

Nighttime Astrotour 2026

The service includes:

1. **Visit to the 40 cm telescope**, where visitors will explore one of the Observatory's oldest professional telescopes — the "40 cm Refractor" — and learn about the structure of its astronomical tower, the principles and specifics of observing celestial bodies, and the historical significance of the facility. The building housing the 40 cm Refractor has been granted the status of a cultural heritage monument.

2. **Sky Observation:**

- 2.1. **In case of clear skies** – visitors have the opportunity to observe various celestial objects through the telescope with the assistance of an authorized guide, depending on the visibility of astronomical objects during the visit.

- 2.2. **In case of cloudy skies** – visitors may tour the demonstration hall, where they will learn about the history of the Observatory's establishment, the major milestones and events in the development of Georgian astronomy, as well as its present activities and prospects. The tour also includes visits to the offices of the Observatory's founder, Academician Evgeni Kharadze and Professor Mikheil Vashakidze.

Service Location: 40 cm Refractor Building, Mount Kanobili, Abastumani.

Authorized Service Provider: A representative of the Educational, Consulting and Science Popularization Service - an astro-guide.

Duration: 50–80 minutes.