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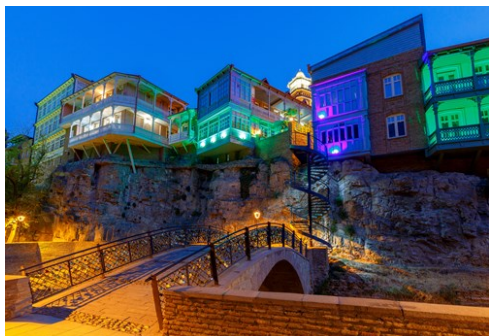


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The vibrant capital of Georgia is as though taken straight from a fairy tale, a city with spectacular architecture, both old and new, cobbled streets, underground thermal baths and the wonderful natural surroundings of the majestic Caucasus. Tbilisi is a perfect example of a city where tradition and modernity coexist, giving life to an amazing travel experience.

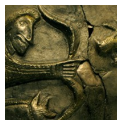


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THE COUNTRY: GEORGIA



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Nestled in the Caucasian Mountains between Europe and Asia, on the Black Sea shores, and often unjustly neglected by international tourists, Georgia is a country that conceals unbelievably beautiful treasures. It has a lot to offer to every kind of traveller and holds a rich and fascinating history for such a small territory.

Tbilisi, the capital city, is the perfect destination as it combines the old and the modern and gives a glimpse into the country's culture. It doesn't have to be the only stop for you: to get a complete vision of the Georgian traditions and folklore, you must venture into rural Georgia and experience the gorgeous nature. Hike up some of the highest snow-topped peaks of Europe, explore old villages, and interact with the local people, famous for their warm hospitality.

The country also lays claim to being the birthplace of wine and is an established gastronomic destination, so you should not miss a tasting with a lovely view of the vineyards, or eating at one of the hidden cellars where you can also try some delicious local food.

TBILISI



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Tbilisi takes its name from the sulphuric hot springs found in the area along the Kura River, which, according to the legend, was the reason why the founder, King Vakhtang I Gorgasali, decided to build the city there. Since then Tbilisi has been the political and cultural centre of Georgia and is now a rapidly evolving city, spearheading the development of the whole country.

The capital of Georgia is a multicultural city where different religions, cultures and architectural styles, ancient and modern, coexist and thrive. Orthodox and Catholic churches stand alongside synagogues and mosques, while old ruins like the Narikala fortress watch the modern, marvellous architecture of the Bridge of Peace. Old sites, like the sulphur baths, visited by the likes of Pushkin and Dumas, are paired with new landmarks, constantly evolving and changing Tbilisi's cityscape into an original and intriguing blend of fascinating history and modern architecture.

Tbilisi is a city where you will always find something new to discover, be it an impressive monument, a little restaurant around the corner, a traditional bar with exquisite wine or simply the immensely rich, thousand-year old Georgian culture and tradition, coupled with the warmest

hospitality you can find.

DO & SEE



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Museums, churches, historical sites and buildings, green open spaces and much more await you in Tbilisi, the capital city of Georgia. Surrounded by mountains and crossed by the Kura River, the city combines the ancient and the modern with a good mix of old streets, dotted with decadent buildings, along with brand new sights and attractions, such as the 360-degree cable car, which takes you up to the Narikala Fortress and lets you enjoy a spectacular view, and the stunning Bridge of Peace, made of steel and glass and beautifully illuminated at night.

Metekhi Church



Dedicated to the Virgin Mary, this charming little church overlooks the city from a steep cliff on the left bank of the river Kura. Throughout its history the church was destroyed and rebuilt several times and is now one of the most important landmarks of Tbilisi. Outside the church stands the equestrian statue of King Vakhtang Gorgasali, the city's founder.

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Address: Metekhi Street, Tbilisi

Dedaena park



Right beside the Dry Bridge market sits a park that is the hangout spot for the city's young and hip. On sunny days the lawns fill up with groups of people enjoying fresh air. The park has been fully renovated and now features a skate park and several bars.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides

More Info: "Deda Ena" is directly translated from Georgian as "mother language"

Tbilisi Skybridge



Even though Georgians are not the biggest fans of their Soviet heritage, this great example of Tbilisi 70s brutalism must not be missed. Built on steep slopes in Nutsubidze street, it is one of the quirkiest constructions you will ever see. The three apartment blocks are connected by a bridge that goes through them. From the sky bridge, you can also see a nice view of the residential parts of Tbilisi.

