

## **A little about Georgia**

At the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Georgia is a combination of uniqueness and diversity. Although a small country, you can find here the Caucasus Mountain range, Black Sea coastline, curative climate and mineral waters, national parks and UNESCO Heritage Sites, ancient history, diverse culture and traditions, delicious cuisine, rich wine culture and last but not least, our world-famous Georgian hospitality. Its history goes back much, much further, some of the world's oldest hominid remains, dating back over 1.8 million years have been found in Dmanisi, city located near the capital, Tbilisi.



From the architecture of Tbilisi's Old Town to the vineyards of Kakheti; from the ancient stone towers of Svaneti to the beaches and nightlife of Batumi, there is something to inspire and excite everyone. Ski the Caucasus Mountains, Europe's highest mountain range, in the morning and relax by the Black Sea coast in the afternoon. Georgia has a unique, welcoming culture which explains its world-famous hospitality. With its unique alphabet and language, and many world-famous artists, Georgia will surprise and delight you at every turn.

## **Information about Tbilisi**

Tbilisi, formerly known as Tiflis, is the capital and the largest city of Georgia, lying on the banks of the Kura River with a population of roughly 1.5 million inhabitants. Founded in the 5th century by the monarch of Georgia's ancient precursor Kingdom of Iberia, Tbilisi has served, with various intervals, as Georgia's capital for more than a thousand years.

Located on the southeastern edge of Europe, Tbilisi's proximity to lucrative east-west trade routes often made the city a point of contention between various rival empires throughout history and

the city's location to this day ensures its position as an important transit route for global energy and trade projects. Tbilisi's varied history is reflected in its architecture, which is a mix of medieval, classical, and Soviet structures.



Historically, Tbilisi has been home to people of diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, though it is overwhelmingly Eastern Orthodox Christian. Notable tourist destinations include cathedrals like Sameba and Sioni, classical Freedom Square and Rustaveli Avenue, medieval Narikala Fortress, pseudo-Moorish Opera Theater, and the Georgian National Museum.

The climate of Tbilisi can be classified as moderately humid subtropical. The average annual temperature in Tbilisi is 12.7 °C (54.9 °F). January is the coldest month with an average temperature of 0.9 °C (33.6 °F). July is the hottest month with an average temperature of 24.4 °C (75.9 °F). Snow falls on average 15–25 days per year.

Tbilisi has a number of important landmarks and sightseeing locations. The Parliament and the government (State Chancellery) buildings of Georgia, as well as the Supreme Court of Georgia, are all located in Tbilisi. The city also has important cultural landmarks such as the Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi State Conservatoire, Tbilisi Opera and Ballet Theatre, Shota Rustaveli State Academic Theatre, Marjanishvili State Academic Theatre, the Sameba Cathedral, the Vorontsov's Palace (also known as the Children's Palace today), many state museums, the National Public Library of the Parliament of Georgia, the National Bank of Georgia and other important institutions. During the Soviet times, Tbilisi continuously ranked in the top 4 cities in the Soviet Union for the number of museums.

Out of the city's historic landmarks, the most notable locations are the Narikala fortress (4th–17th century), Anchiskhati Church (6th century, built up in the 16th century), Sioni Cathedral (8th century, later rebuilt), Church of Metekhi (13th century), etc.

## **Some practical information**

### **Visa information**

Information regarding the visa obtaining procedure/requirements for Georgia you can find here:  
[http://www.mfa.gov.ge/index.php?lang\\_id=ENG&sec\\_id=96](http://www.mfa.gov.ge/index.php?lang_id=ENG&sec_id=96)

**Citizens of EU member countries don't need Visa to enter Georgia up to 360 days stay.**

### **Airport information**

There are three international airports in Georgia : Tbilisi International Airport, Kutaisi International Airport, Batumi International Airport.

Tbilisi Airport (IATA: TBS, ICAO: UGTB) formerly Novo Alexeyevka International Airport, is the main international airport in Georgia, located 17 km (11 mi) southeast of the capital Tbilisi.

