

# YOUR GUIDE TO ILSMT 2025 TBILISI, GEORGIA



International Law School Mediation Tournament  
4-8 March, 2025 | Tbilisi, Georgia

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# Dear Mediation Community

We are happy to confirm that Tbilisi, Georgia, is the next destination of our traditional annual International Law School Mediation Tournament.

The University of Georgia is lucky to host this significant event again and to welcome you to Tbilisi, a city that harmoniously mixes its rich history with modernity, making it a vibrant heart of Georgia!

As you embark on this exciting journey, we hope you will be intrigued by the unique culture, warm hospitality, and breathtaking landscapes this beautiful city offers.

This Guide has been created to serve as your comprehensive guide during your stay. It will help you learn more about the upcoming tournament and plan your visit to Georgia through **4-8 of March, 2025**.

Inside, you will find practical information on accommodation, dining options, must-see attractions, transportation, and tips to enhance your experience.

We aim to ensure you feel comfortable, inspired, and connected throughout your time in Georgia.

Looking forward to meeting you!

**INADR TEAM**



## Country Profile - Georgia:

**Official Name:** Republic of Georgia (Sakartvelo)

**Area:** 69,700 sq.km

**Population:** 3,7 million

**Capital:** Tbilisi (with population: 1.1 million)

**Language:** Georgian (state)

**Time:** GMT + 4 hrs

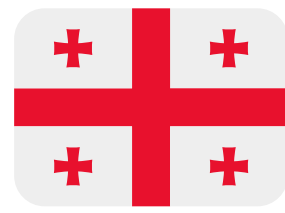
**Main Towns:** Batumi, Kutaisi, Rustavi

**High Peaks:** Shkhara (5203m), Janga (5085m), Kazbegi (5054m).

**Calling Code:** +995

**Electricity:** European standard voltage

# Entry to Georgia Visa Requirements



For The fastest and easiest way to check whether you need a visa to enter and/or stay in Georgia, or transit the territory of Georgia is to click on “DO I NEED VISA” button and process step by step with simple online application on the following link : <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia-visa>

**We offer to you the list of Countries whose Citizens and permanently residing stateless persons may Enter Georgia without Visa for 1 (One) Full Year (Unless Otherwise Noted):**

EU States	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iceland	Montenegro	Singapore
Australia	Botswana	Israel	Honduras	Armenia
Azerbaijan	Brazil	Canada	Norway	Thailand
Albania	Brunei	Qatar	Oman	Tajikistan
Andorra	Moldova	Columbia	Panama	Uzbekistan
Antigua and Barbuda	Japan	Costa Rica	Russia	Ukraine (3 years)
Argentina	Denmark Territories	Republic of Korea	French Republic Territories <sup>1</sup>	Uruguay (90 days)
New Zealand	Dominican Republic	Lebanon	San Marino	Kuwait
Barbados	Ecuador	Liechtenstein	Saudi Arabia	Kazakhstan
Bahamas	El Salvador	Mauritius	South Africa	Kyrgyzstan
Bahrain	Turkey	Malaysia	Serbia	Switzerland
Belarus	Turkmenistan	Mexico	Seychelles	Chile (90/180 days)
Belize	Iran (45 days)	Monaco	Saint Vincent and Grenadines	Holy See
United States of America	British Overseas Territories	British Dependent Territories	United Arab Emirates	Netherlands Territories
Jordan	China (30 days-tourism)	Peru (90/180 days)		

## 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.

# How to Get to Tbilisi, Georgia

## The Airports

### Tbilisi International Airport (TBS)

Located just 17 kilometers southeast of Georgia's capital. The airport is well-connected with major international destinations, providing convenient access to and from Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

To reach the city center or other destinations, you can use the municipal bus (No. 337) for 1 GEL or the airport taxi, with prices ranging from 20-60 GEL.

The Recommended transport is taxi - via Bolt app. Prices vary depending on the time of day and your destination, typically ranging between 15-25 USD for a standard cab ride.

### Kutaisi International Airport (KUT)

Situated 14 kilometers west of Kutaisi. Kutaisi International The airport serves as a key hub for budget airlines, particularly Wizz Air Georgia, offering affordable connections to and from various European cities; FlyAristan; Belavia; AK-AIR Georgia.

