



GEORGIA. EVERYTHING
YOU'VE BEEN LONGING

To Feel



WELCOME TO GEORGIA



How long has it been since you felt you were in the right place at the right time? The right place--where East meets West, the hub of the legendary Silk Road. The right time--when you can feel the heft of centuries behind you, and the electricity of the moment surrounding you.

This is how it feels to be in Georgia. Connected. Liberated. Joyous.

The mighty Caucasus Mountains humble you. The Black Sea coast soothes you. The urban spark of Tbilisi excites you. A glass of wine calms you. And throughout it all, the gracious welcome you receive from a people who truly understand hospitality warms you.

Welcome to Georgia. This is how you've been waiting to feel.

1 Colorful balconies in old Tbilisi



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Cultural Highlights

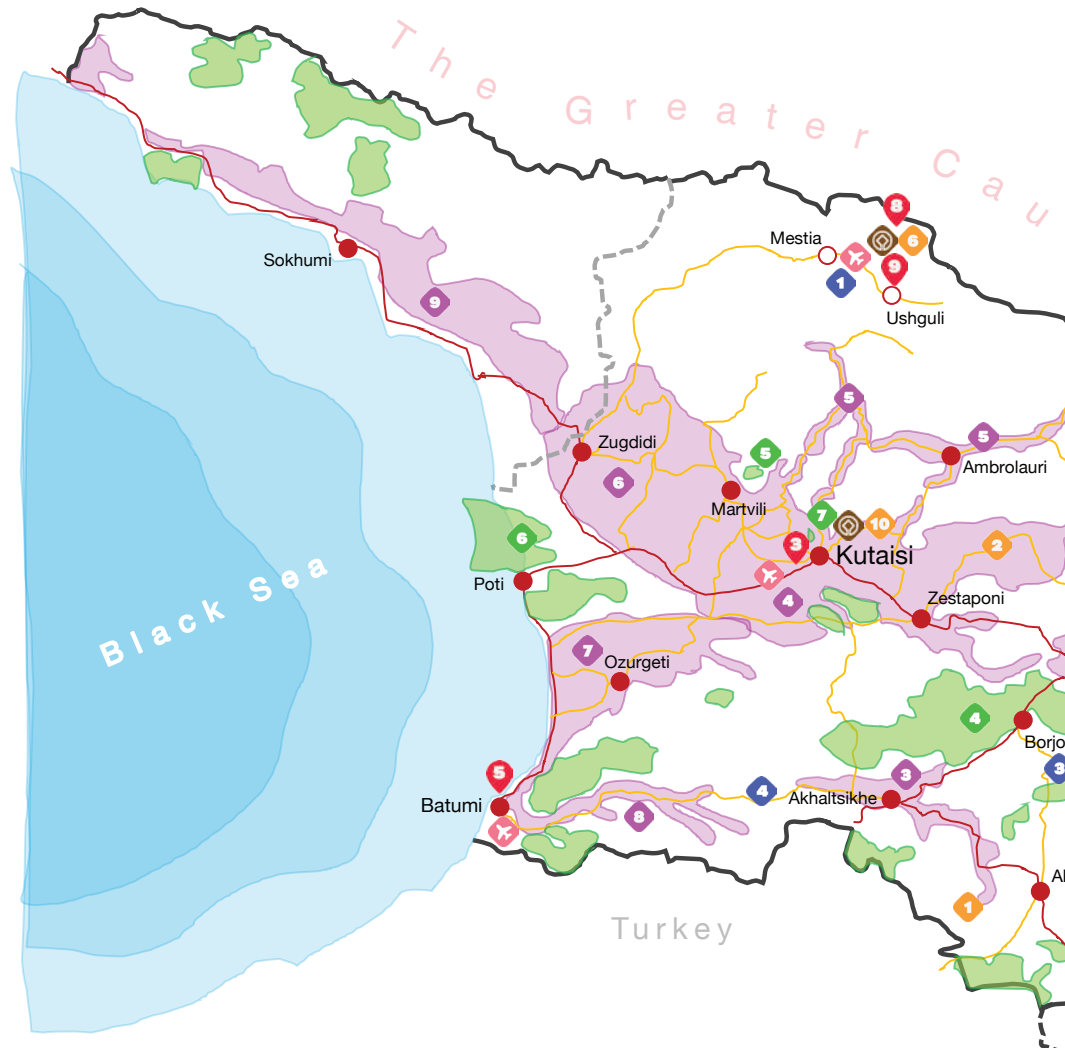
- 1 Vardzia Cave City
- 2 Katskhi Pillar
- 3 Tusheti
- 4 Uplistsikhe Cave Town
- 5 Davit Gareja Monastery Complex
- 6 Upper Svaneti
- 7 Shatili Fortress and Towers
- 8 Gergeti Trinity Church
- 9 Historical Monuments of Mtskheta
- 10 Gelati Monastery

