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# Main Venue



\*Do not worry about reaching the conference hall because there are direction marks from the main entrance.

## How to get to Conference Hall:

- ▶ Reach University 1st Building
- ▶ Use Main Entrance  
Find the stairways
- ▶ Conference hall is located on the second floor



SCAN ME

**Venue:** Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University  
**Address:** 1 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi 0179

Tbilisi State University is the oldest university in Georgia and the Caucasus region. It was established in 1918. The main founder of the university was a Georgian historian and academician Ivane Javakhishvili.

# Useful Apps

## Travel & Transportation



Google Map



Georgian Travel Guide

[Android](#) [IOS](#)



Yandex.Taxi

[Android](#) [IOS](#)



Bolt Taxi

[Android](#) [IOS](#)



If you want to hire the car,  
use **Parking Tbilisi** to avoid fines.

[Android](#) [IOS](#)

## Delivery Apps



[Android](#) [IOS](#)



[Android](#) [IOS](#)



[Android](#) [IOS](#)

## Mobile & Internet:

For those who are willing to use Georgian mobile sim cards during the visit period, useful app would be



**Mymagti**

[Android](#) [IOS](#)

or



**My Silknet**

[Android](#) [IOS](#)

# Hotels near the venue



Rooms Hotel Tbilisi

**Contact:** +995 32 202 00 99

**Room Price:** from 90 \$



Hilton Garden Inn Tbilisi

**Contact:** +995 32 225 20 20

**Room Price:** from 80\$



# Hotels near the venue



Gallery Art Hotel

**Contact:** +995 591 07 00 77.

**Room Price:** from 64\$ + Free Breakfast



Holiday Inn Tbilisi

**Contact:** +995 32 230 00 99

**Room Price:** from 75\$



# Coffee/Snack/Lunch



## Garden Tea House

Low Prices, High-Quality

**Time to reach:** 5 minutes walk from the conference venue

**Address:** 1 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue



## Lumier's Chimney Cake

**Price:** 8 GEL with lots of toppings

**Time to Reach:** 5-10 minutes walk from the conference venue

**Address:** 10 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue



## Endorphin

Taste Khachapuri / Lobiani / Kubdari

**Time to reach:** 15 mins

**Address:** 19 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi

# Fast Food Lovers

Fast Food restaurants near the conference center:

- ▶ KFC
- ▶ McDonald's
- ▶ Ronny's Pizza
- ▶ Dunkin' Donuts
- ▶ Burger Bars

For more details: [Check the map](#)



# Restaurants and Cafés near the venue



**Wine Factory** - including different cuisines: Georgian, Italian etc.



**Lolita** - one of the favourite place for locals



**Stamba** - Hotel and restaurant



## 8000 Vintages

(Highly Recommended) Affordable Prices,  
High Quality



# Restaurants and Cafés near the venue

★ For Khinkali



Zodiaqo / Café Dafna

★ For Megrelian Cuisine  
Elarji | Khachapuri | Gebzhalia | etc.



Dadiani Restaurant

★ For the best Georgian  
traditional dishes

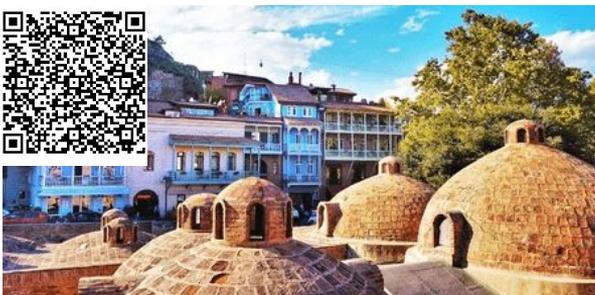


Shavi Lomi (Black Lion)

## Georgian Cuisine

\* You can taste Georgian Dishes in all restaurants mentioned above, but this is the highly recommended list.

# Top Sights to visit in Tbilisi



## Abanotubani

It's an ancient district of Tbilisi. The discovery of the city is connected to this place.

Around 458 AD, the King Vakhtang Gorgasali went hunting in the heavily wooded region with a falcon. The king's falcon caught a pheasant, but both birds fell into a nearby hot spring and died. King Vakhtang was so impressed with the discovery that he decided to build a city on this location. The name Tbilisi comes from the Old Georgian word 'Tpili', meaning warm. The name Tbili or Tbilisi 'warm location' therefore was given to the city because of the area's numerous sulfuric hot springs, which are still available in public baths in the Abanotubani district.

**For more Info:** [About Abanotubani](#)



## Metekhi Church & Monument of King Vakhtang Gorgasali

In front of Abanotubani

**For more Info:** [Visit this page](#)

## Old Tbilisi

\*all sights mentioned below are clustered in Old Tbilisi district. This way you'll see more sights and spend less time.

# Top Sights to visit in Tbilisi



## Narikala Fortress

The fortress was established in the 4th century, around the period when the city itself was founded. Narikala offers you some of the best panoramas of the city.

For more info: [Visit this page](#)



## Botanical Garden Tbilisi

**Location:** Near the Narikala Fortress



## Mtatsminda Park/Funicular

Mtatsminda Park is an amusement facility located at the top of Mount Mtatsminda on 770 meter height overlooking the Georgian capital Tbilisi.