For bus travel, two reliable companies, Omnibus and GeorgianBus, operate according to the flight schedule, ensuring a smooth transfer to and from Tbilisi. Both companies offer a fixed fare of 25 GEL (approximately 9 USD) per person.

Passengers who arrive or depart from Kutaisi Airport can also take the train. The station is located 1.8 km from Kutaisi Airport and travelers can have easy access to and from the terminal, as the dedicated shuttle buses will transfer the passengers free of charge. For the train timetable please visit the link.

**For more information on flight schedules and services, please visit the official websites.**



## Tbilisi Weather Forecast

In early March, Tbilisi generally experiences cool and variable weather as winter transitions into spring.

**Expected average temperatures:** During the day, temperatures typically range from 5°C to 10°C (41°F to 50°F).

At night, temperatures can drop to -4°C to 1°C (25°F to 34°F), so it can feel quite chilly in the evenings.

**Rain:** Occasional rain showers are possible, though March tends to be drier compared to the later spring months.

**Wind:** Winds can make it feel colder, especially during the evenings and early mornings.

**Clothing:** It's advisable to pack layers, including warm clothing, as well as an umbrella or raincoat for potential rain.

**Note:** Weather can be unpredictable, so it's always a good idea to check the forecast closer to your travel dates.

## THEY ARE AT YOUR SERVICE 24/7

### Emergency

Police/Ambulance - 112

### Taxi

**Bolt** and **UBER** are the go-to taxi Apps in Tbilisi, with easy-to-use features and affordable rates. You can pay either with cash or credit card.

### Food Delivery

**Glovo**, **Wolt** and **Bolt Food** offer a wide range of restaurant delivery options, from fast food to gourmet.

### Pharmacies

Pharmacies are widely available, with 24/7 options like **PSP**, **Pharmadepot**, **GPC** and **Aversi**. Most pharmacists speak English.







## Communication

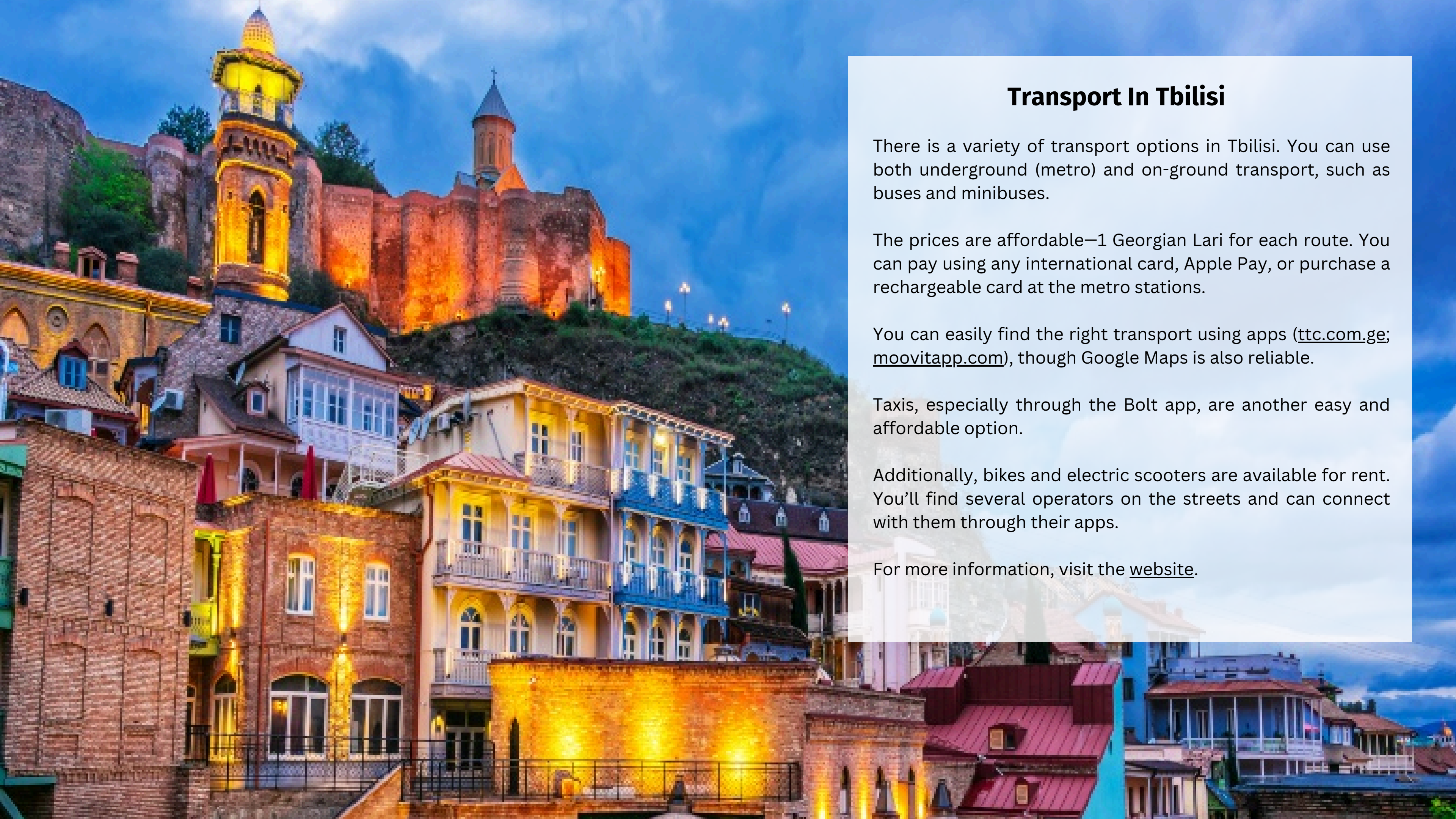
To stay connected, local SIM cards are available from major providers like **Magti, Selfie, and Geocell**. You can purchase SIM cards at the airport, local stores, or in the city centre with affordable packages for calls and data, or you can use E-sims. Tbilisi is well-connected with Wi-Fi hotspots in most cafes, hotels, and public spaces. International travellers may want to activate roaming plans before arrival or use local SIM options for convenience.

