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14 - 16 daily stages  
25 off-road routes

**Roadbook**  
4x4 Europe Adventure

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## Foreword:

This 4x4 Georgia book is part of our 4x4 Adventure Europe series. These books always describe a multi-day tour through a region/country. These are daily stages where the off-road routes are included. On the one hand, you can drive through the region or country using our daily stages. However, all off-road routes are also described individually and can be used for your own planning.

## Daily stages:

The daily stages are a mix of tar and off-road, we have tried to adapt the stage length to the off-road part or to the sights. At the end of each day's stage we have suggestions for overnight accommodation, which can be guesthouses/hotels or campsites.

## Departure of a daily stage:

Each day's stage has a route description that you follow. At some point you will come to the start of an off-road section. The route description for the off-road route is then indicated on the day's stage. Once you have completed the off-road route, you jump back to the route description for the day's stage.

## Individual off-road routes:

We have broken down the individual off-road routes in the book with sketch maps. This has the advantage that you can ride each off-road route independently of the daily stages. It is also possible to use the off-road routes for your own tour planning.



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# Offroad - Route overview

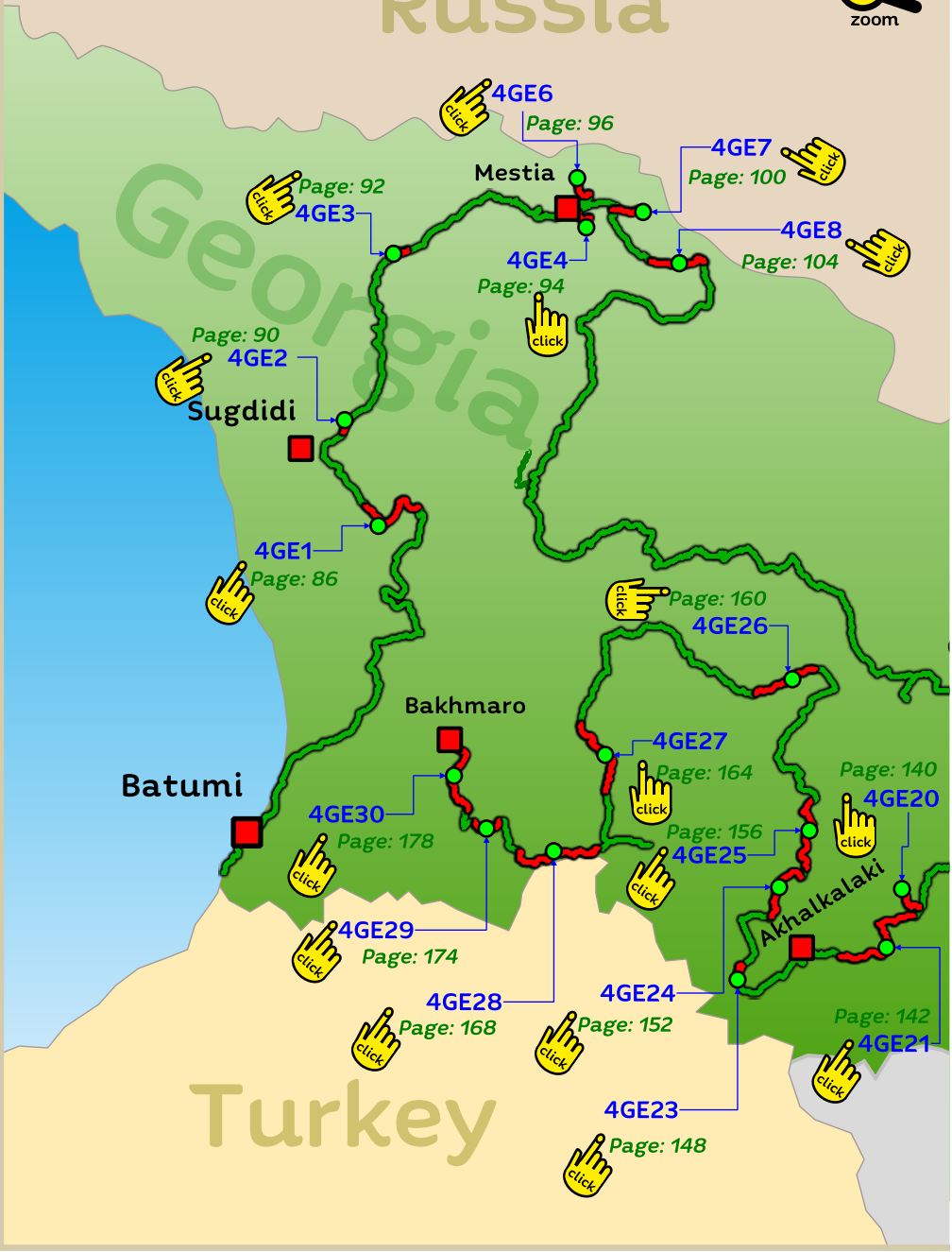
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# Offroad - Route overview

