

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE

Caucasus University



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CAUCASUS UNIVERSITY

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WELCOME

TO CU FAMILY

Thank you for choosing us!

This guidebook includes practical information about the University, country, administrative steps, accommodation and transportation. We hope you find it useful.

We wish you a pleasant stay in Georgia and a very successful academic year!



Academic Calendar (2020-2021)**Year I - Bachelors**

Fall Semester: September 7- February

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Spring Semester: March 1 - July 31

Year II, III, IV - Bachelors

Fall Semester: August 31 - February 5

Spring Semester: March 1- July 31

School of Business: Masters Students

Fall Trimester: September 14 - December 26

Spring Trimester: January 11 - April 24

Summer Trimester: May 14 –August 8

Master Students : School of Media, School of Governance, School of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Medicine and Healthcare Management School, School of Technology

Fall Semester: September 21 - February 10

Spring Semester: March 1- July 9

School of Law: Masters/PhD Students

Fall Semester: September 21 - January 25

Spring Semester: February 15- June 15

Key Facts And Figures

Schools of Caucasus University:

- Caucasus School of Business
- Caucasus School of Law
- Caucasus School of Media
- Caucasus School of Technology
- Caucasus School of Governance
- Caucasus School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Caucasus Tourism School
- Caucasus Medicine and Healthcare Management School
- Caucasus School of Economics
- Caucasus School of **Education**

Educational Experience of CU:

- 22 Years

Membership:

- The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe
- Network of International Business and Economic Schools (NIBES)
- United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)
- International Association of University Presidents (IAUP)
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD)
- Central and Eastern European Management Development Association (CEEMAN)

Agreements, MoUs and Partnerships:

- Partnership with 155 Universities worldwide
- Erasmus+ ICM Projects with 50 Universities

Some Achievements of Caucasus University

- ✓ **IAUP Presidency** - The President of Caucasus University leads the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) 2017-2021 Presidency
- ✓ **Grenoble Program** - CU-Grenoble MBA program was ranked 53rd among the 100 best global programs for executive education by the Financial Times (Financial Times EMBA 2017 Ranking), a first for Georgian education, and called the highest riser of the year by the magazine. Moreover, CU-Grenoble MBA program took 28th place according to QS World University Rankings 2018. Furthermore, CSB is off-side campus of a Triple Crown (three international accreditation holder - AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA) University: Grenoble Ecole de Management (GEM));

- ✓ **Harvard Membership** - Caucasus School of Business is a member of the Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness at Harvard Business School. The Institute (Porter Institute) is world-renowned because of its course on “Microeconomics of Competitiveness”
- ✓ **Regional Supremacy** - Caucasus School of Business was rated the best in the Caucasus and was given 1st rank by Eduniversal in the years 2011-2017
- ✓ **International Recognition** - 8 CU MA/MBA programs named as one of the best globally by Eduniversal Masters Ranking in the years 2013-2017
- ✓ **Social Responsibility** - Being one of the few universities in the Caucasus developing responsible social management, CU has been a member of the PRME since 2008

15 Programs for International Students, Including:

- 8 Bachelor’s Degree Programs
- 3 Master’s Degree Programs
- 1 Dual MBA Program with Grenoble Ecole de Management
- 2 Doctoral Programs
- One-Cycle Medical Degree Program

Academic Staff, Lecturers and Students:

- 220 Academic Personnel and Researchers
- More than 600 Invited Lecturers
- More than 4000 Students

CU Students Employment Rate:

98%

Caucasus University Provides:

- Library
- Media Studio
- Training Center
- Startup Accelerator CIO
- Moot Court
- 10 Computer Labs
- Institute of Peace Studies
- Laboratory of histology/Clinical Skills
- Electronics laboratory
- Economics Research Center
- Georgian Employment Research Center
- Scientific-Research Center of Caucasus School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Scientific-Research Center of Caucasus School of Law

CAMPUS HISTORY AND LOCATION



This historical building, once a seminary that had been in possession of Caucasus University since 2005, was initially constructed in 1909. Before the relocation, reconstruction works were under way for several years to allow the preservation of unique culture and architecture. Consequently, all the parts of the seminary capable of being restored have been reconstructed.

