

TTT - Tips for Tbilisi Travelers



Venue

V.Sarajishvili Tbilisi State Conservatoire (TSC)

Address: Griboedov str 8-10, Tbilisi 0108, Georgia

Brief info about the city

Capital of Georgia, Tbilisi, population about 1.5 million people and 1.263.489 and 349sq.km (135 sq.miles), is one of the most ancient cities in the world.

The city is favorably situated on both banks of the Mtkvari (Kura) River and is protected on three sides by mountains.

On the same latitude as Barcelona, Rome, and Boston, Tbilisi has a temperate climate with an average temperature of 13.2C (56 F). Winters are relatively mild, with only a few days of snow. January is the coldest month with an average temperature of 0.9 C (33F). July is the hottest month with 25.2 C (77 F). Autumn is the loveliest season of a year.

Flights

Do not be scared to fly to Georgia! You will most probably need a connecting flight to the cities which have direct flights and you will have to face several hours of trips probably arriving during the night, but it will be worth the effort!

Direct Flights To Tbilisi are from Istanbul, Munich, Warsaw, Riga, Vienna, Moscow, London:

Turkish Airlines - late as well as "normal" arrivals (through Istanbul or Gokcen)

Lufthansa (Munich)

Baltic airlines (Riga)

Polish airlines lot (Warsaw)

Aeroflot (Moscow)

Ukrainian Airlines - (Kiev)

Pegasus - (Istanbul)

Georgian Airlines (Amsterdam, Paris, Vienna)

Aegean (Athens)

Belavia - through Minsk

Airzena - through London from may

Parkia - through Telaviv

Atlas global - through Istanbul

Direct flights to Kutaisi (another city in west Georgia and takes 3 hr driving to the capital) - these are budget flights and are much more cheaper - shuttle buses to Tbilisi available

Wizzair flies to

Budapest

London

Vilnius

kaunas

Saloniki

Athens

different cities from Germany - berlin, dortmund, minich,

Milan

katowice, warsaw

Ryanair - from august

Air berlin - from august

Transfer from the airport

- Transfer from the airport to the city takes ca. 30 minutes. For transfer from the airport to the city you can take bus #37. The bus is available between 07:00 AM and 10:00 PM every day. The route goes through central railway station to the Rustaveli Avenue and Queen Ketevan Avenue, where hotels are located,
- Or Taxis, that are most convenient way to get to city from the airport. Taxi transfer costs ca. 40/45 Gel (around 13-15 22/22 euro) one way; Taxi is to be found near the arrival exit.

N.B. they sometimes charge much more when see the foreigner, so please don't agree on sum more than 40 Gel

Taxi should also have official taxi sign

Currency National Currency of Georgia is the Georgian Lari or GEL that consists of 100 Tetri. All payments can be made either in cash or by credit cards. Visitors of the country can purchase local currency in banks and currency exchange points, which are plentiful around the city, as well as ATMs. The current exchange rate might be checked through the following link http://www.tbcbank.ge/web/en/web/guest/exchange-rates?p_p_id=exchangeratessmall_WAR_tbcpxchangeratessmallportlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=normal&p_p_mode=view&p_p_col_id=column-5&p_p_col_count=1

N.B. Taxis receive only cash; cards might be used in all other places.

Time & Weather For time and weather in Georgia please see <http://www.timeanddate.com/weather/georgia/tbilisi>

Safety Tbilisi is a safe city and violent crime is very unusual. However petty theft is not uncommon. Normal precautions should be taken, including keeping track of your wallet or other valuables on crowded buses and trains. Be especially aware of pick-pockets in crowded tourist areas of Tbilisi - such as nightclubs, bars and on pedestrian streets. Make a photocopy of your passport picture and bring this with you when you go out - keep your passport in the safe in your hotel room. Also take only the cash you need for an evening out. The police are extremely helpful. As a rule, the “patruli” (=city police) are intermediate in spoken English so you can rest assured they will take you to your destination in case of trouble.

Insurance Tbilisi State Conservatoire will not be liable for any losses, accidents or damage to persons or objects, regardless of the cause.

Useful numbers

- Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance - 112
- Information service - 118 09; 118 08
 - Airport Contacts Arrivals: +995 32 2310 341;
 - Departures: +995 32 2310 421
 - Tbilisi Tourism Information Centre - +995 32 243 69 99

Public transportation

Main transport inside the Tbilisi city is bus, subway and taxi.

Tbilisi Metro operates from 6am to 12:00 pm. A trip with the metro in Tbilisi costs 0.80 GEL. Pay at the ticket office near the entrance and get a token for the gate, or buy a card (2 GEL) that you can load with any amount you like at the counter, and use it for travel both on the metro and on buses.

City buses are yellow/blue, and come in various sizes. The bus number and directions are shown at the bus stations on the special board in English. A journey costs 0.80 GEL, and exact change is required if you don't have a touch card. Hold onto the ticket you receive on the bus; you will need to present it to the yellow-shirted ticket checkers. You'll be charged with 15 GEL if you travel without a ticket. Once you have used a touch card, you can travel for free for the next half an hour in any direction.

Taxi is the only one from the public transports available for 24 hours and can be stopped at any place of the city. When you take taxis make sure that you negotiate the rate before the start of the journey. There are no formal fare differences between day and night rates.

You can order taxi via phone:

+995 322 200200;
+995 322 474474;
+995 322 307407;
+ 995 32 235 58 55

Internet access:

Wireless Internet connection in the whole city is free of charge - TBILISI LOVES YOU WiFi is also available in the building - password will be delivered on place

How to get to Tbilisi State Conservatoire from the city center

The V.Sarajishvili Tbilisi State Conservatoire is situated in the heart of Tbilisi, its most important artistic and cultural center. It is easily accessible by car and public transport.

The conservatoire is five minutes' walk from the two main squares of the city, viz: "Tavisuplebis Moedani" (Freedom Square) and "Respublikis Moedani" (Republic Square). The neighboring buildings are: Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Opera House, Rustaveli Theatre, Art Gallery.

The Conservatoire is located on Griboedov Street 8-10, parallel to Rustaveli Avenue.

Directions: walk straight ahead from bus station (opposite the Opera House) down on Rustaveli Avenue, turn first right corner and walk up awhile until the central doors of the Conservatoire.

We wish you a pleasant journey to Tbilisi

and are very much looking forward to seeing you very soon!