| Tour name                 |  | Length<br>Height | Entry<br>Exit        |   |   |   |   | Scenery           | Difficul-<br>ty |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| 4GE1 (Taster tour)        |  | 27 km<br>188 m   | 4GT1_01<br>4GT1_13   | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ? | 3 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2-3          |
| 4GE2 (Short-Piste)        |  | 4 km<br>336 m    | 4GT2_01<br>4GT2_06   | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ? | 3 of 5<br>*****   | SG 1-2          |
| 4GE3 (Waterfall Detour)   |  | 7 km<br>740 m    | 4GT3_01<br>4GT3_06   | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ? | 3/4 of 5<br>***** | SG 1-2          |
| 4GE4 (Piste to swing)     |  | 12 km<br>1970 m  | 4GT1_01<br>4GT4_09   | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 1-2          |
| 4GE6 (Koruldi Lake)       |  | 22 km<br>2720 m  | 4GT6_01<br>4GT6_11   | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 4            |
| 4GE7 (Sgimieuki)          |  | 23 km<br>3168 m  | 4GT7_01<br>4GT7_10   | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 4/5 of 5<br>***** | SG 2-4          |
| 4GE8 (Ushguli Piste)      |  | 21 km<br>2602 m  | 4GT8_01<br>4GT8_10   | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ? | 4/5 of 5<br>***** | SG 2            |
| 4GE9 (Lake piste)         |  | 17 km<br>935 m   | 4GT9_01<br>4GT9_11   | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ? | 4/5 of 5<br>***** | SG 2-3          |
| 4GE11 (Cloud pass)        |  | 62 km<br>2970 m  | 4GT11_01<br>4GT11_15 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 1-2/3        |
| 4GE12 (Bear pass)         |  | 60 km<br>2690 m  | 4GT12_01<br>4GT12_11 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5* of 5<br>*****  | SG 1-2          |
| 4GE14 (Albano-Pass)       |  | 62 km<br>2800 m  | 4GT14_01<br>4GT14_15 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5* of 5<br>*****  | SG 3            |
| 4GE15 (Vashlovani-Park)   |  | 102 km<br>835 m  | 4GT15_01<br>4GT15_21 | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ? | 3-4 of 5<br>***** | SG 2            |
| 4GE17 (Near the border)   |  | 32 km<br>350 m   | 4GT17_01<br>4GT17_11 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 3-4 of 5<br>***** | SG 2            |
| 4GE18 (Grass track)       |  | 22 km<br>335 m   | 4GT18_01<br>4GT18_06 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 3-4 of 5<br>***** | SG 2            |
| 4GE19 (Mix-Piste)         |  | 17 km<br>1570 m  | 4GT19_01<br>4GT19_10 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 2-3 of 5<br>***** | SG 1-2          |
| 4GE20 (Nomads-Piste)      |  | 16 km<br>2409 m  | 4GT20_01<br>4GT20_06 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2            |
| 4GE21 (Offroad-Dream)     |  | 38 km<br>2450 m  | 4GT21_01<br>4GT21_18 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2-3          |
| 4GE23 (Breath. Slope P.)  |  | 8 km<br>1734 m   | 4GT23_01<br>4GT23_13 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 4 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2-3          |
| 4GE24 (Mountain -Piste)   |  | 14 km<br>1900 m  | 4GT24_01<br>4GT24_11 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 4 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2-3          |
| 4GE25 (Tskhratskaro Pass) |  | 29 km<br>2474 m  | 4GT25_01<br>4GT25_16 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2-3          |
| 4GE26 (Railroad-Piste)    |  | 26 km<br>980 m   | 4GT26_01<br>4GT26_11 | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ? | 2/3 of 5<br>***** | SG 2            |
| 4GE27 (Zekari Pass)       |  | 41 km<br>2179 m  | 4GT27_01<br>4GT27_12 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2            |
| 4GE28 (Border-Piste)      |  | 33 km<br>2256 m  | 4GT28_01<br>4GT28_16 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 3-4          |
| 4GE29 (Flowers-Piste)     |  | 14 km<br>1930 m  | 4GT29_01<br>4GT29_07 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 4 of 5<br>*****   | SG 3-4          |
| 4GE30 (Chidila Pass)      |  | 30 km<br>2372 m  | 4GT30_01<br>4GT30_11 | ✓ | ? | ? | ? | 5 of 5<br>*****   | SG 2-3          |

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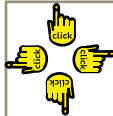
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If you click on this symbol, you will always return to the route overview (home screen).



Everywhere you see the hand you can click and jump to the selected event.



All pages can be zoomed (enlarged or reduced).  
For small maps we have added the zoom symbol as a reminder.



When a QR code appears, it is usually followed by an Internet address where you can obtain additional information.

Prerequisite: You must have access to the Internet. (Example: [www.mdmot.de](http://www.mdmot.de))



This symbol is the track video, if you click on the code next to this symbol and you have an internet connection then you can jump to Youtube and watch the video of the off-road track in fast motion. It is intended to give our customers a feel for the track.

## Download GPS files from the Internet

This e-book comes with an internet download of the GPS data. In the order confirmation there are up to 2 download links for the GPS data.



1. ZIP file -> You can download this to a laptop/PC.

Unzip the ZIP file on the PC/laptop and the GPS data for Garmin/TomTom are available there as well as the GPX and KML file formats.

2. [Handy\\_4x4\\_?????.GPX](#) -> You can download these detailed routes directly from your mobile phone and then use them in a navigation app that can use GPX data (e.g. the APP OSMAND)

You can find a small documentation under the link:

<https://www.mdmot.de/de/internet-download>





# Symbol explanation

Action symbol: Can be a turn symbol or also a ferry or point of interest

KM- Total distance since last 0 - position Roadbook

Altitude in metres

GPS coordinates of the action point

43,9

1486m

0,5

Straight ahead

N 44.15984 ° O/E 16.98641 °

Bis hier war die Piste gleich. Jetzt hält man geradeaus rechts. *Piste links ignorieren, auf dieser ist man gekommen.*

Roadbook

KM to next action point

Directions

- Motorway
- Gravelled slope
- Tarred road
- MDMOT Gravelled slope
- MDMOT Tarred road
- Active MDMOT off-road route highlighted in yellow.
- Active MDMOT daily stage
- Street name
- Ort City / Town

4BH1\_01 GPS point Route waypoint

Marked map point, can have different symbols.

**Bridge**

Orientation point:

There are always pairs of 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s etc. The small point is always marked on a map, the large reference point is always marked in the roadbook.

Reference to a map where a Detailmap is displayed.

## Explanation GPS table

| Name  | latitude    | longitude   |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| SI??? | N 44.47682° | O 6.97553 ° |

You will find a table with GPS points for each stage in the book. These points are listed in WGS84 format DD,DDDD°. The GPS device **must** be converted to this format DD,DDDD° before entering the GPS points, otherwise the points may be displayed several kilometres apart.



