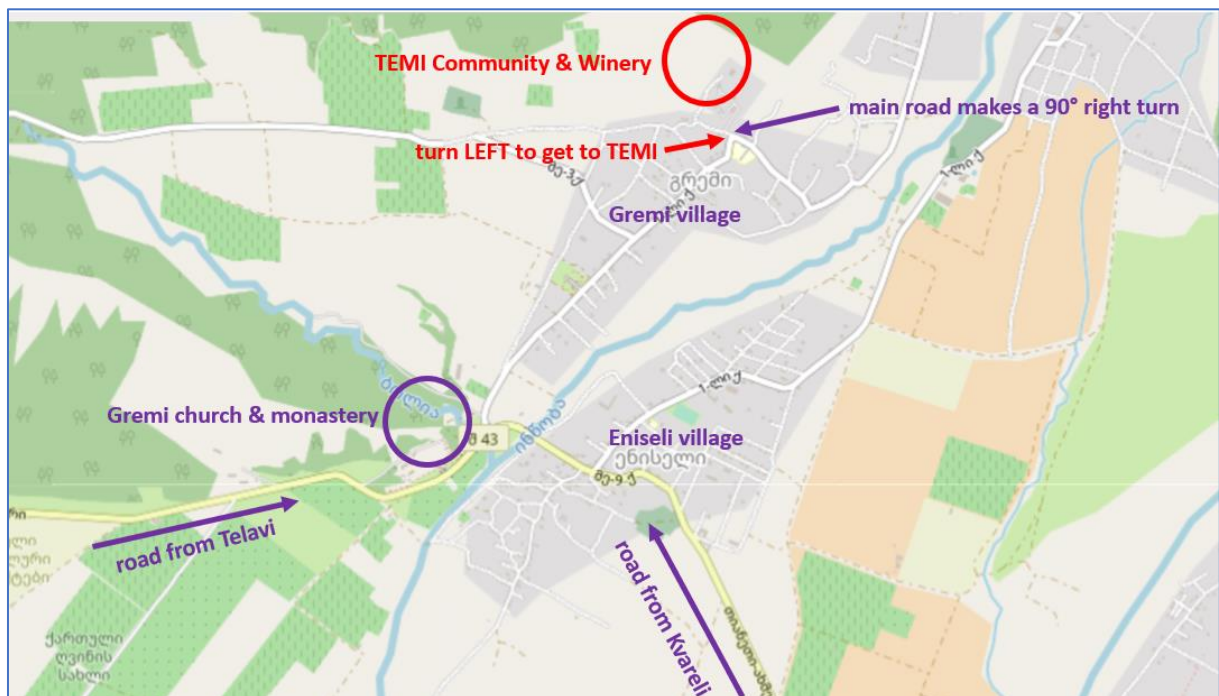




How to travel to
Temi Community & Winery
in Gremi village in Kakheti

Description of location:

Temi Community and Winery is located in Gremi village in Kakheti. It is about 20 km distance from Telavi and about 15 km distance from Kvareli. The famous Gremi church and monastery is about 2 km away.



From Gremi church/monastery the typical **brown-white Wine Route signs** show you the way to „თემის მარანი / Temi Wine Cellar“:





When you come from TELAVI and use public transport:

General advice: marshrutkas drive a fixed route and leave at a fixed time from their starting point. But they do not have fixed stops, so you can drop on and off at any time.

In marshrutkas and taxi drivers are paid at the end of the trip before you get out of the car.

Direct marshrutkas (minibuses):

There are direct marshrutkas **from Telavi bazar area to Gremi village** leaving at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The trip takes about 30 minutes. Costs are 3 Lari (*status: summer 2023*). The station in Telavi where most marshrutkas leave is located in a kind of backyard of the bazar. The place can seem a bit chaotic, but you can ask drivers, they are very helpful. Tell them that you need to go to **Gremi village** (sopeli), not just church (iklesia). The final station of the direct marshrutkas can be Sabue (საბუე) or Almati (ალმატი) or Gremi (გრემი) - written on the sign behind the windscreen, probably only in Georgian letters.