Recommended APPs: Roamingo, Airalo.

## Currency and Payment Methods

The local currency is the Georgian Lari (GEL). 1 USD = 2.87 GEL, 1 Euro = 2.97 GEL. You can exchange money at currency exchange offices or use ATMs widely available across the city.

Major credit cards like Visa and MasterCard are accepted at most restaurants, hotels, and stores, though smaller establishments may prefer cash. It's always good to carry some local currency for markets or smaller cafes.



## Transport In Tbilisi

There is a variety of transport options in Tbilisi. You can use both underground (metro) and on-ground transport, such as buses and minibuses.

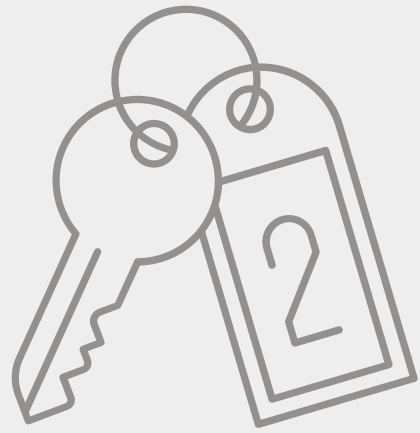
The prices are affordable—1 Georgian Lari for each route. You can pay using any international card, Apple Pay, or purchase a rechargeable card at the metro stations.

You can easily find the right transport using apps ([ttc.com.ge](http://ttc.com.ge); [moovitapp.com](http://moovitapp.com)), though Google Maps is also reliable.

Taxis, especially through the Bolt app, are another easy and affordable option.

Additionally, bikes and electric scooters are available for rent. You'll find several operators on the streets and can connect with them through their apps.

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



# Where To Stay?

Tbilisi offers a wide range of accommodation options, from budget-friendly apartments and guest houses to luxurious hotels. When making your reservation, it's important to consider the proximity to the main venue – **The University of Georgia (77a M. Kostava Street, Tbilisi, Georgia).**

For convenience, we recommend staying in nearby districts such as **Saburtalo, Vake, Vera, Didube-Chugureti, or Mtatsminda**. These areas are considered central and offer easy access to the venue. Please note that accommodation prices in these districts may be higher, but staying within these areas will provide greater flexibility and ensure you can arrive on time for the tournament.