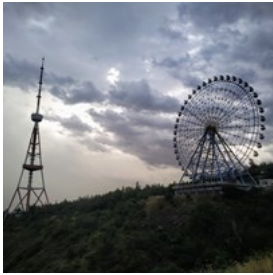
Once you are up and walk through the bridge, turn right and take a walk down the winding streets and admire a Caucasian architectural know-how: semi-legal additions to residential blocks of all shapes, sizes and materials.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides

Address: 1 M/D Nutsubidze Plateau, Tbilisi

More Info: To go up to the bridge (14th floor), you need to insert a 20 tetri coin into the box in the elevator. The elevators are behind the police station

Mtatsminda Park



Mtatsminda Park is a landscaped amusement park located at the top of Mount Mtatsminda at the height of 770 metres. The giant ferris wheel and the

old Soviet TV-tower are can be spotted from most places in the city. You can hike up one of the trails or ride a renovated funicular car.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides

More Info: You can start your hike up from Rustaveli subway station. The funicular is closer to Liberty Square

Chronicle of Georgia



The Chronicle of Georgia is bombastic sci-fi looking monument near the Tbilisi sea. It was created by Zurab Tsereteli in

1985 but was never fully finished. The 16 30-35-meter-tall pillars features kings, queens and heroes while the bottom part depict stories from the life of Christ. Combine it with a beach day on the lake and grab a picnic basket.

Photo: Katerina Kerdi/unsplash.com

Public Transport: Reachable by a number of busses, though taxi might be a better option

Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi



Although relatively new, the Cathedral of Tbilisi is absolutely spectacular. Colloquially known Sameba (Georgian for "Trinity") the

construction is a traditional Georgian cross-dome construction with strong Byzantine undertones. This enormous cathedral towers over the city

from its perch on the Ilya Hill and offers a spectacular view. Come here just before sunset for optimal lighting.

Photo: Mostafa Meraji/unsplash.com

Public Transport: Walking distance from Avlabari subway station

Narikala Fortress



This ancient fortress sits on top of a hill right next to the National Botanical Garden and enjoys an unrivalled view over the city. For this reason it

had been a key strategic point in the city's defence for many centuries, until it was almost destroyed in an earthquake in 1827. Visitors can reach the fortress on foot or with the new cable car from Rike Park.

Photo: MehmetO/Shutterstock.com

Address: Narikala Hill, Tbilisi

Bridge of Peace



The Bridge of Peace was built in 2010 and connects the old town with Rike Park on the other side of the Kura River. This bow-shaped

pedestrian bridge is a marvel of modern architecture, a blend of steel and glass that shines with countless lights during the night. The bridge also offers a majestic view over the Metekhi Church and the Narikala Fortress.

Photo: badahos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bridge of Peace, Tbilisi

Anchiskhati Basilica



Though some parts of it were renovated (or even added) throughout history, Anchiskhati Basilica still remains the oldest church in Tbilisi, dating back to the sixth century. The church is adorned with icons and holy images and in some spots a few of the original frescoes are still visible.

Photo: k_samurkas/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Ioane Shavteli Street, Tbilisi

Sulphur Baths



The sulphur baths in Tbilisi are world-famous, in fact the whole city was built on top of thermal springs, with hot water reaching up to 40-50 degrees. There are different baths with different prices, from the cheaper shower rooms to the more expensive private rooms with sauna and massage.

Photo: upslim/Shutterstock.com

Address: Abano Street, Tbilisi

Rike Park



Among both locals and tourists Rike Park has become one of the most important meeting points and recreational areas of Tbilisi, a place to relax and stroll around in tranquillity. Rike Park also hosts the main terminal of the cable car that leads to the Narikala Fortress and the two modern tube-shaped buildings that are the new Concert Hall and Exhibition Centre.

Photo: eFesenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rike Park, Tbilisi

Georgian National Museum



The Georgian National Museum is the product of the unification of several museums and research centres that hosts various exhibitions, both temporary and permanent, from archaeological treasures to modern art collections and cultural exhibits.

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Address: 3/10 Shota Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi

Public Transport: Liberty Square subway stop

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +995 322 99 71 76

Internet: www.museum.ge/?lang_id=ENG

Email: info@museum.ge

Liberty Square

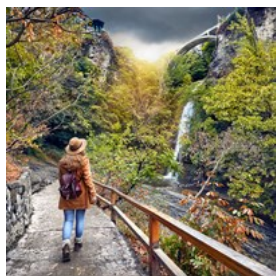


Liberty Square is a focal point in Tbilisi and even though it changed names multiple times during its history, it is now a symbol of the Georgian struggle for freedom and independence. In the centre of the square stands the Freedom Monument, a white column with a golden statue on top depicting St George, the patron saint of Georgia.