For more info: [Visit this page](#)

# Museums



## Georgian National Museum

### Working Hours

Tuesday - Sunday | 10:00 - 18:00  
Monday - closed

### Guided Tours

Foreign Languages (reviewing tour,  
approximately 1 hour) - 45 GEL

### Entrance Fees

Adults - 15 GEL



## Open Air Museum of Ethnography

It displays the examples of folk architecture and craft work from various regions of Georgia, with its tradition heritage from historical perspective.

So, if you wish to know Georgian people traditional lifestyle, this is the right place to visit.

### Working Hours:

Tuesday - Sunday | 10:00 - 18:00

**Entrance Fee:** Adults - 5 GEL | Guided Tour 45 GEL



## Museum of Illusions

### Working hours

Tuesday - Friday | 16:00 - 22:00  
Saturday - Sunday | 13:00 - 22:00

### Ticket Price:

Adults - 19.5 GEL

# Museums

## Mtskheta - The former capital of Georgia

If you have a bit more time and wish to feel the old, traditional soul of Georgia, you should definitely visit Mtskheta (20 km north of Tbilisi). Mtskheta is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It has been inhabited since before 1,000 BC and was once the capital of the early Kingdom of Iberia (today's Eastern Georgia). Just 20 km from Tbilisi, at the confluence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi rivers, the city is located on an ancient trade route.

**Time to reach:** 30 minutes



### Activities to do:

- ▶ Visit the churches - Svetitskhoveli | Jvari
- ▶ Just walk in the city
- ▶ Enjoy the view from Jvari Monastery
- ▶ Enjoy Georgian dishes



# Souvenirs & Georgian Products

## Wine Shops

\*In store - shopping / Same day delivery



- 8000 Vintages (check on page 5)
- Wine Gallery

Web: <https://winegallery.ge/en>



- Winery Khareba

Web: <https://winegallery.ge/en>



# Souvenirs & Georgian Products



## Ethno Design

Web: <https://ethnodesign.b2c.ge/?lang=2>



## Leselidze Street

Walk on this street if you love wandering in Old Tbilisi. You will find lots of souvenir shops, churches, interesting places, you can also try Georgian traditional sweets (Churchkhela, Tkلامي).

\*Walk from Liberty Square



## Dry Bridge Flea Market

How to get there  
Freedom Square ↗ 10 mins walk



# VISA information

List of Countries whose Citizens and permanently residing stateless persons may Enter Georgia  
without Visa for 1 (One) Full Year

EU states	Bahamas	British dependent Territories	Dominican Republic	Israel	Malaysia	Norway	Serbia	Turkey
Arabia	Bahrain	British Overseas Territories	Ecuador	Japan	Mauritius	Oman	Seychelles	Turkmenistan
Andorra	Barbados	Brunei	El Salvador	Jordan	Mexico	Panama	Singapore	Ukraine
Antigua and Barbuda	Belarus	Canada	French Republic Territories	Kazakhstan	Moldova	Qatar	South Africa	United Arab Emirates
Argentina	Belize	Chile (90/180 days)	Holy See	Kuwait	Monaco	Russia	South Korea	United States of America
Armenia	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Colombia	Honduras	Kyrgyzstan	Montenegro	Saint Vincent and Grenadines	Switzerland	Uruguay
Australia	Botswana	Costa Rica	Iceland	Lebanon	Netherlands Territories	San Marino	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Azerbaijan	Brazil	Denmark Territories	Iran (45 days)	Liechtenstein	New Zealand	Saudi Arabia	Thailand	

Due to Covid-19 situation, restrictions are changing daily.  
Please, visit [official web-site](#) or contact our conference team.

For more information, visit the [website](#)

# VISA information

A citizen of a foreign country who seeks to enter Georgia generally must first obtain a Georgian visa, which is placed in the traveler's passport (a visa blank) or is issued electronically (electronic visa). Certain international travelers may be eligible to travel to Georgia without a visa if they meet the requirements for visa-free travel. The visa policy of Georgia became comparatively liberal, allowing citizens of 98 countries (table 1) to enter, reside, work and study in Georgia without the necessity to obtain either visa or residence permit. In addition, Georgian Government approved the list of 50 countries (see other exemption) whose visa and/or residence permit holders may enter Georgia without a visa for an appropriate period and under appropriate conditions.

## Other Conditions for exemption from Georgian Visa:

- International travelers, who are holders of valid visas or/and residence permits determined by the [Ordinance № 256](#) of the Government of Georgia, may enter and stay in Georgia for 90 days in any 180-day period.
- Foreign nationals, who are holders of the UNO's or its specialized agencies travel documents (Laissez-Passer), can enter or stay on the territory of Georgia without a visa for full 1 year.
- Holders of diplomatic or official/service passports of \*China, \*Egypt, \*Guyana, India, \*Shri Lanka, \*Nepal, \*Indonesia and \*Peru may enter and stay in Georgia without visa.
- Compatriots residing abroad, who are citizens of the country whose citizens need a visa for entering Georgia, are authorized to cross the state border of Georgia without a visa and stay in Georgia for no more than 30 days;
- Aliens holding a Georgian residence permit or a temporary residence permit of a refugee or a person with humanitarian status for the entire period of the above-mentioned documents validity.
- Members of a crew of an international airline, railway, or marine transport and passengers that need an interim change of carrier or means of transport and have a document evidencing the right to enter their country of destination do not require a visa for transit movement in Georgia. Period of stay in Georgia should not exceed 10 (ten) days. Passengers are not allowed to leave an area signated specifically for transit at an airport, a railway station or a seaport.