You can easily find suitable options on platforms like Booking.com or Airbnb. If you need any advice or assistance in selecting the best accommodation, the **Georgian team is more than happy to provide recommendations and assist with bookings to ensure a perfect stay.**



## ROOMS HOTEL

### Hotels, hostel with Special Rates

We are pleased to offer you exclusive accommodation options at select establishments in Tbilisi for March 4-8, 2025.

Enjoy your stay at renowned hotels & hostels such as:

- [Holiday Inn Tbilisi](#)
- [ROOMS Tbilisi](#)
- [Stamba Hotel](#)
- [Artizan](#)
- [Hostel Fabrika](#)

**PLEASE NOTE: Reach us on [inadvirtual@gmail.com](mailto:inadvirtual@gmail.com) if you decide to book any of them, so we will support you to get these special rates.**

Hotel	Room Type	Special Rate Single/Double
<a href="#"><u>Holiday Inn Tbilisi</u></a>	Standard King Room	65/80 USD
	Standard Twin Room	65/80 USD
<i>Negotiated Rates are provided for Single/Double occupancy rooms including breakfast; Rates are exclusive of VAT 18%.</i>		
<a href="#"><u>ROOMS Tbilisi</u></a>	Urban Queen	80/95 USD
	Garden View Twin/King	85/100 USD
	Signature King	110/125 USD
<i>Negotiated Rates are provided for Single/Double occupancy rooms including breakfast; Rates are exclusive of VAT 18%.</i>		
<a href="#"><u>Stamba Hotel</u></a>	Aviator Room	155/175 USD
	Aviator Signature Room	180/200 USD
	Terrace Room	155/175 USD
	Signature Terrace Room	180/200 USD
<i>Negotiated Rates are provided for Single/Double occupancy rooms including breakfast; Rates are exclusive of VAT 18%.</i>		
<a href="#"><u>Artizan Design Hotel</u></a>	Standard Room	70/80 USD
<i>Standard Room's rates are inclusive of VAT 18% and Breakfast .</i>		
<a href="#"><u>Fabrika Hostel</u></a>	Double Privete Room	50 USD
	Twin Privete Room	50 USD
	Twin Bunk Privete Room	49 USD
	6 Mixed Dormitory	66 USD
	4 Mixed Dormitory	44 USD
	3 Mixed Dormitory	36 USD

*All rates are quoted in US Dollars and Exclude 18% VAT and Breakfast fee; Dormitory rooms do not include bath towel fee.*



## WHAT TO SEE IN TBILISI

**Narikala Fortress** - Perched above the city, this ancient fortress offers breathtaking views that are hard to beat.

The walking path up to **Leghvtakhevi Waterfall** takes you through dramatic cliffs, where you'll find a small bridge and benches offering places to sit and soak in the view of the colorful old Tbilisi houses high overhead.

**The Dry Bridge** in Tbilisi is a must-visit for its vibrant flea market, offering vintage items and antiques.

**Meidani Bazaar** is the name of an underground shopping area just under the square. Every nook and cranny here has a story to tell. There is a large selection of Georgian wines at Meidan Bazaar, as well as Georgian clay wine dishware from which to drink it.

The **Tbilisi Funicular** is one of the city's most beloved and enduring landmarks. Opened in 1905, this beautiful mountain railway stands out as a symbol of the city.

## **GEORGIAN FOOD AND RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Food holds a significant place in Georgian society, with every meal serving as a unique opportunity to honor tradition and foster relationships.

Georgian cuisine, with its unique blend of history, traditions, and regional diversity, is a culinary journey like no other. Each dish, with its own story and significance, serves as a cultural bridge, connecting people to their roots and heritage.

Tbilisi, a city that never fails to surprise with its diverse culinary scene, offers a range of options from traditional Georgian dishes to international cuisines. Here's a list of options catering to different dietary preferences.