The University has created a comfortable environment for the convenience of its students with a plethora of required modern facilities – start-up accelerator, media studio, peace study institute, modern library, literary café, sports field and professionally landscaped green territory.

Caucasus University is located in Tbilisi, on I Paata Saakadze street.

Simple Routes to Get to Campus

Route N1, by BUS:

From “Kote Marjanishvili” Square (Metro Marjanishvili area) By Bus N28.

Route N2, Walking on Foot:

From “Kote Marjanishvili” Square (Metro Marjanishvili area) to Caucasus University will take approximately 30 minutes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Caucasus University supports student with additional information regarding accommodations. Our friendly team is willing to support international students with additional information to find the safest and the cheapest dormitories. Generally, the cost of a room in a shared flat is approximately 100-150 Euro per person. (Month)

Please visit the links below to check:

- [Rentals](#)
- [Rentals](#)
- [Rentals/Housing](#)
- [Apartments](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Housing/Rentals](#)



Caucasus University is in agreement with one of the most prestigious and high quality hostels “FABRIKA”, which is located close by the Campus. Students, who will get enrolled at Caucasus University, will be granted extra discount by the hostel. “FABRIKA” is one of the safest and entertaining places, where students can stay the night, as well as spend memorable and amazing time at surrounded Bars and pubs.



Routes from Fabrika Hostel to Caucasus University Campus

Route N1, by BUS:

From “Graneli” Street N2 by Bus N28.

Route N2, Walking on Foot:

Through “Graneli” Street to Caucasus University, which will take approximately 17 minutes.

YOUR FIRST FEW DAYS

Subsequent to your registration at Caucasus University, you will get your personal CU e-mail login and password, with which you will be able to receive and see all the academic information including; schedules, syllabuses, information about exchange programs, news and etc... Right after your arrival, orientation days will be scheduled and you will have a chance to get along with the CU staff and meet students. Orientation days will be hosted by the international office and all the study managers will be at service of you to answer your academic questions.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visa

Students who want to study in Georgia have to apply for Student Visa. EU students can apply for Student visa at home country at the Embassy of Georgia or after arrival in the country. All the other citizens should visit the [link](#) and check individual requirements or contact Strategic Development and International Relations office at Caucasus University. Please keep in mind, that prior to visa application process, student should get enrolled in the university and get final acceptance letter. Afterwards, student becomes eligible for traveling to Georgia for studying purposes.

Please see the following links to get additional information about visa requirements:

- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia](#)
- [Consular Department](#)
- [Electronic Visa Portal](#)

LINKS FOR ONLINE VISA PORTALS:



[Students from India:](#)



[Students from China:](#)



[Students from Iran:](#)



[Students from Bangladesh:](#)



[Students from Gambia:](#)



[Students from Egypt:](#)



[Students from Netherlands:](#)



[Students from Austria:](#)



[Students from Estonia:](#)



[Students from Lithuania:](#)



[Students from Latvia:](#)



RESIDENCE PERMIT

Only for Degree Students

In order to stay in Georgia for a long period of time and study, foreign students need a valid residence permit. Subsequent to your arrival, you will have to apply for residence permission within the *first three months of your stay*.

You need to submit the below listed documents to the Justice house.

- Passport copy (Notarized and translated into Georgian language)
- Admission letter from CU
- Statement of financial support (Minimum 3 800 Georgian GEL on deposit in one of the Georgian banks)
- 1 photo (You will take it in Justice House)
- Application form (You will fill it in Justice House)

Fees for application of Residence Permission:

- 210 GEL - Feedback in 1 month
- 330 GEL - Feedback in 20 days
- 410 GEL - Feedback in 10 days

TRAVELING OPTIONS

There are several airports in Georgia. However, the largest one is Tbilisi International Airport, which serves travelers to Tbilisi. Moreover, there are 2 different airports located in Batumi and Kutaisi, with which country provides domestic and International flights.

