

Summer has reached its peak with the famous horse race in Bakhmaro. Now, we start the final winter preparations. It is also time to offer the remaining places...

Our booking situation is good, but there are still a few places left in Bakhmaro and Adjara - even in the high season.

In **Bakhmaro**, we added another wood paneling to **The PIONEERS**. This will also improve insulation. Then a lot of little things were left behind, which we mostly took care of in spring. A new furniture maker has finally delivered the wardrobes and bedside tables that were not delivered last year. Our café is now fully equipped and if Corona doesn't strike again badly, we can keep it open in winter. Of course, The PIONEERS is the best booked location and many winter weeks are fully booked since May, but in the week **18/02-25/02/2023** and over **New Year's Eve** we still have places available.

We changed the rented house and now call it **Bakhmaro Base** instead of Bakhmaro Budget because it's much better than the old house. The newly rented house has cozy bedrooms with small, simple bathrooms, central heating and a cozy living room with an open fireplace. I hope now that the times of frozen water pipes and cold rooms are finally over in Bakhmaro. For example, in the week **07/01-14/01/2023** and **11/02-18/02/2023** we still have places available.

In our alpine hut in **Adjara** we had to renovate a few things and change the location of the solar system so that not so much snow accumulates on it. The positioning as our backcountry location with short hikes to access the full potential of the mountains around. In the weeks **14/01-21/01/2023** and **11/02-18/02/2023** we still have places available.



From now on, the focus is on our new project: **project X**. Some weeks are already fully booked there, but there is still a lot of availability in February. If we don't get enough bookings by the end of August, we'll have to cancel a cat and only explore the new location with one group. We can't afford a half-full house.

The accommodation will be simple, the adventure big. In the first winter, project X is exclusively for adventure-ready, experienced freeriders. It is advisable to always have skins in the backpack. It is a new area, so also the guides have to get to know the terrain. We already scouted the area back in 2018. But there remains a lot to discover. I will probably spend most of the winter there.

Of course, we scouted again this summer, looked at different areas and explored possibilities for the following years. We have exciting ideas and already a few concrete plans. Never stop exploring!

In Chkhakoura we had to rebuild our hangar and equipped it better. The maintenance of the snow cats is in full swing. A small hut now offers a cozy lunch break spot for our workshop team, a warm lounge for our drivers in winter when they are waiting for the transfers and a toilet for freeriders on their way to Bakhmaro.



The summer is going well. The cafe is full every day and the rooms in the PIONEERS are occupied by couples and families. We are offering hiking and horseriding tours, Aperol Spritz on the terrace and breakfast till 11:00 am. However, for us summer operation offers above all the opportunity to implement new standards in the kitchen and in general service for our winter operation, since we can start the winter season with a well-rehearsed team. We can also prepare Ajika and Tremali again, pickle cucumbers and cook various jams.

If you have not booked yet, it is about time... For the remaining places we have been taking a 50% deposit since August 1st. We need the money to finance the preparations. We have significantly more than 50% of the costs before the start of the season. We would be happy to welcome you in Bakhmaro or Adjara or in our new project.

Looking forward to another great winter in the Lesser Caucasus...

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