Symbol: 4x4 Off-road vehicle



Symbol: 4x4 SUV



Symbol: (Pickup with all-wheel drive, if you have a superstructure, please also note the height specifications for the individual sections, no guarantee is given for superstructures).



Symbol: 4x4 Bus to 3,5t



Symbol: Track video (If this symbol appears, there is a track video in fast motion that you can watch to better judge the track).

## General information on drivability:

This may depend on the type, dimensions, tyres and performance of the vehicle used as well as on the respective track condition and individual driving skills. No guarantee is given for the routes which have remained unchanged compared to our tests.



The route has been driven by us at least once (test vehicle(s) are named in the overview table) and may be suitable for comparable vehicles as a rule.



The route data known to us indicate that the respective vehicle type can be used. However, we have not driven the route ourselves with the respective vehicle type, so that the feasibility cannot be guaranteed.



The route is unsuitable for the respective type of vehicle.

## Explanation of difficulty levels SG 1-5

**SG5:** All-wheel drive necessary with reduction -> very steep (washed out/gravelled) -> very steep incline/descent

**SG4:** All-wheel drive necessary -> heavy (washed out/gravelled) -> greater incline/descent

**SG3:** Without all-wheel drive -> washed out/gravelled -> greater gradient

**SG2:** Without all-wheel drive -> washed out/gravel -> hardly any incline

**SG1:** Smooth track without tar surface -> hardly any potholes



**General information:**

On the following pages we would like to introduce you to Georgia from our point of view.

Georgia is a wonderful country if you travel there with a 4 × 4 vehicle or with a touring enduro. You can't get to all the most beautiful places in Georgia by car. We were fascinated by the Caucasus mountain passes and the spur roads.

Georgia is a bit far away for us Central Europeans, and if you travel there in your own vehicle, you will certainly have a 3000 km journey, but it is always worth it.

As elsewhere, the people in Georgia are very, very friendly and helpful, but by no means intrusive. Safety was never a problem for us, we always felt safe, and in the summer months there is a huge amount of hiking tourism and many people come to Georgia by plane and are taken by local 4x4 vehicles to the remote Caucasus regions for hiking. Many Russians also vacation here in Georgia, mostly on the Black Sea coast. Two large cities in Georgia are Batumi and Tbilisi, with Tbilisi being the capital, where there is of course a lot of traffic and life is bustling.

In the cities you can find almost everything you can find here, plus a little experience:

When we drove an off-road route up to the Chidila Pass on the penultimate day, we noticed that the front brakes were worn out and, as luck would have it, we didn't have

any with us, normally we always take some with us for the front on longer trips. Well, bad luck, we finished the route and put up in a hotel. In the evening we looked where the nearest Suzuki dealer was, one was in Batumi, so the next morning we drove about 50 km to the Suzuki dealer in Batumi. A salesman greeted us and we explained to him what we meant, that the brakes were worn out. We drove into the yard, he immediately cleared a platform and a mechanic dismantled the front wheels and brake pads. In the meantime, Dana went with the vehicle registration certificate to get the right pads. Less than 10 minutes later, the salesman arrived with the pads and less than another 15 minutes later, everything was done and we were able to drive on. Conclusion: Great, we - tourists - still have a little bonus here.

**Petrol stations:**

There are actually plenty of gas stations. In the book, we always pointed out when there was no gas station for a while so that you could fill up your tank(s) in time. The opening hours are usually only during the day, we got used to trying to fill up again at the end of each day so that we had enough fuel for the next day.



View from the room and Guetshouse Ardoti

**Accommodation:**

There is accommodation everywhere in Georgia, mostly of course in the tourist centers or in the cities, but we have found that it is always good to book the desired accommodation a day in advance, e.g. via Booking.com. Campsites, on the other hand, are few and far between and many have closed. Demand is no longer so high here.

There is no upper limit for hotels and guesthouses from €25, but on average €50 is a good price.

We only spent about 25% of the nights in the roof tent, there are countries like Georgia where guesthouses are very affordable and we took advantage of that.

Of course, we tested at least 1 guesthouse for each end of the day for this book, which after 15 days came to approx. 700 € (2 persons) on average approx. 47 €.

All the accommodations we visited have the 4x4Europe sign.

**Paying (money):**

We only changed money in Georgia for our needs, i.e. as a last resort. At the beginning we had changed about 200 € into Georgian Lira.

Apart from that, we were able to pay for everything by credit card (mostly Visa but also Mastercard).

**Food and drink:**

There are many small supermarkets in Georgia and they have everything you need for everyday use. There are also larger supermarkets in the cities.



Breakfast in Pioneer Hotel/Bakhmaro

Many guesthouses and hotels also have restaurants where you can eat well, a small problem is usually the menu, which is often only offered in the local language and is almost impossible for us Central Europeans to interpret.

But there are APP's for cell phones for this, we always use the free Microsoft APP.



For Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microsoft.translator&hl=de&gl=US>



Für Apple devices:

<https://apps.apple.com/de/app/microsoft-translator/id1018949559>



With this app you can take a photo of the menu and then have it translated, and paying by credit card was never a problem for us!

### Travel time:

In our opinion, the best time to travel is from the end of June to mid-September, when the high Caucasus passes are free of snow and therefore easier to travel on. But some people we know also spend the winter in Georgia, travel around the country and also like to go skiing there.



### Border in Georgia



## Story:

### Entering the country + first night in Georgia

When we got to the border in the direction of Georgia, the first thing we noticed was the many trucks parked on the sides, which apparently have to fill out the entry papers first and then get an appointment at the border. This is no problem with a car, but when we got to the border with our little Jimny, the friendly border police officer told us that the passenger had to get out and walk through a corridor (two buildings).

As the driver, my papers were checked and I was already standing on the other side of the border in Georgia.

Immediately after the border in Georgia, Dana was already waiting for me and she ran off to get a SIM card for the phone and change some money. There are lots of small stores just after the border.