Tbilisi International Airport is not too far from the downtown. Guests are able to choose various routes to arrive at the heart of the city. From Tbilisi International Airport students can get to the city center by train, taxi, or bus N37. It takes round about 35 minutes to get to the center. ([Online Schedules](#))



Cost of Travelling from Batumi to Tbilisi

Distance from Batumi International Airport to Tbilisi – 379 KM

Tickets - BUS - 25 GEL; Tickets - Train - 20 GEL

Cost of Travelling from Kutaisi to Tbilisi

Distance from Kutaisi International Airport to Tbilisi – 255 KM

Tickets - BUS – 20 GEL; Tickets - Train - 9 GEL

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE:

- [Georgia Ticket Portal](#)
- [Azerbaijan Airlines](#)
- [Lufthansa Airlines](#)
- [Fly Pegasus](#)
- [Air Arabia Airlines](#)
- [Wizzair Airlines](#)
- [Turkish Airlines](#)
- [Fly Emirates](#)
- [Royal Dutch Airlines](#)
- [Ukrainian Airlines](#)
- [Edreams Tickets](#)
- [Polish Airlines](#)
- [Qatar Airlines](#)

Approximate Amount for Meal and Drink

- Water (1.5L): 1 GEL
- Coke/Pepsi (0.5L): 1.20 GEL
- Imported Beer (0.5 L): 2.1-3.5 GEL
- Cappuccino (Regular): 3.5 GEL
- Chicken Breast (1 kg): 8 GEL
- Domestic Beer (1L): 1.90-4 GEL
- Local Meat: (1 kg): 10 GEL
- Meal at Restaurant: 20 GEL (per person)
- Local Cheese: 8 GEL

Transportation Costs:

- Bus one way ticket: 0.5 GEL
- Taxi from 3 GEL/ KM: 0.5 GEL
- Railway tickets from: 20 GEL
- Metro one way ticket: 0.5 GEL
- Monthly Pass: 30 GEL
- Gasoline: 2.31-2.5 GEL

Monthly Utilities:

- Internet From: 28 GEL
- Electricity, Garbage, Heat, Water (estimation) | 40-150 GEL

Sport and Entertainment

- Billiard (1 Hour) – 10 GEL
- Tennis Court (1 Hour) 28 GEL
- Cinema Seat: 12 -20 GEL
- Fitness Clubs (monthly): 40-100 GEL
- Swimming Pools From: 158-350 GEL
- Opera Tickets: 35-40 GEL
- Rugby/Basketball Ticket: 5-15 GEL

BUDGETING

HEALTH & INSURANCE

112 is the Emergency and Operative Response Center that receives emergency calls from all over Georgia via unified emergency number - 1-1-2 during 24-hours and 7 days per week. The 112 Operator, regardless the call type, receives, processes and analyses incoming calls and transfers them to the relevant services. These services are: Police Fire/Rescue Ambulance



LIST OF HOSPITALS

HOSPITAL:	ADDRESS:
Scientific-Research Institute of Clinical Medicine - Fridon Todua Medical Center, Ltd	Didube-Chugureti District, Tevdore Mgvdeli str. 13, Tbilisi, 0112 Tel: (+995 32) 234 81 19 WEB PAGE
Neolab LTD.	47 Tashkenti St, Tbilisi Tel: (+995 32) 239 28 96
Center for Mental Health and Prevention of Drug Abuse	21A Kavtaradze, Tbilisi, 0186
National Center of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases	50 Maruashvili St., Tbilisi, 0101 Tel: (+995 32)29 10 25
The National Center for Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases (Otorhinolaryngology), Djaparidze-Kevanishvili's Clinic	13, Tevdore Mghvdeli str., Tbilisi, 0112 Tel: (995 32) 234 59 55
K. Eristavi National Center of Experimental and Clinical Surgery	N5 Chachava str., Digomi Tbilisi, 0159 Tel: (+995 32) 202 25 25
Tbilisi Oncological Dispensary, Ltd	Didube-Chugureti District, Lubliana str, Tbilisi, 0159, Tel: (+995 32) 236 44 85 WEB PAGE
Davit Tatishvili Medical Center	20 Tengiz Abuladze St, Tbilisi, 0162 Tel: (+995 32) 291 31 19
“Curatio”, LTD.	Sulkhan Tsintsadze Street 16, Tbilisi, 0160 Tel: (+995 32) 243 01 01 WEB PAGE