In Gremi village you can **get off** at that point where the **road** takes a **90° right turn**. From here it is only a short way (150 m) to Temi (follow the signs). If it is easier for communication (not all drivers know about Temi), you can also drop off at Gremi school (skola) and walk back to the 90° road turn (there is also a round street mirror) and follow the signs to Temi.

Marshrutkas **back from Gremi village to Telavi** leave Gremi at 8:45 a.m., 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. There are no direct marshrutkas to Telavi in the afternoon.

Marshrutkas until Gremi church + 2 km walk:

You can also take a marshrutka with final station Shilda (შილდა) or Kvareli (ყვარელი). But then you need to get off at Gremi church (iklesia) and walk the rest (2 km) into Gremi village (sopeli). Follow the wine-route signs to "თემის მარანი / Temi Wine Cellar" to find us.

Taxi:

If you do not get along or miss marshrutkas, you can still hire a **taxi** near the main lower entrance of the Telavi bazar. The trip will take you about 20 min.

It is **important** that you negotiate the final price before you get into the car!

When talking to taxi drivers, tell them that you want to go to **Gremi village** (sopeli), because it is a bit more expensive compared to the church (iklesia). A taxi should - after negotiation - not cost more than 20 Lari (for the taxi, not per person!). However, if you have a lot of luggage, you might still end up with 25 Lari (*status summer 2023*).

If the driver does not know Temi, tell them to follow the **wine-route signs** to "თემის მარანი / Temi Wine Cellar".



When you come from TBILISI and use public transport:

Direct marshrutkas (minibuses):

There are direct marshrutkas **from Ortachala Bus Station** (ორთაჭალა) **to Gremi village** leaving at 12 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Be there at least 10 min ahead of departure time. Please note that the marshrutka does not take the route via Gombori pass. It goes the longer way via Gurjaani. That's why the trip to Gremi takes about 2.5 – 3 hours. The price is 15 Lari p.p. (*status: summer 2023*).

Since Ortachala bus station has no connection to the subway system, you can alternatively drop on the marshrutka close to **Isani Metro** station. They leave from here about 5-10 minutes after they left Ortachala. To find the marshrutka „stop“, turn left when you come out of the metro station and cross the next busy street; then turn left again, go 10 metres and wait for the marshrutka to come. This place is normally quite crowded, busy and probably confusing, many different marshrutkas departing from here. Ask people & drivers for Gremi, if you are not sure.

Take care that you do not get off the marshrutka at Gremi church (iklesia). Go on into Gremi village (sopeli)...

In Gremi village you can **get off** at that point where the **road** takes a **90° right turn**. From here it is only a short way (150 m) to Temi (follow the signs). If it is easier for communication (not all drivers know about Temi), you can also drop off at Gremi school (skola) and walk back to the 90° road turn (there is also a round street mirror) and follow the brown Wine-Route signs to "თემის მარჯნო / **Temi Wine Cellar**".

Marshrutkas **back from Gremi village to Tbilisi** (possible stops at Samgori metro station, Isani metro station, Ortachala) leave Gremi at 7:00 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Shared taxi from Isani metro station to Telavi:

Shared taxi means that drivers of „normal“ cars wait until they „collected“ 3 passengers and only then leave for Telavi (via Gombori pass). The trip takes 1.5 – 2 hours and costs 20 Lari p.p. (in case of 3 passengers). If you want to have a taxi for yourself, the cost is 60 Lari (*status: summer 2023*). In Telavi the final stop is opposite of the bazar.

To find the taxi starting point, turn left when you come out of the **Isani metro station** and cross the next busy street; taxis & drivers are waiting at this corner. Probably they already tried to „catch“ you on your way from metro exit to the taxi stop. 😊

Depending on the time of the day and how many people want to go to Telavi, you might need to wait a shorter or longer while until 3 passengers are gathered and the taxi leaves.

For your way from Telavi to Temi please have a look at directions on page 2.