The phone stores advertise "SIM-Map", Dana bought a SIM-Map for 1 month for 35 € and gave the seller the cell phone. He activated the SIM map straight away and we were online. We even had reception in remote areas, but most guesthouses and cafés also had free wifi.



There are also a few bureaux de change just after the border. After that, it was just a few kilometers to our accommodation for today, which we had already booked on Booking COM.

As it was only about 100 m from the beach, we enjoyed the beach life. In the evening at the guesthouse, we wanted to order a dish from the menu and that was the first small problem because the menus in Georgia are very rarely written in English.

Mostly only in Georgian. However, we used the Microsoft app. We took a photo of the menu and had it translated into our local language. This app can also be used to translate signs or information boards. Nevertheless, many Georgians also speak English, and very rarely German, so we ordered some traditional dish, which was delicious.

In the restaurant, a beer costs around €1.5, a house wine around €5 and the food on the first evening was the equivalent of €21 (2 people).

On the very first evening in the guesthouse, we saw from the license plates that many Russian tourists were on vacation here in Georgia, and you can see Russian tourists everywhere in Georgia.

The next morning we got up, had a traditional strong (turkish) coffee in the restaurant and were very excited to see what awaited us in Georgia.

We started by driving through the city of Batumi, the "Cote Azure" of Georgia.

Whoever has the larger vehicle has right of way, at least that's how it seemed at first.

We made good time and now the first day under the motto "Original Georgia" was on the program and then experienced a great journey through a really great country with lots of nature.





## Georgia

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**Entry into the country:**

You arrive by car in Sarpi at the Turkey/Georgia border crossing.

Only the driver is allowed to drive the vehicle across the border, the passengers have to go through a building (don't forget your passport). Both border posts are located here. In between there is a large duty free area and store. Entry takes about 30 minutes.

**Time:**

There is no time change in Georgia. The time difference to Central Europe is therefore three hours in winter and two hours in summer. The time in Georgia has to be set 2 hours ahead in summer (if it is 12:00 in Germany, it is 14:00 in Georgia).

**Payment methods & money:**

The local currency is the lari (GEL). It is possible to exchange euros and dollars easily in almost every larger town. After crossing the border in Sarpi there are already the first exchange offices. Exchange rate 2024: approx. 0.35 Lari for 1€

**Tourist information:**

Info:

<https://www.georgien.net/>

**Language:**

The official language in Georgia is Georgian. Russian is also often spoken. Outside the tourist centers, few locals speak English.

**Internet:**

After crossing the border in Sarpi, you can also buy a SIM map for Internet or Internet & telephone at the exchange offices.

**GPS Shop:** **N41.521942, E41.549114**

There are SIM cards valid for 7 days (rechargeable) or for 30 days with unlimited data volume. Price 35 €.



**Overnight stays:**

Georgia is not a camping country! There are a few campsites on the coast, but inland you will search in vain. The campsites marked on maps often no longer match.

On the other hand, Georgia has many guesthouses and hotels. Most of them are listed on booking.com.

We recommend booking in advance for two accommodations, the Ardoti Guesthouse (H205) and the Pioneers (H214).

**Insurances:**

Since March 1, 2018, all vehicles temporarily staying in Georgia must take out Georgian motor vehicle liability insurance.



The Green Card is not recognized in Georgia.

Insurance cover can be taken out online for 15 days and 30 days.

15 days for €10.50 (30 Lari)

30 days for €17,50 (50 Lari)

Payment is made by credit card or Paypal  
In order to take out the insurance, you should know the approximate date of entry into Georgia. We did it online 2 days before.

Via the e-mail address you get a PDF file to print out or show.

**Info under:** <https://tpl.ge/en>

**Traffic:****Roadside assistance:**

Fire brigade, police, rescue: 112 (Available in English.)

**The maximum speeds up to 3.5 tons are:**

In urban areas 60 km/h

Out of town 90 km/h

Motorway 110 km/h.

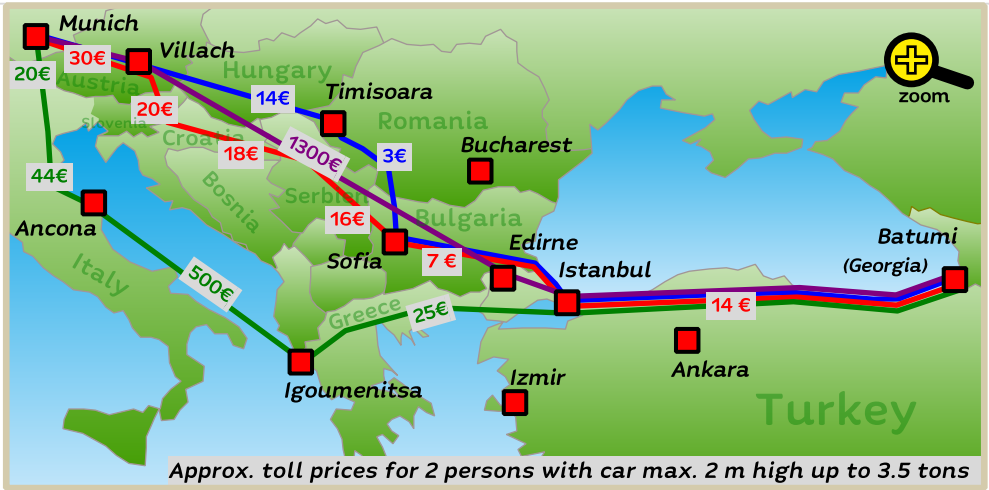
**Blood alcohol limit: 0.0****Obligation to carry:**

First-aid kit, warning triangle and high-visibility vest, fire extinguisher.

**Tolls:** There are currently no toll roads in Georgia.

**Travel time:**

The best time to travel is in the summer from June to September, when you are guaranteed to be able to explore the Caucasus without snow.



As an example, we have chosen Munich as the starting point and Batumi as the end point.

