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## Batonis Tsikhe (Lord's Castle)

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After the Fall of Constantinople, Georgia fractured and turned into an isolated enclave, largely cut off from Christian Europe and surrounded by hostile Islamic neighbors. Georgia lost its main function Moreover, it was threatened to share the fate of Byzantium - the end of the ancient civilization and culture. Batoni's Tsikhe symbolizes the most tragic period of History of Georgia that have counted 300 years of struggle for survival. The monument reflects the public pride for keeping identity despite the interruption of historical continuity of statehood. "Batonis

Tsikhe", that is, "the lord's Castle", was built by the kings of Kakheti (region of East Georgia)- King Archil II (1667-1675) and King Erekle II in the second half of the XVIII century. This is the only surviving king's palace in Georgia. It embraces the fence, palace, remains of the Philosophical-Theological School founded by Erekle II, the King's Bath, the tunnel, and 2 churches.

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