Photo: Grisha Bruev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Liberty Square, Tbilisi

National Botanical Garden



The National Botanical Garden of Georgia in Tbilisi covers an area of 161 hectares in the foothills behind Narikala Fortress and contains a collection of over 4,500 different plant groups. An arched bridge built over a waterfall provides a magnificent view on the Tsavkistskalki river and the garden.

Photo: Pikoso.kz/Shutterstock.com

Address: National Botanical Garden, Tbilisi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Internet: nbgg.ge

Rezo Gabriadze Marionette Theatre



Founded by the famous Georgian artist and writer Revaz "Rezo" Gabriadze, this small puppet theatre has become a staple in the

city's cultural life. The theatre offers various plays such as "The Autumn of Our Springtime" and "The Battle of Stalingrad" and even has a little cafe out front. Next to it is the so called Leaning Tower, a curious clock tower that was designed to look like it's about to fall down. Visitors are advised to check for availability as the theatre has a limited capacity.

Photo: Boris Stroujko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 13 Ioane Shavteli Street, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 98 65 90

Internet: www.gabriadze.com/en

Email: ticketsgabriadze@gmail.com

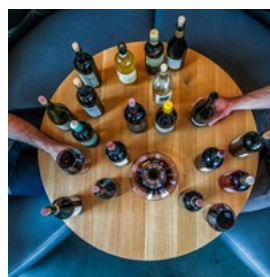
DINING



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Georgia has a longstanding culinary tradition, almost as old as the country itself. It is no wonder then that social dining (and drinking) holds a special position in Georgian culture, with traditional feasts (supra) being very important and ritualised. Leading a supra is always a tamada, toastmaster, whose role is to speak and propose toasts, until the feast is ended. Tbilisi offers a lot of restaurants serving local cuisine in accordance with Georgian tradition and it is not uncommon to stumble upon a typical feast with people toasting, singing and dancing.

8000 Vintages



8000 Vintages is a wine shop, restaurant and bar. Their knowledge of Georgian wine is unmatched and so is their selection, which includes

the best wines of the region, carefully selected by their experienced staff. You won't get upsold and will find exactly the wine you came for. Cheers to that!

Photo: Zachariah Hagy/unsplash.com

Address: 27 Revaz Tabukashvili St, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 558 48 88 11

Internet: www.8000vintages.ge

Email: info@8000vintages.ge

More Info: Three locations in Tbilisi

Gvimra Cafe



Gvimra cafe is located on a quiet street corner in the residential part of the old town, away from major tourist paths. It offers a modern

interpretation of Georgian cuisine, craft beer and organic wine. And quite an eclectic selection of wines they have!

When the weather is nice, grab one of the outdoor tables and enjoy a glass of wine with a view of the historic facades covered in plants.

Photo: Scott Warman/unsplash.com
Address: 16 Kalistrate Tsintsadze, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 595 10 35 11

Shemoikhede



Shemoikhede is a down-to-earth chain of restaurants with a hefty menu and hearty traditional food. It is popular with locals since

you get excellent value for money, while tourists love it for the sheer variety of Georgian dishes on offer.

Photo: Lesya Dolyk/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: 5 Kote Marjanishvili St, Tbilisi
Public Transport: Marjanishvili subway station
Phone: +995 322 91 00 05

Hurma



Hurma, which means "persimmon" in Georgian, is a hip cafe and restaurant that serves plenty of whole foods. Meat is available, but

vegan dishes are plentiful and clearly labelled.

Options include coconut oatmeal, vegetable wrap with hummus, eggplant dip, salads, garlic bread, various soups, grilled vegetables, fried rice and more. Coffee is great, too!

Photo: Ralph (Ravi) Kayden/unsplash.com
Address: 21 Petre Melikishvili St, Tbilisi
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-9pm
Phone: +995 591 10 00 97
Email: hurma.ge@gmail.com

Puri Guliani



Puri Guliani is a restaurant, cafe and bakery with loft-style interior, shaded patio with a view over the Mtkvari river. Great any

time of day, it is particularly popular for brunch. Baked goods are on point: both savoury Adjarian khachapuri and buttery almond croissants.

This cafe is kid-friendly and has a play area upstairs, so adults can have some time to unwind while the young ones are entertained.