#### Travel option 1 (land route combined with ferry)

Austria -> Italy (ferry (Ancona-Igoumenitsa)) -> Greece -> Turkey -> Georgia  
(total approx. 3700 km of which approx. 2800 km on roads).

#### Travel option 2 (by land only)

Austria -> Slovenia -> Croatia -> Serbia -> Bulgaria -> Turkey -> Georgia  
(a total of approx. 3200 km on roads).

#### Travel option 3 (by land only)

Austria -> Hungary -> Romania -> Bulgaria -> Turkey -> Georgia  
(total approx. 3300 km on roads)

#### Travel option 4 (land route combined with car train)

Austria (road train Villach - Edirne) -> Turkey -> Georgia  
(total approx. 3285 KM of which approx. 1825 km on roads)

#### Travel option 4 (airplane and rental car)

If you want to avoid traveling with your own car, you can also rent an off-road vehicle in Georgia. Well-known car rental companies are represented at the airport in Tbilisi and Kutaisi. One of them is Cars 4 rent. Info under: <https://cars4rent.ge/de/>.



**Toll Austria (Vignette)**

Info under:  
<https://www.asfinag.at/maut-vignette/vignette/>

**Toll Italy**

Info under:  
<https://www.autostrade.it/it/pe-daggio>

**Toll Slovenia (Vignette)**

Info under:  
<https://www.si-vignette.com/de/>

**Toll Croatia**

Info under:  
<https://www.hak.hr/info/cestarine/>

**Toll Serbia**

Info under:  
<https://putevi-srbije.rs/index.php/en/>

**Toll Bulgaria (Vignette)**

Motorcycles do not pay tolls.  
 Info under:  
<https://vinetki.bg/de/>

**Toll Hungary (Vignette)**

Info under:  
<https://maut-tarife.hu/de>

**Toll Romania (Vignette)**

Motorcycles do not pay tolls.  
 Info under:  
<https://www.roviniete.ro/de/ro-vinieta>

**Toll Greece**

Info under:  
<https://www.vintrica.com/de/e-vignette/griechenland>

**Toll Turkey**

Turkey has a toll system called HGS. For this you need an HGS chip sticker which is topped up with credit. You can get the HGS chip after the border at the rest stops.



If there is not enough credit on the chip, you pay the difference when you leave Turkey (border).

Info: <https://www.kgm.gov.tr>

**Car Train of Villach (A)- Edirne (T)**

A popular way to get to Georgia and therefore also a shorter journey is the combination of land route and passenger train. The passenger train runs from Austria (Villach) to Turkey (Edirne).

Info under: <https://www.optimatours.de/>

**Ferry Ancona (I) - Igoumenitsa (GR)**

You can get an overview of the ferry companies  
<https://www.directferries.de>



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## Stage 1 (What awaits me today)

Important: In Georgia, all cows, sheep and goats run free on and across the roads, drive carefully.

KM 6.6 -> Fortress Gonio

KM 15 -> Lots of traffic through the city of Batumi, be careful here.

KM 83 -> You ride on lonely roads through the rainforest over a pass with lots of free-roaming dogs.

KM 120 -> you ride through a rural area where time has stood still (stilt houses and farms with free-range animals (pigs, cows, geese, etc.).

KM 162 -> Fortress Nokalakevi

KM 165 -> off-road route 4GE1

KM 224 -> end point Sugdidi town (H198)

Sugdidi town: 100 m from the accommodation (H198) you can visit the museum complex with the Dadiani Palace, set in a beautiful park.

### Begin Day stage 1

Sarpi (Border crossing Georgia)

Kvariati

*We crossed the border the evening before and spent the night 4.9 km after the border in the small Hotel Oksneba (H199).*



Fortress Gonio



A fortress of which the walls are present.  
Open daily from 10-19 hrs.



Admission 1,75 € (8 Lari) per person. Duration of visit approx. 15min.

GPS: **N41.57224 E/O41.57203**



Batumi

Drive through the city of Batumi and keep going in the direction of Sugdidi.

After a short stretch of highway, leave the highway at the exit for CHAKVI.

Chakvi

**Fortress Petra**

It is an ancient ruin. The beautiful view of the sea is great. Open daily from 10 am to 6 pm. Admission 1,75 € (8 Lari) per person. Duration of visit approx. 30 min.

GPS: **N41.76739 E/O41.75389**



**Camping Robi (C582)**

Kobuleti

Drive through the village to OZURGETI.



**Ozurgeti**

Drive through the village of Ozurgeti in the direction of SAMTREDIA.

This is followed by a winding section, a small pass road. There are lots of dogs here.



After the hill, turn left towards MAMATI onto the 47a. (KM 84).

**Rainforest****Lanchkhuti**

At the end of Lanchkhuti you come to a crossroads where you turn right towards SAMTREDIA.



13.7 km further on you turn left towards JAPANA.

Then follow the signs to KETILARI.

**Guleikari**

Between Guleikari and Tsalikari you will experience a pristine Georgia with lots of animals and stilt houses.

**Ketilari****Tsalikari****Nosiri**

After crossing the railroad line, in the village of Nosiri you come to the 1 road, which you turn left onto and leave 20 m to the right.

**Gejeti****Dzigideri**

You come to a main road onto which you turn left. A few meters further on you will pass the entrance to the **Nokalakevi Fortress**.

**Rural idyll from Ketilari**



2 Original Georgia



**Nokalakevi Fortress**, also known as **Archaeopolis**, is a very extensive complex whose eye-catcher is a tunnel that leads underground to the river Tekhuri. Open daily from 10 am - 6 pm  
Admission: €3.50  
GPS: **N42.35747 E/O42.19696**



800 m after the fortress, turn right to "BETHLEHEMI".

BETHLEMI

A narrow road leads above the river, which you follow for 3.2 km.



You reach a crossroads: - On the right, a track leads approx. 800 m down to the river and the warm Sulphur springs Nokalakevi.