Natural Protected Areas

- 1 Lagodekhi National Park
- 2 Vashlovani National Park
- 3 Algeti National Park
- 4 Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park
- 5 Martvili & Okatse Nature Reserves
- 6 Kolkheta National Park
- 7 Prometheus & Sataplia Caves
- 8 Kazbegi National Park

Ski Resorts

- 1 Mestia
- 2 Gudauri
- 3 Bakuriani
- 4 Goderdzi

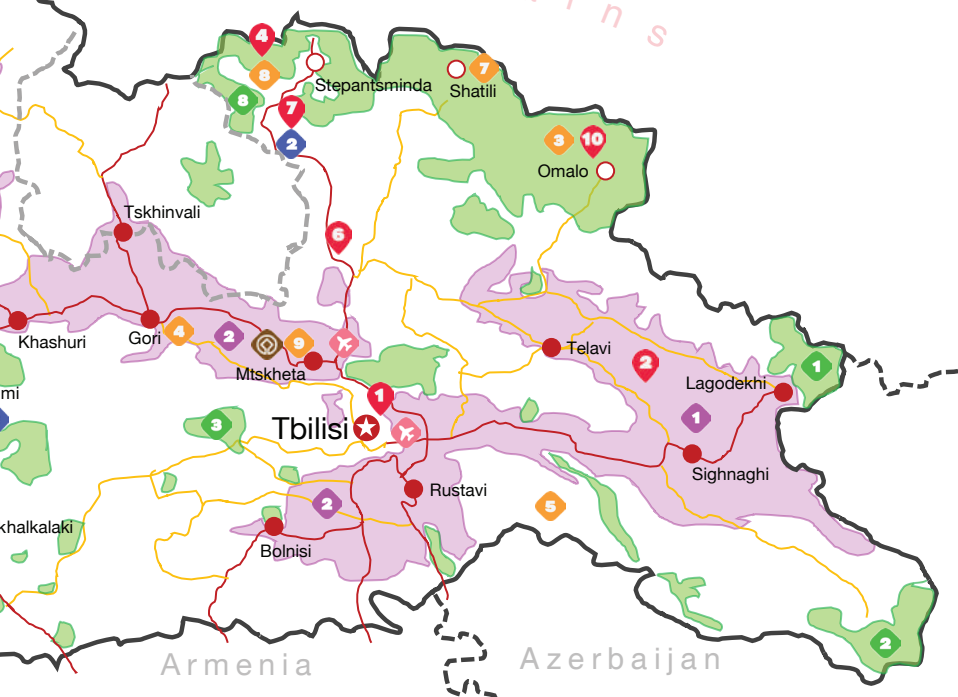


- 1 **Tbilisi**
 - Metekhi Church. Built c1278 in the heart of the city
 - Narikaka Fortress. Take a cable car up for sweeping views
 - The Bathhouses. Relax in naturally heated mineral springs
- 2 **Kakheti Vineyards**. Taste 8,000 years of winemaking tradition

- 3 **Kutaisi**
 - Bagrati Cathedral. A masterpiece of medieval Georgian architecture
 - Prometheus Carst Cave. A vast and colorful underground adventure
 - Gelati Monastery. Founded by King David Aghmashenebeli in 1106
- 4 **Gergeti Trinity Church**. Picturesque since the 14th century

Russian Federation

C a s u s M o u n t a i n s

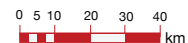


LEGEND

- Cultural Highlight
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Natural Protected Area
- Ski Resort
- Wine Region
- Main Road
- Secondary Road
- Occupied Territory
- City
- Town/village
- Airport

Wine Regions

- 1 Kakheti
- 2 Kartli
- 3 Meskheta
- 4 Imereti
- 5 Racha-Lechkhumi
- 6 Samegrelo
- 7 Guria
- 8 Adjara
- 9 Abkhazia



- Batumi**
 - The Boulevard. Take a leisurely stroll
 - Ferris Wheel. For spectacular views of the city
 - Batumi Botanical Gardens. 1,200 species of roses alone
- Ananuri**. A fortified castle complex built in the 11th century