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Address: Saarbrucken Square, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 577 00 00 83
Internet: puriguliani.ge/?lang=en

Ethno Tsiskvili



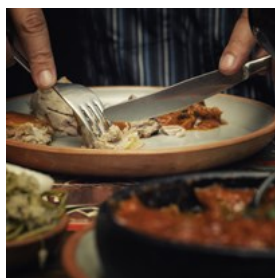
This restaurant is unique in the sense that it offers a complete experience of Georgian cuisine, culture and folklore. Together with delicious local food,

at Ethno Tsiskvili you will enjoy shows of Georgian dances, with live music and dancers dressed in traditional clothes. Booking in advance is a good idea if you want to watch a live

show.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com
Address: 99 Akaki Belashvili St, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 322 00 55 55
Internet: www.tsiskvili.ge/english/home
Email: reservation@tsiskvili.ge
More Info: Business casual dress code

Barbarestan



Named after Barbare Jorjadze, a Georgian princess, chef, writer and women's rights advocate in the 19th century, Barbarestan stays true to

the Georgian culinary tradition with amazing recipes and excellent wine. The atmosphere is nice and cosy, the restaurant also has an antique wine cellar.

Photo: Vigen M/Shutterstock.com
Address: 132 D. Aghmashenebeli Avenue, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 322 94 37 79
Internet: www.barbarestan.ge
Email: reservation@barbarestan.ge

Xeme



Xeme is famous for two things: its fresh and tasty Japanese cuisine and the breathtaking vista that you can enjoy from your table. Located on the 31st

floor of The Biltmore Hotel, this restaurant provides an excellent service in one of the best settings in Tbilisi, with a view over the whole city.

Photo: Marcelo_Krelling/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Biltmore Hotel, 29 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 322 72 72 72
Internet: www.millenniumhotels.com/en/tbilisi/the-biltmore-hotel-tbilisi/xeme-restaurant

Email: xeme.bhtg@biltmorecollection.com
More Info: Located at The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi

Funicular Restaurant



This restaurant is located on top of Mtatsminda (Holy Mountain), the last stop of Tbilisi's funicular railway at approximately 800 metres above the city. The restaurant complex was built in 1905 and it houses stylish shops, bars and even a ballroom. From the terrace at Funicular Restaurant you can enjoy a spectacular view of the city and the surrounding area.

Photo: Vladimir Skoptsev/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mtatsminda Plateau, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 32 2980000
Internet: www.funicular.ge/dm/?page=restaurantfunicular
Email: info@funicular.ge

Piano Italian Restaurant



Piano serves genuine Italian food using the best locally sourced ingredients and wines. The result is a fusion cuisine that emphasises simplicity while mixing the Italian tradition and cooking philosophy with the delicious local products that Georgia has to offer, like the top quality wines that make this country so proud.

Photo: Barbara Dudzinska/Shutterstock.com
Address: 14 Galaktion Tabidze Street, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 322 98 30 08
Email: pianotbilisi@gmail.com

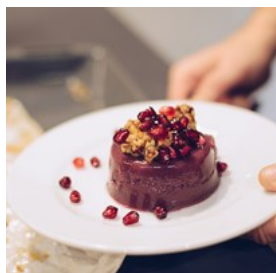
CAFES



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After a long day of sightseeing, nothing is better than a good cup of coffee or a flavoured tea, perhaps along with exquisite local pastries, and Tbilisi's cafes offer you all of that, plus some of the most charming views of the old city and the surrounding mountains. Otherwise, if you are up for a glass of wine, you must know that Georgia is considered to be the homeland of wine, so you would better discover the lovely hidden cellars and pop open some of the finest bottles in the region.

Entrée



Entrée is a great cafe chain for a quick breakfast. It will spoil you with a selection of coffee and teas, as well as mouthwatering croissants and cakes, but also with the traditional Georgian pies with cheese, beans or meat. Check out the company's website to look for other Entrée's locations in Tbilisi, all featuring the same cosy ambience.

Photo: plantic/Shutterstock.com

Address: 47 Kote Apkhazi Street, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 599 09 56 70

Internet: www.entree.ge/en

Carpe Diem



Carpe Diem is a small cafe where you can grab a coffee, a beer or a fresh mojito along with some good cakes and snacks. The location is really unique and cosy, and it features a lovely balcony with a great view of the old town on which you can actually spend hours watching life going by.

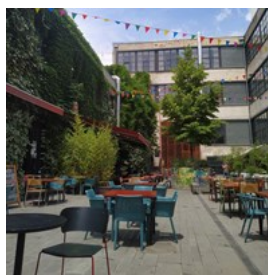
Photo: Elena Rostunova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Samghebro Street, Tbilisi

Opening hours: Daily 11am-late

Phone: +995 555 91 43 92

Fabrika



Tbilisi has a knack for refurbishing old industrial spaces. Once a soviet sewing factory, Fabrika has been revived and transformed into a multi-functional urban space that combines a hostel, a co-working space, cool cafes and bars, a few hipster shops and restaurants. During the day digital nomads and local creatives tap away on their laptops, while after 6pm a lively party crowd fills the inner courtyard. It's the ultimate meeting spot in Tbilisi.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides

Address: 8 Egnate Ninoshvili Street, Tbilisi, Georgia

Public Transport: Marjanishvili subway stop

Phone: +995 322 02 03 99

Internet: www.fabrikatbilisi.com

Coffee LAB



Coffee LAB is a stylish digital nomad hangout spot with two floors of seating. It is frequently busy with most people working on laptops and only soft music playing in the background.

