

ENQA Members' Forum 2023 Tbilisi, Georgia

19-21 April, 2023

Social Activities and Practical Information

Venue



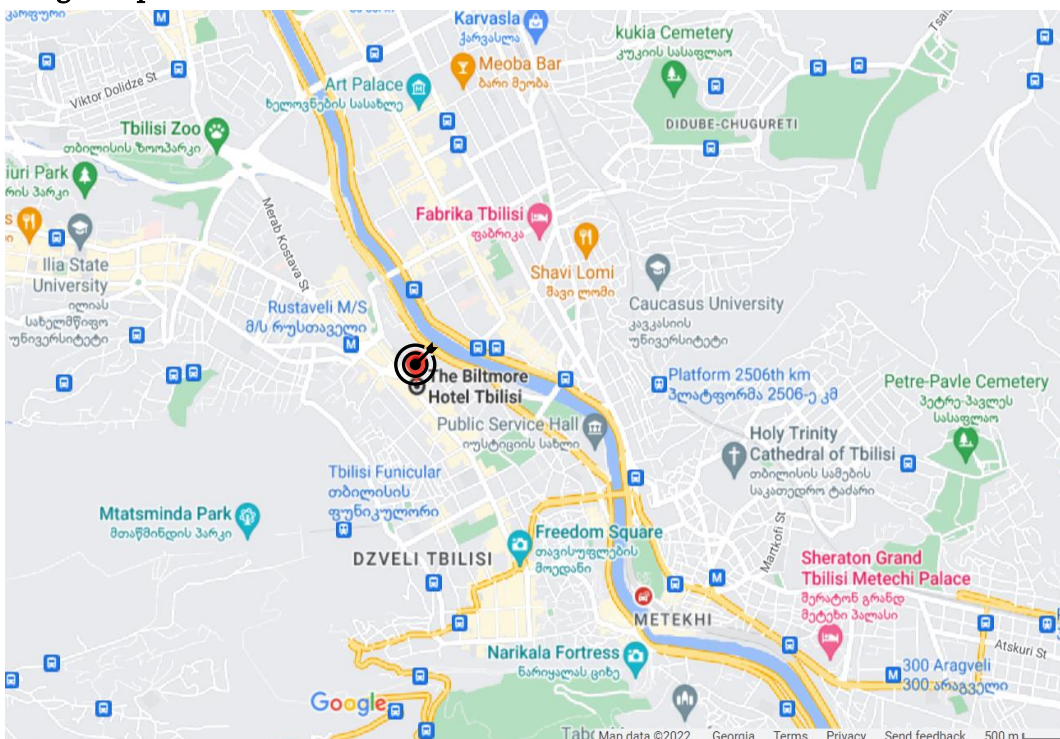
ENQA Members' Forum 2023 will take place at **The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel**, Tbilisi, Georgia;

Website: <http://the-biltmore.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>

Address: 29, Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia;

Closest bus-stop: 25, Rustaveli Street – Next to the Opera House (200 m). The following transit lines have routes that pass near The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel, Tbilisi City: Bus number 301, 306, 308, 314; Underground: M1 (Rustaveli M/S); Distance from Rustaveli M/S to The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel - 450 m.

Google map location:





At the venue

Internet:

Free Wi-Fi is available at venue. Choose “Biltmore” (No password is required);

Photography:

Please, note that photos will be taken during the event and may be used for publications and websites, both by the ENQA and the NCEQE.

Moving around Tbilisi - Transport

Transfer from the airport

Bus

The **municipal bus stop** is located in front of the **Tbilisi International Airport** arrival hall and provides passenger transportation on route №337 - Airport - Tbilisi city center - Airport. The fare can be paid by bank card. The cost is 1.50 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.53€).

Bus timetable: 06:59 | 22:59

Route Scheme from Airport: Kakheti Highway - Black Sea Str. - Queen Ketevan Ave. - Baratashvili Str. - Rustaveli Ave. - Kostava Str. - Queen Tamara Ave. - Station Square.