- Gudauri**. Ski Europe's highest mountain range
- Svaneti stone towers**. Guardians that have stood for centuries
- Ushguli**. The highest continually occupied settlement in Europe
- Tusheti National Park**. Stunning nature.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA



2 Gergeti Trinity Church in the foreground of Mkinvartsveri

A SNOW-CAPPED PLAYGROUND



5 The Caucasus Mountains provide the perfect setting for winter adventure



6 Some of the most affordable heli-skiing in Europe



7 Paragliding in Gudauri

Winter sports enthusiasts will feel jubilation when taking to the Caucasus during the colder months. Four ski resorts offer skiing and snowboarding thrills for all levels. A warm, après-ski mulled wine on a sun-drenched ski lodge deck lets you leave your day-to-day worries behind.

Being managed by a government agency allows the four winter resorts to make schussing in Georgia one of the most affordable in Europe. The same holds true for heli-skiing, which makes it easier for first-timers to give this uniquely thrilling experience a try.

Soon the rest of the world will know what you have already discovered when Georgia hosts the 2023 Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships.

საზღვარგარეთში უკვე არსებობს მრავალი მსგავსი პუნქტი, მაგრამ საქართველოში ეს სპორტი უკიდურესად პოპულარულია. მთიანეთში მდებარეობს მრავალი მსგავსი პუნქტი, მაგრამ საქართველოში ეს სპორტი უკიდურესად პოპულარულია. მთიანეთში მდებარეობს მრავალი მსგავსი პუნქტი, მაგრამ საქართველოში ეს სპორტი უკიდურესად პოპულარულია.

STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE CENTURIES



8 Ushguli, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



9 The view from Koruldi range



10 A centuries-old stone tower in the village of Kvalvo, Tusheti

The villages in the higher altitudes of the Caucasus are no strangers to “visitors.” Stone towers built over 1,000 years ago served as fortresses to fend off invading hordes. Today these proud structures are apt metaphors for the strength and tenacity of the people who reside in these villages. You can feel a powerful sense of independence when visiting areas like Khevsureti and Tusheti, and communities like Ushguli in the Svaneti region, the highest continuously inhabited settlement in Europe (2,100 meters).

Also coming out of the Svaneti region is one of Georgia’s cultural treasures, polyphonic singing. These traditional songs, performed by men with at least three vocal ranges, have been included on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List. Hearing Georgian polyphonic singing conjures up deep feelings of wonderment and respect.

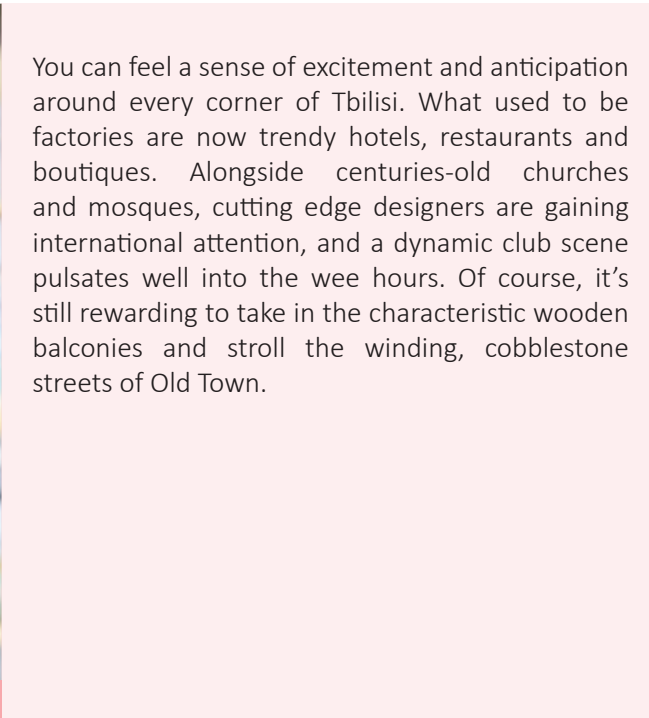
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A CITY WITH MUCH TO DISCOVER



11 The Narikala Fortress overlooks Tbilisi, old and new



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You can feel a sense of excitement and anticipation around every corner of Tbilisi. What used to be factories are now trendy hotels, restaurants and boutiques. Alongside centuries-old churches and mosques, cutting edge designers are gaining international attention, and a dynamic club scene pulsates well into the wee hours. Of course, it's still rewarding to take in the characteristic wooden balconies and stroll the winding, cobblestone streets of Old Town.