The coffee is great, of course. In the evening, try their amazing coffee-based cocktails. If you are hungry, delicious burgers, bistro menu and desserts are available.

Photo: Demi DeHerrera/unsplash.com
Address: 27 Alexander Kazbegi Ave, Tbilisi
Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm
Phone: +995 596 90 00 10
Internet: www.coffeelab.ge

Erti Kava Coffee Room

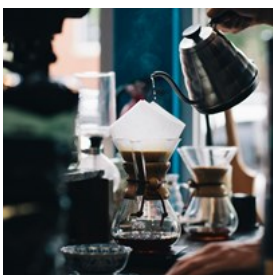


Erti Kava is a small coffee chain in Georgia started by a couple of Ukrainians. Their coffee drinks are on point and the desserts are fresh and satisfying.

When in doubt, go for a cheesecake!

Photo: Sebastian Coman Photography/unsplash.com
Address: 8 Mitropan Laghidze St, Tbilisi
Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm
Internet: ertikava.uds.app

Otakhi Cafe



Otakhi is a tiny cafe with quirky design located close to the Parliament of Georgia and most museums in the city. The coffee is strong and fresh, the staff is friendly and the atmosphere is relaxing. Most customers are locals, which is

always a perk.

Photo: Karl Fredrickson/unsplash.com
Internet: www.facebook.com/Otakhi.Cafe

Stamba



This former Soviet-era publishing house has been transformed into a boutique hotel with stylish interiors, a glass-bottomed pool, a cafe, bar and a restaurant which serves modern takes on traditional Georgian cuisine. A perfect marriage of the old and the new.

Stamba combines its main building with a series of interconnected verdant courtyard gardens. The second building offers an open working space, for local and visiting creatives.

Photo: Adjara Group/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: 14 Merab Kostava St, Tbilisi
Public Transport: Rustaveli subway station
Phone: +995 322 02 11 99
Internet: stambahotel.com
More Info: Similar to Fabrika, but significantly more upscale

Cafe Mziuri



When exploring the orderly streets of Vake, don't miss miss Mziuri park and the cafe with the same name. It's a small glass pavilion with outdoor tables and parasols. Small bites, coffee and desserts will help you power through the hilly walkways of the park popular with families and young people.

Photo: Wherda Arsianto/unsplash.com
Address: 23 Chavchavadze Street, Tbilisi,
Public Transport: Vake district is well connected to the rest

of the city by busses
Internet: cafemziuri.ge/en

Cafe Daphna



Daphna is a minimalist pastel-colored venue that offers a decent variety of hand-wrapped Khinkali (Georgian dumplings) and other light meals such as a salad, cheese plate, or fried potatoes. The highlight of the menu is Dambalkhacho — a particular type of delicacy made from buttermilk cottage cheese that remains after churning butter.

Photo: Litterator/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: Dry bridge, 29 Atoneli St, Tbilisi
Phone: +995 595 69 00 11
Internet: cafedaphna.ge/?lang=2

Puri Guliani



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This cafe is kid-friendly and has a play area upstairs, so adults can have some time to unwind while the young ones are entertained.

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Address: Saarbrucken Square, Tbilisi
Internet: puriguliani.ge/?lang=en

Prospero's Books & Caliban's Coffee



Prospero's bookstore features a wide range of English books and is a perfect quiet place to read and relax surrounded by the aroma of coffee and tea. In the same location, Caliban's coffeehouse imports a variety of coffee beans from Kenya, Haiti, Brazil, Indonesia and Colombia, and offers one of the best coffees in town, as well as a huge selection of teas.

Photo: Oleg Krugliak/Shutterstock.com
Address: 34 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-6pm
Phone: +995 322 92 35 92
Internet: www.prosperosbookshop.com
Email: info@prosperosbookshop.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Whether you are a frequent or an occasional party-goer, there is a right place for you in Tbilisi: join a crazy pub crawl around the city and challenge new friends to beer pong games, sit back and enjoy good music and drinks in a cosy bar, dance all night long in a vibrant night club, or join a more elegant party on a terrace. Whatever it is you are looking for, fun is guaranteed.