Route Scheme from Station Square to Airport: Queen Tamara Ave. - Heroe's Square - Meliqishvili Ave. - Rustaveli Ave. - Freedom square - Baratashvili Str. - Queen Ketevan Ave. - Black Sea Str. - Kakheti Highway - Airport.

For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yckj5y4t>

Taxi from the Airport

Airport Taxi

Taxi service at Tbilisi International Airport is available outside the terminal, just at the curbside of the Arrival Hall and provides 24-hour service to the passengers. The journey time to the city center takes 20-30 minutes and it depends on traffic. Taxi fee ranges from 40 to 60 GEL (equivalent of approximately 14-21€).

For more information please, visit: <https://www.tbilisiairport.com/en-en/passenger-guide/to-from-the-airport/page/taxi>

Taxi Company Bolt - Recommended Company

When moving around the city, we recommend taxi company “Bolt”. You can use the “Bolt” application. Cost varies by price and location. For instance, from airport to The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel the cost is approximately 25 Gel (equivalent of approximately 8.70€).

Public Transport

Public transport is provided by Tbilisi Transport Company - TTC. You can travel with TTC by bus or Minibus.

Transport card “Metro Money” is a universal mean for payment in municipal transport (Tbilisi underground, Tbilisi bus, Tbilisi microbus) and ropeways. Purchase of “Metro Money” card is possible to any payment office of underground stations and ropeways. The cost of a card is 2 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.70€). One-way trip for municipal transport (Tbilisi underground, Tbilisi bus, Tbilisi Microbus) costs 1 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.35€) (for the first-time travel) and for next hour and a half travelling by bus, underground and microbus, or during changing the other transport is free of charge.

To make deposit on card is possible:

- In any underground station;
- Self-service terminals of “Bank of Georgia”.

Besides, the **transit pass** is usable for travelling. It can be purchased at “Metro Service Plus” box offices and “Bank of Georgia” express service centers. The cost of the card is 2 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.70€). The transit pass packages are:

- 1 day – 3 Gel (equivalent of approximately 1.05€);
- 1 week – 20 Gel (equivalent of approximately 7€);
- 1 month – 40 Gel (equivalent of approximately 14€).

The daily limit of using the transit pass is 20 passes.

In the Tbilisi municipal transport, it is possible to pay with the bank card. When using bank card of foreign countries, cost of a one-way trip for municipal transport is 1.5 Gel (equivalent of approximately 0.53€).

Payment in transport is also possible with Apple Pay. For more information please download mobile application: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.azry.wandio.ttc.android&hl=en&gl=US>

Social Program

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

13:30 - 14:30 - Guided tour at Georgian National Museum (https://museum.ge/?lang_id=ENG);

- Meeting point - in front of Georgian National Museum; Distance from the recommended hotels to Georgian National Museum - less than 1 km;
- Address: 3, A. Purtseladze Street, Tbilisi 0105, Georgia; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/mr274ccc>

The history of the museum begins on May 10, 1852.

In 1867, the museum organized the first exhibition and took an active part in the work of the World Congress of Archaeologists held in 1881.

With the creation of the National Museum at the end of 2004, overcoming of the post-Soviet crisis of museums begins. The reform has started, which envisaged the improvement of the conditions of protection and exposition of the museum collections and the creation of a modern type of museum.

The Museum stores unique material of the history of nature and mankind: animal remains dating back 40 million years, rich archeological and ethnographic collections of the Paleolithic, Neolithic, Bronze, Metal Ages and the Middle Ages. In the museum you can see permanent and temporary exhibitions.