## RESTAURANTS SERVING TRADITIONAL GEORGIAN FOOD

**Shavi Lomi** – A cozy spot serving authentic Georgian cuisine with a modern twist.

**Barbarestan** - offers interesting Georgian food, borrowed from a unique recipe book of the 19th century Georgian princess (author and women's rights advocate) Barbare – Eristavi-Jorjadze.

**Chveni** - The Georgian kitchen and Asian menu served at cozy atmosphere of the multi-functional open space.

**Khedi** - Charming restaurant, known for its cozy atmosphere and dedication to traditional Georgian cuisine.

**Daphna** - Conveniently situated in a lively area of Tbilisi, Daphna is easily accessible and a popular choice among both locals and visitors. Daphna is famous with one of the most delicious Khinkali (Georgian dumplings) in the city.

**Alubali** - Alubali is a fantastic choice for anyone looking to experience authentic Georgian flavors in a cozy setting. With its commitment to traditional dishes, friendly atmosphere, and welcoming service, it offers a memorable dining experience that captures the essence of Georgian hospitality.





## VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

**Kiwi Vegan Cafe** – A popular spot for vegan and plant-based meals.

**Cafe Leila** – Offering vegetarian options in a beautiful, artistic space.

**Jekuna** - offers a variety of vegan-friendly options. The menu typically includes salads, vegetable-based dishes, and some breakfast items that cater to plant-based diets.

## INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

**Lolita** – A trendy spot for international dishes, perfect for brunch or dinner.

**Restaurant Napoli** – A modern pizza restaurant with a great selection of vegetarian pizzas.

**Argentinian Steakhouse by Gastronome** - It's a popular choice for meat lovers and anyone looking to enjoy a memorable dining experience in Tbilisi.

**Weller** - is serving food influenced by the rich cultures of Levant, Persia and North Africa.

**Ambrosiano** - This is the best place if you love good coffee and enjoy real Italian pizza.



## CAFES AND BARS

**Fabrika** – A hip, multifunctional space with cafes, bars, and shops.

**Rooms Hotel Bar** – An upscale, stylish bar with excellent cocktails.

**Linville** - Authentic vintage interior in a cozy old Georgian home with live jazz music, a delicious Georgian traditional kitchen and European menu.

**Café Littera** - serves delectable ‘Nouveau Georgian’ dishes in the rear garden of the Georgian Writers’ Union building.

**Amo rame Art Cafe** - is a vibrant and artistic space in Tbilisi that combines a café, gallery, and creative hub.

**Bazari Orbeliani** - This is a new space, which implies a new concept of restoring the historical market that existed in the historic part of Tbilisi since 1886.

# The University of Georgia

Located in Tbilisi, Georgia, the University of Georgia (UG) is one of the largest private universities in the country, with local and more than 5000 international students. The University has accredited programs on three levels of higher education (Bachelor, Master and PhD) in English and Georgian languages.

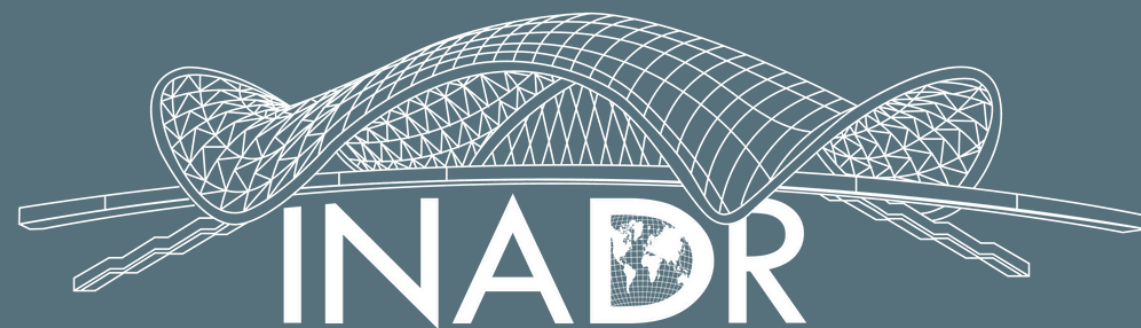
According to the latest university rankings published by the international organization – Webometrics, which ranks universities worldwide according to scientific research and scientific activity on the web, the University of Georgia is the highest-ranking private university in Georgia. Moreover, it is in the top 7 of the regional educational institutions.