Nali Pub



Nali is one of the locals' favourite places to hang out for its laid back, casual atmosphere, good food, fresh ales and, most of all, good old loud rock 'n' roll. Prices are reasonable, the service is friendly and the bands invited to the weekly concerts always play excellent rock and country music.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/1 Leo Kiacheli Street, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 43 04 20

Internet: www.nali.ge

Email: thenalipub@gmail.com

Sky 7 Terrace & Lounge Bar



Breathtaking views, good music, delicious food and fine cocktails are the main features of this lovely venue. In the afternoon, you can enjoy the sun on the beautiful terrace, but come by in the evening if you want to have the most romantic view of Tbilisi, with the soothing notes of the saxophone as background of your unforgettable night.

Photo: Gudrun Muenz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Gorgasali Street, Abanotubani, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 00 60 60

Internet: linkhapp.ee/sky7terrace

Email: h9417-gm@accor.com

Stamba



This former Soviet-era publishing house has been transformed into a design-centric hotel with on-point interiors, a glass-bottomed pool and a grand café which serves modern takes on traditional Georgian dishes. It perfectly encapsulates a city on the cusp of change.

Beyond its main building, Stamba Hotel presents a series of outside spaces including a verdant courtyard garden that leads to the hotel's outdoor amphitheater, the presence of which further cements Stamba's deep connection with key Georgian arts and cultural institutions. This second structure additionally offers an open working space, designed to support individuals and businesses in the city's creative industries, reinforcing the hotel's status as a new hub for local visionaries.

Photo: Adjara Group/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: 14 Merab Kostava St, Tbilisi

Public Transport: Rustaveli subway station

Phone: +995 322 02 11 99

Internet: stambahotel.com

Politika bar



Pilitika shares a literally cracked (in the best post-Soviet fashion) building with Tumanishvili Theatre on a busy Aghmashenebeli Avenue — yet this bar offers smooth and cosy atmosphere inside, as well as on its terrace with a cute DIY fountain. Most popular with hip guests on Fridays and Saturdays towards the evening, though it is also a good place to grab a coffee during the day.

Photo: Alex Knight/unsplash.com

Address: 164 Davit Aghmashenebeli Ave, Tbilisi, Georgia

Public Transport: Station Square subway stop

Valiko Mansion



Valiko Mansion is an atmospheric bar in an old house with red lighting, vintage furniture and plenty of art. The cocktails are deliciously spicy and the music list is carefully curated. Chat up the bartender or check the bar's instagram to find out when all the rooms turns into a sweaty dance floor with the help of invited DJs.

Photo: M.S. Meeuwesen/unsplash.com

Address: 24 Galaktion Tabidze, Second floor, Tbilisi

Internet: www.instagram.com/valiko.mansion

More Info: Shares the building with a vegan eatery and a sushi place

Lolita



Lolita, located over three floors of a 19th century building, serves dishes inspired by New York comfort food, drinks inspired by bespoke mixology, throws a party inspired by Techno night scene. Comfort food, fragrant drinks and uplifting music — good enough to give you goosebumps.

Photo: Pablo Merchán Montes/unsplash.com

Address: 7 Tamar Chovelidze St, Tbilisi

Left Bank



Left Bank is a creative place that serves as a gig venue by night and social space by day. In short, they play techno and screen movies. Once a bread factory in the Soviet times, the space is located along the Mtkvari river. Check the official website to see scheduled events and invited DJs. There are also plans for a record shop and exhibition space.

Photo: Alexander Popov/unsplash.com

Address: Dodo Abashidze 10, Tbilisi

Internet: leftbank.club

Email: info@leftbank.club

More Info: More similar venues can be found next door in case Left Bank is too full

Bauhaus Bar



Bauhaus Bar is one of the two bars in Dedaena park. The bar has a European feel to it, serving coffee, local beers, cocktails and Georgian wine on a terrace with parasols. The atmosphere is relaxed and the guests are quite hip. See and be seen!

On weekends, there's a pop-up wok spot, so you won't go hungry.

Photo: Battlecreek Coffee Roasters/unsplash.com

Address: Dedaena Park, Tbilisi

More Info: If Bauhaus is full, head over to Dedaena bar in the same park closer to the river

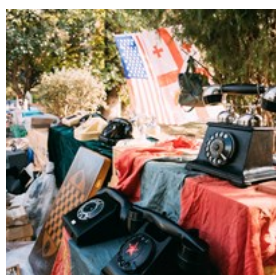
SHOPPING



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Tbilisi has a comprehensive offer of malls and fashion boutiques, but for a unique shopping experience you should focus on the traditional handicraft stores, workshops and markets: there you will find the most original souvenirs and get an insight into the country's culture and folklore.