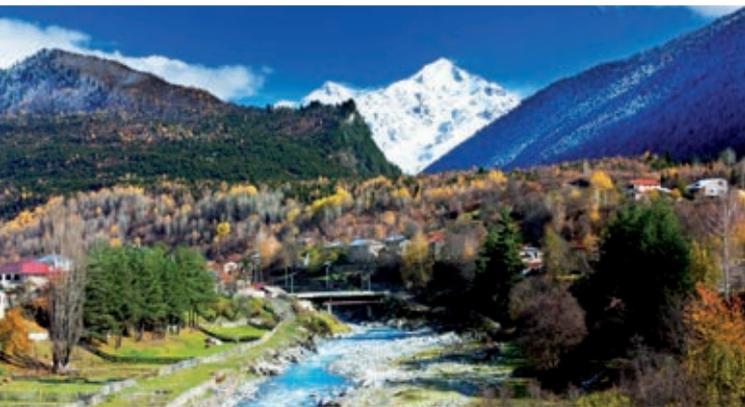
“Critical Care Medicine Institute”	Chachava Street 1, Tbilisi, 0159 Tel: (+995 32) 251 67 21 WEB PAGE
Tbilisi Heart Center	83/11 Vazha-Fshavela Ave, Tbilisi, 0186 Tel: (+995 32) 250 81 06 WEB PAGE
Central Republican Hospital	29a Vazha-Pshavela Ave. Tbilisi, 0160 Tel: (+995 32) 224 40 33
Universal Medical Center	Vake-Saburtalo District, Lisi Lake Surrounding, 4, Tbilisi, 0177 Tel: (+995 32) 250 01 03 WEB PAGE
Clinic “Open Heart	Temka, XI M/D, Q. 1, Tbilisi Tel: (+995 32) 260 18 14
Medical Center Inova	Z. Anjaparidze turn, N6, 0179 Tel: (+995 32) 223 22 32
Children’s Infectious Diseases Hospital, LTD	14 Chikovani street, Tbilisi, 0171 Tel: (+995 32) 322 36 34 65
Scientific/Research Institute of Dermatology and Venerology	E. Ninoshvili St. 55, Tbilisi, 0112 Tel: (+995 32) 295 02 21
Clinic Enmedic	9 Tsinandali St, Tbilisi 0149 Tel: (+995 32) 277 40 00
MMT Hospital	Lubliana N5, Tbilisi, 0159 Tel: (+995 32) 223 40 23
Unimed Kakheti, Children’s New Clinic	40 Vazha Pshavela Ave. Tbilisi, 0177 Tel: (+995 32) 255 05 05
LTD New Hospitals	12 Krtsanisi Street, Tbilisi, 0114 Tel: (+995 32) 219 01 90

WHY GEORGIA?

Once you have been accepted as an international student at Caucasus University, you will need some additional information and quick facts about the place you are coming to.

Georgia is located at the crossroad of Europe and Asia. It lays at the eastern end of the Black Sea, with Turkey and Armenia to the south, Azerbaijan to the east, and Russia to the north, over the Caucasus Mountains.

Georgia has a unique and ancient cultural heritage, and is famed for its traditions of hospitality and cuisine. The capital and largest city is Tbilisi. The main sights of the city are clustered in the Old Tbilisi district, which is placed on the right side of river "Mtkvari". This area is well-known and attractive for its sulfur bathhouses fed by natural hot springs. Nearby, on Shardeni Street you will find plenty of modern, popular restaurants, open air café-bars, contemporary and entertaining night clubs or art galleries. On the left side of river you can experience amazing lounge bars on street Agmashenebeli. It is one of the attractive and popular avenues in the historical part of Tbilisi. The street is known for its 19th-century classical architecture.





QUICK FACTS ABOUT GEORGIA

Capital – Tbilisi

Government - Unitary semi-presidential republic

Currency - Georgian LARI (GEL)

Area - 69,700km²

Population - 3,723 Million

Official Language – Georgian

Religion - Georgian Orthodox 83.9%, Roman Catholic 1.2%, Muslim 9.9%, other 0.8%, none 0.7%.

Country code - +995

Time Zone - UTC +4

Business Freedom Index: 86.9

Labor Freedom Index: 77.3

Investment Freedom Index: 80

Overall Score of Country: 76.2

Ranking: 16th (Source: Heritage.org)

GEORGIA, ONE OF THE SAFEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD!

