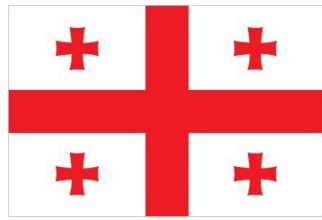


Georgia

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisor

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Georgia. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[995] (32) 227-70-00; US Embassy Tbilisi, 11 Georgian-American Friendship Avenue, Didi Dighomi, Tbilisi, 0131;

<https://ge.usembassy.gov/>; askconsultbilisi@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

995

Local Emergency Phone

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Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Georgia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Warm and pleasant; Mediterranean-like on the Black Sea coast

Currency (Code)

Laris (GEL)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

Georgian, Azeri, Armenian, Russian

Major Religions

Eastern Orthodox Christian, Muslim, Armenian Apostolic Christian, other, none

Time Difference

UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

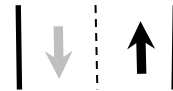
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Kakheti; Kutaisi; Lake Ritsa; Ananuri Castle; Tbilisi; Monastery of the Cross

Major Sports

Soccer, wrestling, rugby, weightlifting, basketball

Cultural Practices

Georgians have a tradition of hosting big dinners called supras, where a table is full of different dishes and people sit around it for hours. The leader of the supra, called the Tamada or the toastmaker, is in charge of keeping the audience at the table engaged. Supra revolves around many toasts, where a tamada talks for several minutes. Each toast has its own theme and the toastmaker must be very good at entertaining a crowd and holding his liquor.

Tipping Guidelines

Check to see if a 10% service charge has been applied to your bill. If not, leave a gratuity of around 10-15% of the bill. If you are staying at a higher-end hotel, tip the bellhop around 1-2 laris per bag and leave the maid at least 5 laris per day.

Souvenirs

Cloisonne jewelry and decorative items, silk clothing and accessories, woven carpets, felt items, religious icons, nesting dolls, wine and brandy

Traditional Cuisine

Khachapuri, Sulguni — cheese-filled, leavened, and baked bread topped with a cracked soft-boiled egg and butter just before serving

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