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There are 2 covered springs from which hot water (> 60°) emerges. In front of the river there is a small self-built pool where the water is already at a bearable temperature and you can enjoy it.  
GPS: **N42.36490 E/O42.19627**



Sulphur Spring



- On the left is the entrance to 4GE1. Feature: the place name sign of Bethlemi.

**Entrance 4GE1**

**Taster tour**

**Description Page 86**

**Length: 27 km**



From the end of the 4GE1 off-road route, drive approx. 23 km to the day's end point in Sugdidi.

 Sugdidi

**End Day stage 1**



## Sugdidi City

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Sugdidi is the capital of the Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti region in western Georgia. For most people, it is just a short stopover on the way to the mountains of Svaneti (Mestia and Ushguli).

Sugdidi is known as the home of the **Dadiani Palace**.

The Dadiani royal complex consists of two large palaces, a monastery and a botanical garden. The most famous exhibit is the bronze death mask of Napoleon Bonaparte from 1833.

Open daily from 10:00-17:30 except Monday.

Admission 1,75 €

GPS: **N42.50986 E/O41.87269**



<https://georgianmuseums.ge/en/museum/dadiani-palaces-historical-and-architectural-museum/>

Dadiani Palace







## Hotel

from  
30 €**H199 Hotel Otsneba**

Adr.: Kvariati, An der E-/70, Nr. 75

Tel. Über Homepage

Web: <https://otsneba.tripcombined.com/?lang=en>

E-Mail: Buchen über Homepage

GPS: **N41.55780 E/O41.56655**

## Remark:



Hotel Otsneba is located in the coastal village of Kvariati, 4.9 km from the Turkish / Georgian border and 11 km from Batumi. It has large rooms with balcony and sea view (from floor 3, preferably floor 5), a private parking lot and a restaurant. The pebble/sandy beach is approx. 100 m away. Overnight stay in double room for 2 pers. from 30 €, breakfast extra. Marked in map: see page 18



## Hotel

from  
60 €**H198 Hotel Garden Palace**

Adr.: Sugdidi, Teatri str. 1

Tel. +995 5573 23028

Web: Booking.com

E-Mail: Buchen über booking.com

GPS: **N42.50786 E/O41.87289**

## Remark:



The Garden Palace Hotel is located in the center of Sugdidi opposite the Dadiani Palace and Park. It has a terrace on the top floor where the restaurant & bar is located. In the morning a continental breakfast is served on the terrace. Dinner is also served on the terrace, where you can enjoy the beautiful view. Overnight stay in double room for 2 pers. from 60 € breakfast included. Marked on map: see page 23



## Camping

from  
10 €**C582 Camping Robi**

Adresse: Tsikhisdziri

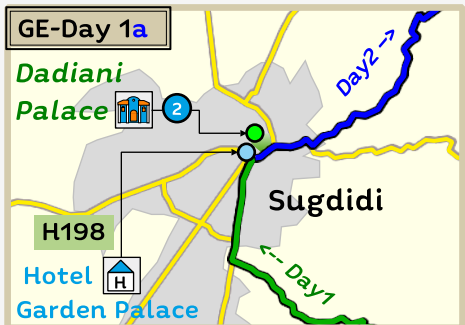
Tel. +995 5717 20502

GPS: **N41.77307 E/O41.75690**

## Remark:

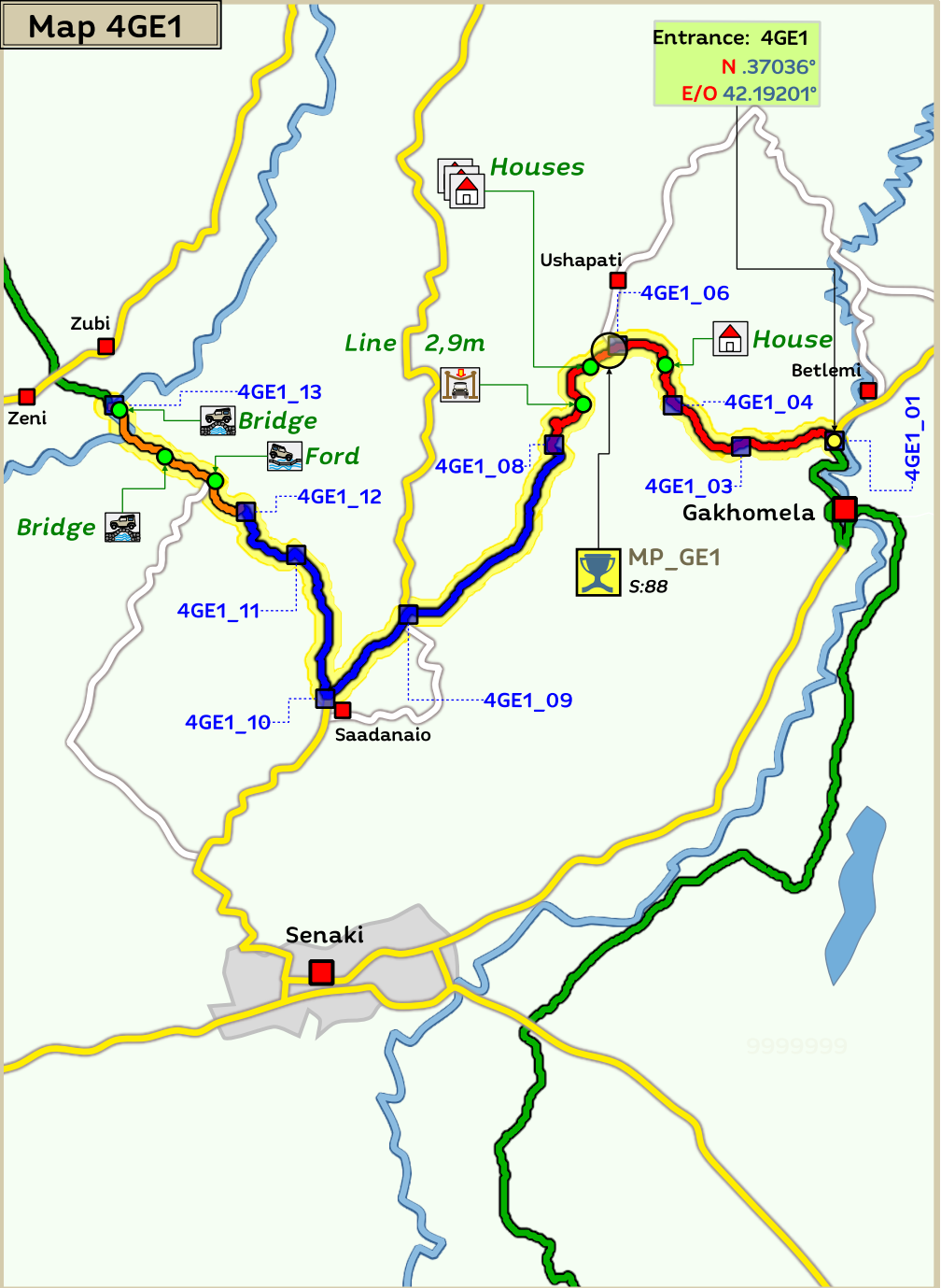
Open all year round. Campsite right on the beach, you can walk straight into the sea. Facilities include: a kitchen, hot showers and toilets. WLAN free of charge. Dinner prepared by the hostess is available on request.

