

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 (see 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.

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

1. EU States	24. Denmark Territories	48. Oman
2. Albania	25. Dominican Republic	49. Panama
3. Andorra	26. Ecuador	50. Qatar
4. Antigua and Barbuda	27. El Salvador	51. Russia
5. Argentina	28. French Republic Territories	52. Saint Vincent and Grenadines
6. Armenia	29. Holy See	53. San Marino
7. Australia	30. Honduras	54. Saudi Arabia
8. Azerbaijan	31. Iceland	55. Serbia
9. Bahamas	32. Iran	56. Seychelles
10. Bahrein	33. Israel	57. Singapore
11. Barbados	34. Japan	58. South Africa
12. Belarus	35. Kazakhstan	59. South Korea
13. Belize	36. Kuwait	60. Switzerland
14. Bosnia and Herzegovina	37. Kyrgyzstan	61. Tajikistan
15. Botswana	38. Lebanon	62. Thailand
16. Brazil	39. Liechtenstein	63. Turkey
17. British Dependent Territories	40. Mauritius	64. Turkmenistan
18. British Overseas Territories	41. Mexico	65. Ukraine
19. Brunei	42. Moldova	66. United Arab Emirates
20. Canada	43. Monaco	67. United States of America
21. Chile	44. Montenegro	68. Uruguay
22. Colombia	45. Netherland Territories	69. Uzbekistan
23. Costa Rica	46. New Zealand	
	47. Norway	

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**, ***Sri 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.

List of Countries, Whose Visa and/or Residence Permit Holders May Enter Georgia without a Visa for an Appropriate Period and under Appropriate Conditions

Australia	Denmark territories	Netherlands
Austria	Estonia	New Zealand
Bahrain	Finland	Norway
Belgium	France	Oman
British Dependent Territories - Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man	French Republic territories	Poland
British Overseas Territories - Bermuda, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Turks and Caicos Islands, Gibraltar	Germany	Portugal
Bulgaria	Greece	Qatar
Canada	Hungary	Romania
Croatia	Iceland	Saudi Arabia
Cyprus	Ireland	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Israel	Slovenia
Denmark	Italy	South Korea
	Japan	Spain
	Kuwait	Sweden
	Latvia	Switzerland
	Liechtenstein	United Arab Emirates
	Lithuania	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Luxemburg	Ireland
	Malta	United States of America

Notes:

1. Aliens holding a visa and/or a residence permit of any country listed above may enter and stay in Georgia without visa for 90 calendar days in any 180-day period.
2. For the purpose of entering and staying in Georgia without visa, a visa and/or a residence permit of a respective country shall be valid on the day of entry into Georgia (crossing the border), which must be evidenced by a travel and/or other appropriate document.

To obtain a Georgian visa an alien may submit the documentation as through *E-Application System* as via *e-Visa Portal* depending on the purpose of the travel. The documentation required for application differs depending on which category of visa (and status of residence) the applicant wishes.

In order to get visa, please, visit the site www.geoconsul.ge

Tourist Information

Tbilisi, Georgia is a city of contemporary and historical multiculturalism. Over 1,500 years old, this capital has straddled European, Asian, and Middle Eastern civilizations, resulting in a unique Caucasus destination. Residents are known for their hospitality, and the local sights are sure to impress!

According to legend, Tbilisi was founded while a king was hunting, when his falcon caught a pheasant and both plunged in one of Tbilisi's hot springs.

Whether or not this legend is true, the city's name is derived from a word for "warm," signifying the importance that the sulfuric hot springs had and continue to have on the Tbilisi's culture and inhabitants.

The springs aren't the only natural feature that Tbilisi has to offer, the city is built on the Mtkvari (Kura) River, in between mountains and over hills- creating a truly picturesque environment.

Modern Tbilisi is home to over 1.5 million residents, most of whom are Eastern Orthodox Christians. There are many diaspora groups that live in Tbilisi, which add to the city's historically diverse vibe.

In Tbilisi, you will find that many residents will also speak Russian and/or English. Georgians use the Lari (GEL) as currency.

Before you even start thinking of specific spots and things to see in Tbilisi, it is recommended to walk in the maze of streets in the old town. Admire the picturesque balconies, greet local cats, find new cafes.

Landmarks and sights of Old Town

The hot springs or "sulfur baths" of Tbilisi are fundamental to the life and culture of this Georgian city. Soaking in a sulfur bath is not only a good opportunity to experience a Georgian tradition, but it may also provide health benefits such as pain relief, blood pressure regulation, skin cleansing, and of course, relaxation. Located in Abanotubani – Tbilisi's historic district, there are several bathhouses and styles of bathing to choose from, all of which utilize the natural springs that run under the city.

The Center of Tbilisi – the places to visit

Narikala Fortress

The Narikala Fortress offers visitors a fascinating history and an unparalleled view of Tbilisi. The original fortress was constructed by the Persians in the 4th century, but was built upon and utilized used by subsequent invaders.

Kartlis Deda or the “Mother of Georgia”

This aluminum statue was erected in the 1950s on Sololaki Hill and is a testament to Georgian culture. This female figure holds a sword and a glass of wine- symbolizing Georgians ferocity against enemies and hospitality towards guests.

Puppet Show on the Clock Tower

Architecturally weird, the Leaning Clock Tower in Tbilisi is part of a puppet theater. Every hour a window opens at the top and angel strikes the bell and a short love story melody plays. The whole area surrounding the tower was actually my favorite.

Mtatsminda Pantheon

The Mtatsminda Pantheon is an outdoor necropolis encompassing statues, graves, and a beautiful church. This is the burial site for many famous and prominent Georgians and is worth a visit to walk through Georgian history and learn about their heroes. Mama Daviti (St. David's) Church was built in the 1500s and is part of the Pantheon complex. It is accessible by funicular (see *Transport*) or on foot.

Georgian National Museum

The Georgian National Museum is actually composed of several museums, which unified in 2005. One of the most notable exhibits is an extensive collection of gold and jewelry. Other interesting sights include human fossils and an exhibit on Soviet occupation.

The museum is open every day except Monday, from 10 AM – 6 PM and is located on Rustaveli Ave., near the Liberty Square Metro station.

Tsminda Sameba (Holy Trinity) Cathedral

There are several Orthodox churches in Tbilisi, but one is particularly famous. Known as the Holy Trinity Cathedral of Tbilisi, this massive religious structure of Tsminda Sameba Cathedral is actually a recently built Eastern Orthodox church.

The cathedral was constructed in order to mark the 1,500 year anniversary of the Georgian Church and 2,000 years of Christianity. Despite being a modern structure, the Sameba

encompasses many Georgian and Christian symbols and traditional architectural styles and is known for its large golden dome overlooking the city.

The inside of the Cathedral includes impressive marble floors and murals.

Recreation, entertainment and shopping in Tbilisi

When it comes to shopping in [Tbilisi](#), the best places to find treasures to take home are the city's abundant independent shops, where you will find art, homeware, fashion and ceramics – often handcrafted. But don't think the shopping scene is all traditional: Tbilisi is a hot spot for concept shops and well-curated garment racks featuring the coolest international labels, whether you're talking pottery, skatewear or books.