Safety index: 79.78

Level of Crime: 16.67

Worries home broken and things stolen: 18.63

Worries Being Mugged or Robbed: 15.76

Worries Car Stolen: 11.29

Worries Attacked /insulted: 19.39/19.9



FUNICULAR

Address: Mtatsminda Plateau,
0114, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Web Page: [Click Here](#)



BARBARESTAN

Address: D. Aghmashenebeli Ave. 132,
0112, Tbilisi, Georgia

Web Page: [Click Here](#)



UMAMI ASIAN FUSION RESTAURANT

Address: Rose Revolution Sq. 1,
1080, Tbilisi, Georgia

Web Page: [Click Here](#)



LA BOHEME

Address: 34-36 Irakli Abashidze Street,
0179, Tbilisi, Georgia

Web Page: [Click Here](#)



8000 VINTAGES

Address: Tsintsadze sulghanis k. 26,
0160, Tbilisi, Georgia

Web Page: [Click Here](#)



LOUNGE BARS & NIGHT CLUBS

BASSIANI

Address: 2, Akaki Tsereteli Ave. Tbilisi

Web Page: [Click Here](#)



Y.O.L.O LOUNGE

Address: Right side of River Mtkvari,
Next to the bridge "Galaktioni", Tbilisi



TIFFANY BAR & TERRACE

Address: Brose Street turn, Right side of Riv. Mtkvari, Tbilisi

Web Page: [Click Here](#)



CLUB "NINE"

Address: Europe Square, Tbilisi



CLUB "SAFE"

Address: 11 Rkinis Rigi (2.24 mi) Tbilisi, Georgia 0105



TBILISI SIGHTSEEING

NARIKALA

Also called the Mother Fortress of Tbilisi. The fortress was established in the 4th century, around the period when the city itself was founded. The name Narikala is said to derive from a Persian word for citadel, but another theory says was the name that Mongols used, meaning "little fortress". King David Builder extended the fortress in 11th century.

Address:

Narikala Hill, Tbilisi, Georgia



HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF TBILISI

Built in year 2004, the Holy Trinity Tsminda Sameba Cathedral is also called the symbol of new Georgia. The beauty and sizes of cathedral are indeed breathtaking. Sameba is the highest church in Georgia. It is 101m high. The cathedral is part of the entire complex including residence of the Patriarch and a monastery, school of theology and academy, hotel and the complex consisting of nine chapels, five of which are located under the ground.

Address:

Elia Hill, Tbilisi, Georgia



SIONI CATHEDRAL

in Tbilisi was originally built in the 6th and 7th centuries but was subsequently destroyed by foreign invaders and reconstructed several times. The current church is based on a 13th-century version. Named after Mount Zion at Jerusalem, it is commonly known as the "Tbilisi Sioni".

Address:

3 Sioni Street, Tbilisi, Georgia



MTATSMINDA PARK

also known as Bombora Park is a place above Tbilisi. Mtatsminda Park is a place where you can hang out with your friends or family. You can see the amazing view of Tbilisi from the park. There are drop down ball, horror house, small carousels, small cars to drive, falling into the water with boats, shooting games and many entertaining things.

Address:

Tbilisi, Georgia



TBILISI SIGHTSEEING



THE BRIDGE OF PEACE

Relatively newly constructed. It is a pedestrian glass and steel bridge in a bow-shaped design that sits over the Mtkvari (Kura) river in Georgian capital. It was officially opened in May 2010. The bridge was brought to Georgia from Italy in 200 unassembled components. The bridge is 156 meters long and has more than 10 000 LED bulbs built-in, that are switched on daily 90 minutes before the sunset

Address:

Near Shardeni Street, Tbilisi, Georgia



ABANOTUBANI

Abanotubani ("bath district") is the ancient district of Tbilisi, Georgia, known for its sulphuric baths. Located at the eastern bank of the Mtkvari River at the foot of Narikala fort across Metekhisubani, Abanotubani is an important historic part of the city: it is where according to a legend the King of Iberia, Vakhtang Gorgasali's falcon fell, leading to a discovery of the hot springs and, subsequently, to founding of a new capital.

