TYPICAL DAY - FROM SUNRISE TO DINNER

8:00 am	Breakfast at the hotel, facing the Racha range
9:00 am	Briefing & take-off – the helipad is next door
9:10 am	First untracked slope
1:00 pm	Mountain picnic facing the summits
4:30 pm	Back at the hotel – après-ski
7:30 pm	Dinner – local cuisine and Georgian wines



YOUR TRIP, IN PLAIN TERMS

A semi-private week with almost everything included, in a group of 8 – Sunday to Sunday. You add only your international flights and insurance.

YOUR STAY INCLUDES

- ✓ 6 heliski days (10 hours of helicopter time)
- ✓ 2 local IFMGA/GMGA guides for the group
- ✓ Hotel, two minutes from the helipad
- ✓ Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- ✓ Wine & local food tasting
- ✓ Full safety equipment
- ✓ Transfers from the airport to Racha and back
- ✓ Tour manager support 24/7

PER PERSON · BASED ON 8 SKIERS

€ 9 500

Semi-private group of 8 guests.
Hotel · full board · 2 IFMGA/GMGA guides
8 days / 7 nights · 6 heliski days.

NOT INCLUDED

International flights · ski equipment · drinks
· personal expenses · travel & cancellation
insurance.

OPTIONS

Heli-safari day to Svaneti on request
· additional heliski hour from € 3,200
· helicopter transfer from Tbilisi or Kutaisi
on request · Tbilisi visit on request.



CONFIRM YOUR FIRST DESCENT

Racha opens for a limited number of weeks in its first season, with a maximum of 8 skiers per week. Secure your seats.

AVAILABLE WEEKS

31 January – 7 February	7 – 14 March
7 – 14 February	14 – 21 March
14 – 21 February	21 – 28 March
28 February – 7 March	28 March – 4 April

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