Dry Bridge Flea Market

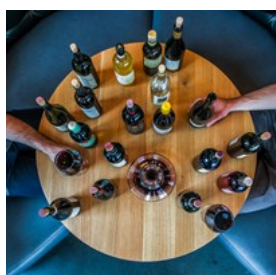


If you are looking for some traditional Georgian crafts, rather than the same old shopping centre, walk by the Kura river and discover this picturesque flea market. This lovely spot is perfect to find unique souvenirs, ranging from old books and maps, crockery, sweets, army knives and gramophone records: a true collector's paradise.

Photo: Grisha Bruev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dedaena park, Tbilisi

8000 Vintages



8000 Vintages is a wine shop, restaurant and bar. Their knowledge of Georgian wine is unmatched and so is their selection, which includes

the best wines of the region, carefully selected by their experienced staff. You won't get upsold and will find exactly the wine you came for. Cheers to that!

Photo: Zachariah Hagy/unsplash.com

Address: 27 Revaz Tabukashvili St, Tbilisi

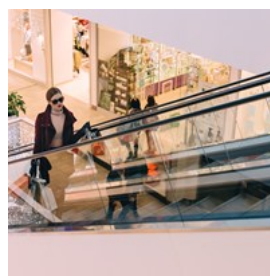
Phone: +995 558 48 88 11

Internet: www.8000vintages.ge

Email: info@8000vintages.ge

More Info: Three locations in Tbilisi

Galleria Tbilisi



Conveniently located on top of the Liberty Square subway station, Galleria Tbilisi offers a few popular clothing stores, a cinema and a theater, a good supermarket and tech stores, and several cafes. One of the cafes offers a terrace with a spectacular view, level with the statue of St George slaying the dragon. It's a great place to buy a few things without going far from the centre.

Photo: freestocks/unsplash.com

Address: 2/4 Shota Rustaveli Ave, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 50 00 40

Internet: www.galleria.ge

Chacha Corner



It is said that Georgia is the homeland of wine, but you will be surprised to know that this country also features amazing craft spirits. This small distillery of course features some regional wines, but the key product here is "Chacha", a strong Georgian pomace brandy made of herbs or fruit like mulberries, figs and tangerines. Do not hesitate to ask the owners to let you taste some

products, before choosing the distillate(s) you like the most.

Photo: Colin Hui/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Giga Lortkifanidze Street, Tbilisi

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +995 591 19 77 57

East Point



This big shopping centre could be a great alternative to the sightseeing for the whole family, with loads of shops in- and outdoor. At

East Point you will find everything from clothing stores to jewellers, cosmetics and dining spots.

Its design is modern and pleasant, and, if you happen there during the sales period, you will be able to find some pretty good deals.

Photo: Dragan Grkic/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Aleksandre Tvalchrelidze Street, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 93 00 07

Internet: www.eastpoint.ge/home/en

Email: info@eastpoint.ge

Estia Homemade Art



Estia Homemade Art Boutique is a colourful workshop where you can find some original souvenirs and gifts from Georgia. Ask the

knowledgeable owners about the local culture and arts scene, and they will show you high-quality ceramics, decorations made of wood, canvas, household items and much more.

Photo: Valerii lavtushenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 60 Tsinamdzhvrishvili Street, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 43 20 06

Internet: www.estia.ge/eng/home

Email: info@estia.ge

Prospero's Books & Caliban's Coffee



Prospero's bookstore features a wide range of English books and is a perfect quiet place to read and relax surrounded by the aroma

of coffee and tea. In the same location, Caliban's coffeehouse imports a variety of coffee beans from Kenya, Haiti, Brazil, Indonesia and Colombia, and offers one of the best coffees in town, as well as a huge selection of teas.

Photo: Oleg Krugliak/Shutterstock.com

Address: 34 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +995 322 92 35 92

Internet: www.prosperosbookshop.com

Email: info@prosperosbookshop.com

Tbilisi Mall



The Tbilisi Mall is a big shopping centre that features fashion boutiques of the most known international brands, but also has an

extensive array of leisure facilities for the whole family, such as a big cinema, video arcades and even a little indoor zoo.

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Address: 16 km Agmashenebeli Alley, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 50 55 56

Internet: www.tbilisimall.com/en/home

Email: info@tbilisimall.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



Citizens of more than 90 countries do not need any visa for visiting Georgia up to one year, but, when entering the country, you will have to produce a

passport valid for at least the duration of your stay. For any further information, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia (www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en), and especially the section dedicated to visa matters (<https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/visaInformation>).

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Tbilisi International Airport



The Tbilisi International Airport is located about 20 km east of the city centre, which is easily reachable by bus, train and taxi. The new,

modern airport railway station is situated 70 metres from the airport building. However, so far the train runs only twice a day.