Address:

Tbilisi, Georgia



THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

Even though entry to the place is not permitted, the Presidential Palace's architecture casts its spells even from a distance. The parliament was formed in 1991 and is accommodated in the building of Imperial gendarmerie. The architecture is enhanced by 100 windows, verandas and a glass dome. The gorgeous entrance itself is impressive while the elegant structure of the building is perfect for a short pit-stop when sightseeing around Tbilisi.

Address:

1 Malkhaz Abdushelishvili St, Tbilisi, Georgia



NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN OF GEORGIA

Its history spans more than three centuries. It was first described, in 1671, by the French traveler Jean Chardin as royal gardens which might have been founded at least in 1625 and were variably referred to as "fortress gardens" or "Seidabad gardens" later in history. The gardens appear in the records by Joseph Pitton de Tournefort (1701) and on the Tbilisi map composed by Prince Vakhushti (1735). Pillaged in the Persian invasion of 1795, the garden was revived in the early 19th century and officially established as the Tiflis Botanical Garden in 1845.

TBILISI SIGHTSEEING

TURTLE LAKE

Turtle Lake is a direct English translation of Kus Tba, a small lake at the outskirts of Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, so named due to the perceived abundance of turtles living in these places. The Turtle Lake area is designed as a recreational zone. It is also a place where festivals and concerts are held. It can be reached either via a road or an aerial tramway leading from Tbilisi's Vake Municipality.



LISI LAKE

Lisi Lake is a small lake in the vicinity of Tbilisi, Georgia; belongs to the Kura River valley, home to a large mixed-use development project by the same name. The landscape is rocky and arid with shrub vegetation and plots of steppe. The lake and surrounding area provide a habitat for variety of different species of exotic birds. In addition to various avian species, the area around the lake provides shelter to a variety of animals such as turtles, foxes and hares.



VAKE PARK

Vake Park is a public park in Tbilisi. The park was opened in 1946 and is located in the Vake district of Tbilisi at the western end of Chavchavadze Avenue. World War II Memorial sits at the top of the hill in the park.



MUSEUMS

- Georgian National Museum - Address: 3/10 Shota Rustaveli
- Tbilisi History Museum – Address: 8 Sioni st, Tbilisi
- Tbilisi Open Air Museum of Ethnography – Address: Turtle Lake Street, Tbilisi
- Art Museum of Georgia – Address: 2/4 Aleksandr Pushkini st, Tbilisi
- Silk Museum – Address: 6 Giorgi Tsabidze st, Tbilisi
- Moma Tbilisi: Address: Kvali Street, Tbilisi

[FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)



TBILISI MALL

Address:

16th km Davit Aghmashenebeli Ave, Tbilisi 0131

[WEB PAGE](#)



GALLERIA TBILISI

Address:

2/4 Shota Rustaveli Ave, Tbilisi, 0198

[WEB PAGE](#)



EAST POINT

Address:

2 Aleksandre Tvalchrelidze St, Tbilisi 0182

[WEB PAGE](#)