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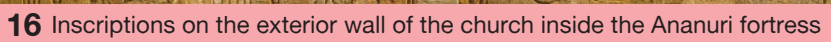
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15 Balconies in old Tbilisi



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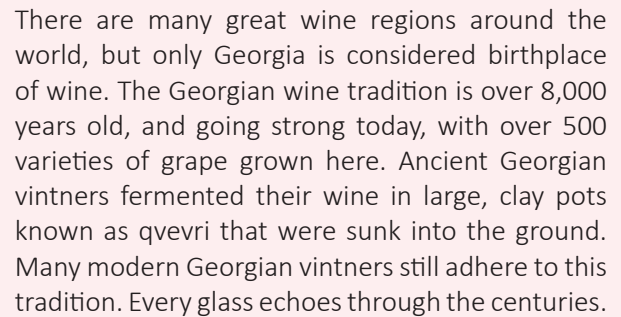
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THE BIRTHPLACE OF WINE

17 A vineyard in Kakheti, Kindzmarauli



19 Rkatsiteli, one of Georgia's indigenous grape varieties



Should you want to feel an even deeper connection to the Georgian wine making heritage, consider exploring one of our Wine Routes. There are nine wine regions scattered across the country, each with its own Wine Route that can take you from one picturesque vineyard to the next. Especially popular is the ancient wine-growing region Kakheti, where the qvevri technique is alive and well.

COMFORT FOODS AND COMFORT FEASTS



20 Making Khinkali



21 Ready for a supra?



22 Baking traditional “Dedas Puri” (mother’s bread) and Nazuki in Georgian tone

Is it possible for a dish to feel like comfort food on the first bite? In Georgia, the answer is a resounding yes. Georgian cuisine is diverse, hearty and satisfying. Biting into a juicy Khinkali--a traditional, meat-filled dumpling--can be immensely satisfying. The warm, cheesy gooiness of Khachapuri (bread stuffed with melted cheese) brings on an instant sensation of fulfillment.

Breads, meats, and spices are the hearty foundations of traditional Georgian cuisine. And cheese--especially Sulguni, a salted, water-soaked white cheese--is a staple of any Georgian table.

There’s an old saying in Georgia, “A guest is a gift from God.” One way of feeling that satisfying sensation is by attending a traditional Georgian

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IT'S ABOUT A FEELING

The spectacular beauty of the country is undeniable. From the imposing Caucasus Mountains, to the relaxed Black Sea coast, Georgia offers a feast for the eyes at every turn.

The cultural traditions that still flourish today rouse feelings of strength and stability. Centuries of art, architecture, music and dance stand firm.

Eight thousand years of wine making heritage can be savored nightly. Vineyards ancient and modern await your arrival.

But the supra. The feast. During a supra, the cares and worries of the outside world go away. All that matters is the beauty of the moment. When it's finally time to rise from the supra table, you will have deep understanding of why Georgian hospitality is legendary. Indeed, the serene joy you feel at a supra is indicative of how you'll feel throughout your stay in Georgia, a place that can give you everything you've been longing to feel.



TRAVEL INFORMATION SECTION

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Visa Requirements

The visa policy of Georgia became comparatively liberal, allowing citizens of 98 countries to enter, reside, work and study in Georgia without the necessity to obtain either a visa or residence permit. In addition, the Georgian Government approved the list of 50 countries whose visa and/or residence permit holders may enter Georgia without a visa for an appropriate period and under appropriate conditions.

For more information please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

www.mfa.gov.ge

Connectivity

Georgia, with its strategic location at the crossroad of Europe and Asia, features itself as regional logistics and transit hub offering easy access to key markets. There are modern international airports operating

in different parts of the country which accelerate the increase of tourists flows. Flights are operated by various airlines from over 50 directions from/to Georgia. www.kutaisi.aero; www.tavgeorgia.com

Climate

The climate of the country is extremely diverse. Average temperatures in summer range from 19°C to 22 °C, and in winter from 1.5 °C to 3 °C.

Electricity

Electrical current - 220 volts, 50 Hz. EU standards plugs work throughout Georgia.

Currency

The currency in Georgia is the Georgian Lari. ATMs can be found in major towns and cities. Credit and debit cards are widely used in major cities.

Communication

The country code is +995. Georgia's mobile operators are present in most parts of the country, and there are many Wi-Fi zones that enable visitors to use the internet for free.

Health

For emergency services, please call 112.

For more information, please visit:

www.georgia.travel

Hotline 0 800 800 909

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