Overnight stay 2 persons in a tent 10 €.





## Map 4GE1



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## 4GE1 Tour - Summary

The road runs uphill and downhill through the countryside. You will see many farm animals including buffalo and many stilt houses. Mostly the track is SG1-2, there are only short sections of about 50 meters that are SG3. The track can also be used by high vehicles as the hanging branches are thin. However, to get a better idea of the height, you should watch the video of the track.



Power line over the roadway at a height of 2.90 m.

When driving uphill, the track is gravelled deeper, and can be slippery in the rain.



### GPS-table 4GE1

| Name    | Latitude    | Longitude    |
|---------|-------------|--------------|
| 4GE1_01 | N 42.37036° | O 42.19201 ° |
| 4GE1_02 | N 42.37101° | O 42.18384 ° |
| 4GE1_03 | N 42.3697 ° | O 42.16747 ° |
| 4GE1_04 | N 42.37754° | O 42.15062 ° |
| 4GE1_05 | N 42.38836° | O 42.14332 ° |
| 4GE1_06 | N 42.38755° | O 42.13735 ° |
| 4GE1_07 | N 42.37698° | O 42.12835 ° |
| 4GE1_08 | N 42.36911° | O 42.12065 ° |
| 4GE1_09 | N 42.33752° | O 42.08497 ° |
| 4GE1_10 | N 42.32161° | O 42.06523 ° |
| 4GE1_11 | N 42.3484 ° | O 42.05659 ° |
| 4GE1_12 | N 42.35657° | O 42.04356 ° |
| 4GE1_13 | N 42.37501° | O 42.00907 ° |

### Impressions 4GE1

(when the Track was driven)

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Scenery<br><b>3 from 5*</b>            | Difficulty 1-5<br><b>SG 2-3</b>        |
| Slope width<br><b>1,2-1,5 lane</b>     | Height<br><b>Branches down to 2.6m</b> |
| Bridge/Tunnels<br><b>Beton bridges</b> | incline/decline<br><b>1 x 12 %</b>     |
| 4WD / 2WD ?<br><b>No 4x4</b>           | Route-video<br>                        |
| <br><br>Gelände-<br>wagen 4x4          | <br><br>SUV (4x4)                      |
| <br><br>Pickup<br>(4x4)                | <br><br>4x4 Bus<br>bis 3,5to           |



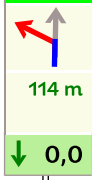
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|---|---------------------------|
| 0 | 4GE1_01 <b>Begin 4GE1</b> |
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Opposite the BETLEMI sign, turn left onto a gravel road.



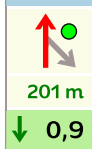
200 m further on, follow the main road straight downhill. Branches hang down into the road at 2.60 m. Yellow gas pipes to the side. Uphill with 12% gradient here SG2-3.



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| 2,3 | 4GE1_03 <b>Straight ahead</b> |
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N42.36969 E/O42.16747

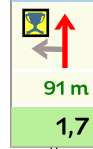
Continue straight ahead, ignoring the slope up to the right. Features: Stream pillar and rest bench. There was a herd of buffalo in the meadows.



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|-----|------------------------------|
| 4,2 | MP_GE1 <b>Marathon-Place</b> |
|-----|------------------------------|

N 42.3xxxx° O/E 42.1xxxx°

Drive straight ahead, stop at the bus stop, record GPS data. It is the village of Lekokaie.



|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| Pkt 27 | Route length (27 km x 1) Factor |
|--------|---------------------------------|

|     |                     |
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| 5,9 | 4GE1_05 <b>Left</b> |
|-----|---------------------|

N42.38836 E/O42.143323

After the crest, turn left and drive downhill.



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| 6,4 | 4GE1_06 <b>Straight ahead</b> |
|-----|-------------------------------|

N42.38755 E/O42.137353

Keep straight on along the fence downhill, do not turn right over the bridge. Feature: a kiosk on the right.



The track repeatedly leads past inhabited houses.



9,7

4GE1\_08 Left

N42.36911 E/O42.120653



83 m

↓ 7,7

Keep left and follow the main path. Feature: tree with wooden bench. In the distance you can see a house, from here the track is concreted and later freshly tarred.



17,5

4GE1\_10 Right tarred road

N42.32168 E/O42.06528



34 m

↓ 5,4

Turn right onto a tarred road that has just been repaired. After 3.3 km, turn left onto a concrete road and keep right

22,9

4GE1\_12 Begin Piste

N42.35657 E/O42.04356



98 m

↓ 1,1

Turn left at the cross-path.

Keep right 300 m further on.

