## Georgia

### **Travel Facts**

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#### **US State Dept Travel Advisor**

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

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



For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. 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



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#### Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page. <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html</a>

#### 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

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#### **Tourist Destinations**

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

#### **Major Sports**

Soccer, wrestling, rugby, weightlifting, basketball

#### **Cultural Practices**

Georgian's 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 it's 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 bell hop 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, feltitems, 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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