SHOPPING MALLS

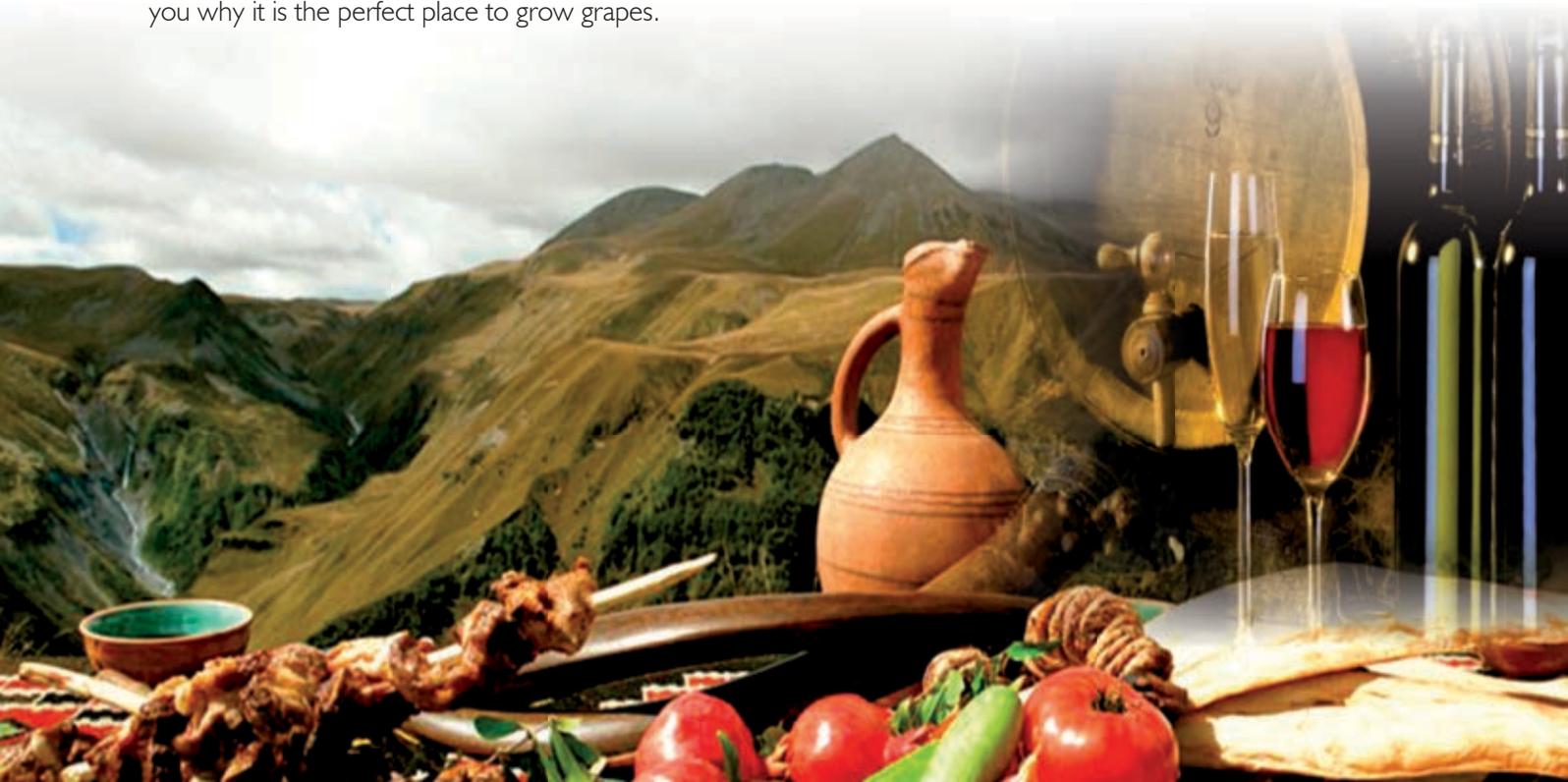
BREATHTAKING GEORGIAN NATURE

Nature in Georgia is very diverse. To the north, around places like Kazbegi or Mestia, you have the mighty Caucasus Mountains with their snow-capped peaks. Around Kutaisi you will find forests and canyons, along with therapeutic spring water in Borjomi. Let's not forget districts of Kakheti, which are notable for local Georgian wine and barbecue. Each season is magical in Georgia with its peculiarities and special places. Whether you visit our ancient cave cities, marvel at the highest settlements in Europe or experience the sights and sounds of our amazing theatre, food, arts, wine and music, Georgia will capture a place in your heart forever.



FOOD AND WINE

Nothing tells you more about the spirit and culture of a country than its native food and wine. And Georgia's food and wine is amongst the best in the world. It may surprise you to know that Georgia has the oldest continuous unbroken tradition of wine making in the world, stretching back over 8,000 years and today, there are more than 500 indigenous grape varieties still cultivated here. A quick look at its geographical position and its landscape shows you why it is the perfect place to grow grapes.



BLACK SEA SIGHT, CITY: BATUMI

The modern and sunny Batumi is a Georgian southern city and a black sea resort with high-class luxury hotels. The city is located on the Black Sea coast and is surrounded by exotic subtropical flora. Batumi is built in a natural Black Sea bay. The city is not only important seaport. Besides, it is also one of the most attractive to tourists. The architecture of Batumi is the combination of European and Asian styles. Buildings with elements of Georgian, Turkish, Imperial Russian, Soviet, English, French and colonial architectures are very impressive. One of the most crowded places in the city is Batumi's boulevard which represents symbol Batumi.