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Ford

N42.36107 E/O42.03670



00 m

↓ 3,0

After a small ford, turn left onto a tarred road. Shortly afterwards, the route continues alternately on a dirt road or concrete path. You cross a narrow bridge.

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4GE1\_13 End 4GE1

N42.37501 E/O42.00907



490 m

The route ends after the large bridge. Here you can drive down to the shore on the right. 4x4 continues straight ahead on a cemented track.



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At the end of the route after the large bridge on the river bank





## Become a 4x4 Europe Marathon Master:

It is a marathon off-road challenge where certain places on our off-road routes are tackled. We call these marathon places.

These marathon places can only be found in our 4x4 Europe Roadbooks. There is a Marathon Place for each off-road route in the book, and if you drive to it you will receive Marathon Points. There are different marathon points for each marathon place you drive to. These points are made up of (length of the off-road route) X (marathon factor = overall impression of the route) e.g. 20km route length x marathon factor 1.5 = 30 marathon points.

The aim is to collect as many of these marathon points as possible and become Marathon Master for the respective country/region.

## How does the 4x4 Europe Maraton work?

**Step 1:** You register for the marathon in our online shop and receive a start number including 2 large and 2 small stickers (example NR 99).



<https://www.mdmot.de/de/startnummer>

You only have to apply for the start number once.



**Step 2:** Buy a 4x4 Europe Roadbook book/ebook, it contains all marathon courses for the respective region/country. For each 4x4 Europe book there is the option (marathon participation), there is a processing fee for the administration of the points and the ranking. If you want to take part in the marathon for this book, send us an email.

**Step 3:** You drive an off-road route from the 4x4 Europe Roadbook, e.g. Georgia, and arrive at a Marathon Place. You write the exact GPS coordinates in the adjacent table or directly in the mail table sent to you.

**Step 4:** Send us the Marathon table you have received from us by e-mail (see Additional and current information).

**Step 5:** We will check the points and you will be added to our ranking lists as a Marathon Master (information on ranking lists is available at <https://www.mdmot.de/de/ranking4x4>)



**Step 6:** We will send you a "Marathon Master" sticker (picture similar).



You can find additional and up-to-date information on the Internet at: <https://www.mdmot.de/de/marathon4x4>





| Marathon Place | Page | Latitude     | Longitude      | Marathon Place | Points |
|----------------|------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| MP_GE1         | 88   | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE1         | 27 pt  |
| MP_GE2         | 91   | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 41. xxxxxx | MP_GE2         | 5 pt   |
| MP_GE3         | 93   | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE3         | 16 pt  |
| MP_GE4         | 95   | N 43. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE4         | 18 pt  |
| MP_GE6         | 99   | N 43. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE6         | 44 pt  |
| MP_GE7         | 103  | N 43. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE7         | 34 pt  |
| MP_GE8         | 106  | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 43. xxxxxx | MP_GE8         | 24 pt  |
| MP_GE9         | 110  | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 44. xxxxxx | MP_GE9         | 21 pt  |
| MP_GE11        | 115  | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 44. xxxxxx | MP_GE11        | 74 pt  |
| MP_GE12        | 118  | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 45. xxxxxx | MP_GE12        | 120 pt |
| MP_GE14        | 123  | N 42. xxxxxx | O/E 45. xxxxxx | MP_GE14        | 164 pt |
| MP_GE15        | 128  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 46. xxxxxx | MP_GE15        | 154 pt |
| MP_GE17        | 133  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 45. xxxxxx | MP_GE17        | 36 pt  |
| MP_GE18        | 135  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 44. xxxxxx | MP_GE18        | 14 pt  |
| MP_GE19        | 138  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 44. xxxxxx | MP_GE19        | 19 pt  |
| MP_GE20        | 141  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 43. xxxxxx | MP_GE20        | 19 pt  |
| MP_GE21        | 145  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 43. xxxxxx | MP_GE21        | 50 pt  |
| MP_GE23        | 150  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 43. xxxxxx | MP_GE23        | 17 pt  |
| MP_GE24        | 154  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 43. xxxxxx | MP_GE24        | 27 pt  |
| MP_GE25        | 159  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 43. xxxxxx | MP_GE25        | 35 pt  |
| MP_GE26        | 163  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 43. xxxxxx | MP_GE26        | 32 pt  |
| MP_GE27        | 166  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE27        | 45 pt  |
| MP_GE28        | 172  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE28        | 50 pt  |
| MP_GE29        | 176  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE29        | 20 pt  |
| MP_GE30        | 180  | N 41. xxxxxx | O/E 42. xxxxxx | MP_GE30        | 36 pt  |





## 4x4 Europa Adventure:



Target group: (4x4 off-road vehicle, 4x4 SUV, 4x4 pickup, 4x4 bus)  
In 2022 we started driving our Suzuki Jimmy across hill and dale across Europe. There are travel books/ebooks that always go through a country/region, sometimes on tar roads, sometimes on off-road tracks.

Go to the 4x4 Europe portal (click here) 

## Off-road routes:



Target group: off-road riders (enduro/travel enduro or off-road vehicle/SUV)

What is there: There are individual off-road routes that are usually 10 - 20km long, we attach great importance to scenic routes. Other: The off-road routes are at least 1 car wide. The regions are mostly in Europe, from the north of Iceland

down to Morocco.

Go to the off-road route portal (click here) 

## Street motorcycle tours::



Target group: motorcyclists (pure road tours)

What's on offer here: Pure road tours in different countries/regions for motorcyclists. The daily stages are usually around 150 km to 290 km long depending on the sights and conditions. There are overnight accommodations (pensions/campsites/hotels) at the end

of each day.

Go to the motorcycle street portal (click here) 

## Pistentruck:



Target group: (Larger four-wheel drive vehicles)

Since May 2016 we have also had an all-terrain motorhome with which we create special off-road tours. It's called Mottifant and is 6.30 m long, 3.70 m high and 2.20 m wide. For some regions there are off-road routes and books that we drove on with our Mottifanten.

Go to the Pistentruck portal (click here) 