UG is distinguished by the disciplined educational process and modern infrastructure, enabling its students to acquire quality education and practical skills. For this reason, graduates of the University of Georgia always benefit from superior employment prospects.

Offering thought provoking and diverse set of disciplines, UG is the place where knowledge is created and acquired. The academic personnel of the University are staffed with highly qualified, well-experienced and creative professionals dedicated to teaching creatively and with enthusiasm, helping raise young professionals with demonstrated commitment to the public.

UG is proud of its diverse community with cross cultural awareness. Its multicultural environment shapes intelligent, educated individuals with human values capable to meet modern challenges. The objective of the University of Georgia, being one of the leading universities, is to encourage the personal development of each student and mold her/him as a highly qualifies professional.





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# AGENDA

<b>Day 1 – 4 March (Tuesday)</b>	
12:30 - 13:00	Registration
13:00 - 18:00	Conference
<b>Day 2 – 5 March (Wednesday)</b>	
14:00 – 15:00	Registration
15:00 – 18:00	Training Sessions
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome Event
<b>Day 3 – 6 March (Thursday)</b>	
12:00 – 13:00	Registration
13:00 – 14:00	Mandatory Orientation
14:00 – 17:30	Round I
19:00 – 22:00	Event for Professionals
<b>Day 4 – 7 March (Friday)</b>	
09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 13:30	Round II
13:30 – 14:30	Break
14:30 – 18:00	Round III
19:00 – 22:00	Social Event / Announcing Semi-finalists
<b>Day 5 – 8 March (Saturday)</b>	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 12:30	Semi-Finals
12:30 – 14:00	Break
14:00 – 14:30	Announcing Finalists
14:30 – 18:00	Finals
20:00 – 00:00	Gala Dinner/Award Ceremony

# **We hope this information has been helpful!**

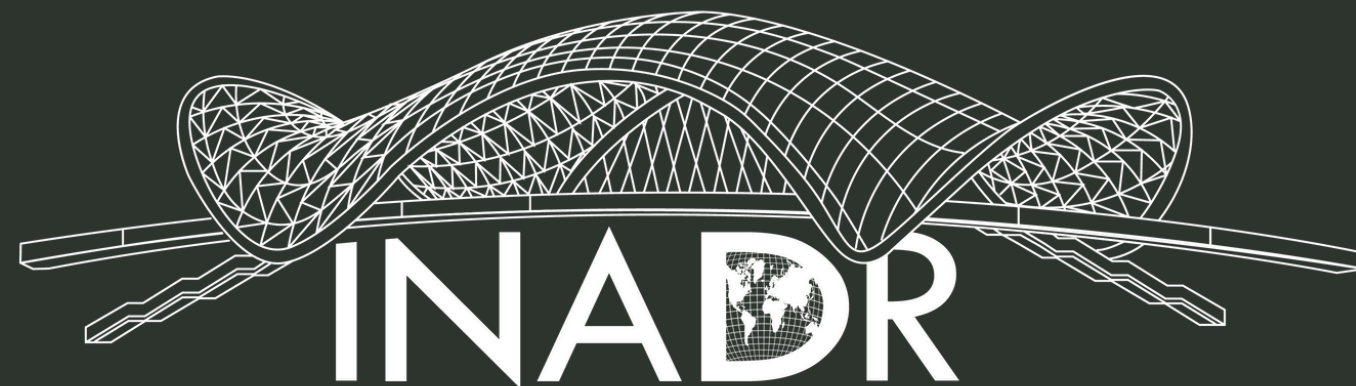
Please note that this guide will be regularly updated, and we'll provide you with additional offers, options, and tips to make your stay even better. Specifically, we will share more detailed information about the tournament venues.

**Additionally, the registration link for hotel discounts will be sent directly to the teams who have been accepted into the tournament, and other individuals joining ILSMT 2025.**

We look forward to welcoming you soon and ensuring that your experience in Tbilisi is unforgettable!

## Discover More of Tbilisi

This guide offers just a glimpse of what Tbilisi has to offer. We encourage you to explore further to fully experience the city's rich history, vibrant culture, and hidden gems.



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