Bus line 37 runs from the airport to the city

centre and beyond. Depending on the traffic, the trip to Liberty Square could take 30–40 minutes. You can pay by tapping the terminal inside the bus with your credit card or Tbilisi public transportation card.

Bolt and Yandex Taxi are good options for getting into the city. There is free WiFi in the terminal building, or you could buy a local sim-card from one of the kiosks.

Taxis (www.tbilisiairport.com/en-EN/Transportation/Pages/Taxi.aspx) are available 24 hours and are parked just outside the arrival hall. A journey to the city centre will take 20-30 minutes and will cost you from 30 to 50 GEL.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Tbilisi International Airport, Tbilisi

Internet: www.tbilisiairport.com

Email: infotbs@tav.aero

Best Time to Visit



Although it is a rather small country, the climate in Georgia is very diverse, which makes it a destination that can be visited all year round.

Every season has its perks, but generally summer can be very hot, especially in Tbilisi, while winter and autumn are quite mild. The best time to visit the city is in spring, especially starting from the second half of March, when nature begins to flourish and you can enjoy beautiful landscapes and taste delicious food and wines outside.

If you are a culture lover visiting Georgia, you won't be disappointed: the country has ancient traditions and folklore is a part of its identity, so many traditional events and fairs take place all

through the year. Some of the unmissable events in Tbilisi are the Tbilisi Jazz Festival (www.tbilisijazz.com), the country's main jazz event that already saw 20 editions, the International Film Festival (www.tbilisifilmfestival.ge), held annually in December, the Art Gene Festival (www.artgeni.ge), which takes place in July and features a variety of cultural activities and exhibitions, such as folk concerts, cloth-making and martial art dance, and the Tbilisoba, an annual festival with folk dances, artistic performances, food and wine tastings and much more, happening in October.

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Public Transport



The TTC (Tbilisi Transport Company) runs a network of metro, buses and cable car. To use busses and metro you will need either a credit card

with contactless payments enabled (1 GEL per ride) or buy a local public transit card at any metro station (cashiers accept cash only; 0,50 GEL per ride).

Google Maps is good with busses but has not discovered metro system yet, while Maps.me is the other way around. It's a good idea to have both apps installed for better navigation.

The subway has two lines and covers a few major areas of the city. Trains run every 5 minutes and allow you to travel very quickly around the city centre.

A large, efficient bus network enables tourists and locals to travel around the city without

spending much money: tickets cost 0,50 GEL and you can purchase them both from the machines and by charging your smartcard.

For an alternative, unique way of travelling through Tbilisi, join a ride on the brand new funicular up to Mount Mtatsminda and the modern, 360-degree cable car, from Rike Park up to the gorgeous Narikala Fortress. Both of the journeys are quite cheap and will cost you only a few Lari, so take advantage of seeing the city from another, marvellous point of view.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Station Square, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 35 77 77

Internet: ttc.com.ge/index.php?lang_id=ENG&sec_id=1

Email: info@metro.ge

Taxi



Bolt and Yandex Taxi are the best options for getting around Tbilisi by car. They'll even take you to some nearby towns for a day trip.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Post boxes are scattered all around the city and stamps can be purchased at the several post offices.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 2 Station Square, Tbilisi

Phone: +995 322 24 09 09

Internet: www.gpost.ge

Email: info@gpost.ge

Pharmacy



Finding a drugstore in Tbilisi won't be a problem, as they are found all around the city centre. One of the main pharmacies is Aversi,

with stores everywhere, most of them open 24h. There are also a couple of alternatives, such as GPC and PSP Pharmacies.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 148 Agmashenebeli Avenue, Tbilisi

Internet: www.aversi.ge

Email: info@aversi.ge

Telephone



Country code: +995 Area code: 32

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220V/50Hz, Power sockets type C and F

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

1.1 million (2016)

Currency

Georgian Lari (GEL)

1 lari = 100 tetri

Newspapers

The Georgian Times — www.geotimes.com.ge

The Financial

Georgia Today

Emergency numbers

112: Fire, police, medical emergencies

Tourist information

Tbilisi Tourism Information Office:

#1 Tbilisi International Airport

+995 32 231 00 07

www.tbilisilocalguide.com/tbilisi/tourist-information-center

ticaairport@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/tbilisilocalguide

(Opening hours: 24/7)

#2 Pushkin Square (close to Liberty Square)

+995 32 215 86 97

www.tbilisilocalguide.com/tbilisi/tourist-information-center

tictbilisi@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/tbilisilocalguide

(Opening hours: 9am–9pm)

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