Kutaisi Airport (IATA: KUT, ICAO: UGKO) also known as David the Builder Kutaisi International Airport is an airport located 14 km (8.7 mi) west of Kutaisi, the second largest city in Georgia and capital of the western region of Imereti. It is one of three international airports currently in operation in Georgia, along with Tbilisi International Airport serving the Georgian capital and Batumi International Airport near the Adjara Black Sea resort.

Batumi International Airport (IATA: BUS, ICAO: UGSB) is an airport located 2 km (1.2 mi) south of Batumi, a city on the Black Sea coast and capital of Adjara, an autonomous republic in southwest Georgia. The airport is 20 km (12 mi) northeast of Hopa, Turkey, and serves as a domestic and international airport for Georgia and northeastern Turkey.

### **Taxi at Tbilisi International Airport**

Taxi service at Tbilisi International Airport is available outside the terminal, just at the curbside of the Arrival Hall and provides 24 hour service to the passengers. The journey time to the city centre takes 20-30 minutes dependent on traffic. Taxi fee is 25 GEL (≈10-12€) from the airport to the city center.

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### **Transport information**

Please follow the link to Tbilisi Transport Company website which provides the full information about transportation in Tbilisi. [http://ttc.com.ge/?lang\\_id=ENG&sec\\_id=1](http://ttc.com.ge/?lang_id=ENG&sec_id=1)

By following this link you can easily find the all information about Tbilisi you only need: [http://www.tbilisi.gov.ge/index.php?lang\\_id=ENG&sec\\_id=4](http://www.tbilisi.gov.ge/index.php?lang_id=ENG&sec_id=4).

### Georgian Technical University

Georgian Technical University is one of the biggest educational and scientific institutions in the South Caucasian region. GTU was founded in 1922 and represents a leading engineering higher educational institution and a powerful scientific center.



GTU activity in the fields of engineering and technology is based on the principles of culture and humanization and its mission is to provide high quality of education and to promote research on the basis of innovations in all fields of science through joint work among professors and students.

In 2005 GTU joined Bologna process and the University is implementing the following Educational Programs:

Bachelor's program – with corresponding 240 ECTS;

Master's Program - with corresponding 120 ECTS;

Doctoral Program - with corresponding 180 ECTS;

And Vocational Program - with corresponding 150 ECTS.

Languages of study are: Georgian, Russian, English and German.

**GTU offers a challenging intellectual environment in different fields of study distributed among 9 Faculties:**

- Civil Engineering;
- Power Engineering and Telecommunication;
- Mining and Geology;
- Chemical Technology and Metallurgy;
- Transportation and Mechanical Engineering;
- Architecture, Urban Planning and Design;
- Business-Engineering;
- Informatics and Control Systems.
- International Design School
- Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Biosystems Engineering

Since 1996, Georgian Technical University has been involved in various educational projects, including 14 TACIS-TEMPUS projects, 5 ERASMUS MUNDUS projects, 6 FP7 Projects.

### **Student Life**

As for the student life, the University encourages students to expand their social skills, to take an active part in the promotion of students' organizations and different interest groups (sports, culture) that allow GTU students to foster their unique identities.

#### **Sport:**

- GTU Football Team
- GTU Mini Football Team
- GTU Basketball Team
- GTU Volleyball Team
- GTU Handball Team
- Karate Club





### **Culture:**

- GTU Georgian Folk Dance Company “Merani”
- Theatre Studio “Modinakhe”
- Male Choir
- Vocal – Instrumental Ensemble “Ursa”

For more detailed information follow the link - <http://students.gtu.ge/>

### **GTU central scientific library**

GTU central scientific library is one of the largest libraries in Georgia and consists of more than 1,727,958 units, including some unique publications (IX-XX cc) that are stored only there.



The Library offers a multitude of items as well as electronic resources and databases relevant to every academic discipline. So library is the perfect place to conduct research, study, or relax in a quiet, enriching environment.

### **Private Accommodation in Tbilisi**

Links to Websites offering private accommodations:

<http://www.accommodationtbilisi.com/>

<http://www.tbilisirent.ge/index.php?lang=en>

<http://place.ge/ge/a/tbilisi-rent/ads>

<http://www.besttbilisiapartments.com/>