GEORGIA 1. SEPTEMBER – 8. SEPTEMBER 2016

After an overnight stay in Tbilisi, we drove further east in the direction Kakethi, which is the largest wine region in Georgia.







Klokketårn.



We made the first stop by <u>Bodbe Monastery</u>, 2km from Sighnaghi. The monastery was built where <u>St. Nino</u> was buried in the year 338-340. There is now a nunnery.
St. Nino was a woman who preached Christianity in the early 300s, and contributed to that the Christianity became the state religion.



The church was built in 1100-1200's.



There is created a park around the monastery and church.



View from the monastery.





Some of the plantings.







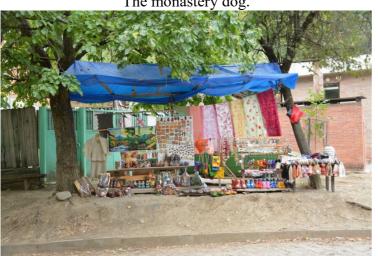


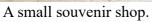






The monastery dog.







Next stop was in <u>Sighnakhi</u>, which is a small town 2km from the monastery. <u>Link</u>. The city was an important fortress in the 1700s with the wall around the entire city.



Outside the monastery walls the cows goes on the road.



Then we continued driving with the bus.



City Hall.









On the square items are put up for sale to tourists.





Farther up there is a park.



Here is a statue.



A wall with reliefs on.













On top of the city.



On the way down again.



A fountain further down.





A nice clock next to the fountain.



In the parking lot where the bus was.



View up towards the town from the parking lot. We see some of the city wall from here.





It was common that people stand along the road to sell their products.





Next stop was for lunch with a family who invested in tourism.



Here we are in the garden of those who we were going to eat at.



There was roadwork on the road that led up to the place, so we had to walk the last stretch.



First it was baking bread.



Grilling meat.





Bread making was done in the traditional way.





Various trees in the garden.





Melon.



Kiwi.

Grapes.





Peaches?







We were going to sit up on this porch.



We were served a variety of food.









































Next stop was the wine tasting at a winery. Original wagon.









Within the entrance stood musicians and played. <u>Link 1</u> Link 2.



Here it was also possible to buy wine.



The winwery is called <u>Winery Khareba</u>. <u>Link</u>. They own 100 Ha of vineyards.



Here are the goods on display.



They also have a restaurant here.



Bottles for storage.



It is 7 km of tunnels, carved into the mountain.





An amphora which is dug into the ground.



Someone with a lot of dust on.







Miscellaneous tools.





More tools.



Distillation boiler?



Carriage to transport wine barrels.



Various tanks that have been used at one time.





The winery's guide tells about the production.



Various objects are exhibited.







Then the wine tasting.









The guide at the winery.



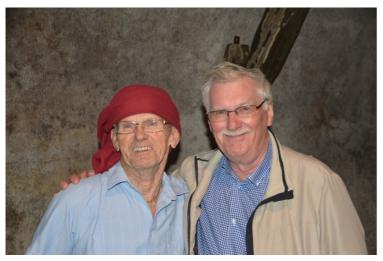
Bread and olive oil.















Georgia guide and Guide for Norsk Tur.



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Outside the winery there are nice plantings.



Decorations.



In <u>Kvareli</u> we should stay at <u>Hotel Royal Batoni</u>, opposite a dammed lake outside the city itself.



The view from the terrace of the hotel in the evening. We see lights from Kvareli at the left in the image.