Photos: Georgian National Museum

14:30 - 15:00 - Introduction of the Georgian QA system at the Georgian National Museum;

15.00 – 17.00 - Old Town Tbilisi tour

- 15:00 - 15:30 - Moving by bus to Old Town Tbilisi for City sightseeing tour;
- 15:00 - Meeting point in front of Georgian National Museum (https://museum.ge/?lang_id=ENG);
- Address: 3, A. Purtseladze Street, Tbilisi 0105, Georgia; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/mr274ccc>
- 15:30 - For those joining only for the Old Town City tour, the meeting point is at Old Town Tbilisi - Europe Square; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/jncmuzyb>

- 15:30 - 16:30 - Old Town Tbilisi - City sightseeing tour; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/2jbnh34a>



Photos: Old Town Tbilisi

- 16:30 - 17:00 - Moving by bus to the Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel (<http://the-biltmore.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>);
- 16:30 - Meeting point at Europe Square; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/jncmuzyb>

18.30 – 22.30 - Dinner

- 18:30 - Meeting point in front of the Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel (<http://the-biltmore.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>); Address: 29, Rustaveli Avenue, Mtatsminda, 0108 Tbilisi City, Georgia; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/3fkc2hyj>
- 18:30 - 19:00 - Moving by bus to the restaurant Metekhis Chrdili (the shadow of Metekhi) for dinner in Tbilisi; Address: 29 Ketevan Tsamebuli Ave, Tbilisi; Google map location: <shorturl.at/swIKQ>
- 19:00 - 22:00 - Dinner - Introducing the Georgian cuisine, wine, dance and music at restaurant Metekhis Chrdili; Address: 29 Ketevan Tsamebuli Ave, Tbilisi; Google map location: <shorturl.at/swIKQ>
- 22:00 - 22:30 - Moving by bus from the restaurant to the relevant hotels.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

19.00 – 22.30 – Dinner

- 19:00 - Meeting point in front of the Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel (<http://the-biltmore.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>); Address: 29, Rustaveli Avenue, Mtatsminda, 0108 Tbilisi City, Georgia; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/3fkc2hyj>
- 19:00 - 19:30 - Gala Dinner - Moving by bus to the restaurant Chateau De Vere;
- Address: 2 Tbilisi_Kojori Highway, Tbilisi; Google map location: <shorturl.at/jxyCD>
- 19:30 - 22:00 - GALA Dinner - Introducing the Georgian cuisine, wine, dance and music at Chateau De Vere; Address: 2 Tbilisi_Kojori Highway, Tbilisi; Google map location: <shorturl.at/jxyCD>
- 22:00 - 22:30 - Moving by bus from the restaurant Chateau De Vere to the relevant hotels.

Friday, April 21, 2023

16.00 – 21.30 - City tour of Mtskheta (old capital of Georgia) and dinner

- 16:00 - Meeting point in front of the Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel (<http://the-biltmore.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>); Address: 29 Rustaveli Avenue, Mtatsminda, 0108 Tbilisi City, Georgia; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/3fkc2hyj>
- 16:00 - 17:00 - Moving by bus to city Mtskheta (https://georgia.travel/en_US/mtskheta-mtianeti/mtskheta); Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/3xu7xnep>
- 17:00 - 18:00 - Old City Mtskheta Tour; Google map location: <https://tinyurl.com/3xu7xnep>
- 18:00 - 20:30 - Dinner - Introducing the Georgian cuisine, wine at restaurant Old Armazi Mtskheta; Google map location: <https://bit.ly/3UHyhVX>
- 20:30 - 21:30 - Moving by bus from the restaurant Old Armazi Mtskheta to the relevant hotels.

The territory of Mtskheta was inhabited in the Early and Middle Bronze Age (III-II millennium BC). Since the end of the 4th century BC, Mtskheta has been the political center of the newly formed Kingdom of Kartli (Iberia) for eight hundred years until the end of the 5th century. After the transfer of the capital to Tbilisi, it becomes a cultural and religious center. Historical monuments of Mtskheta are included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List.



Photo: Mtskheta

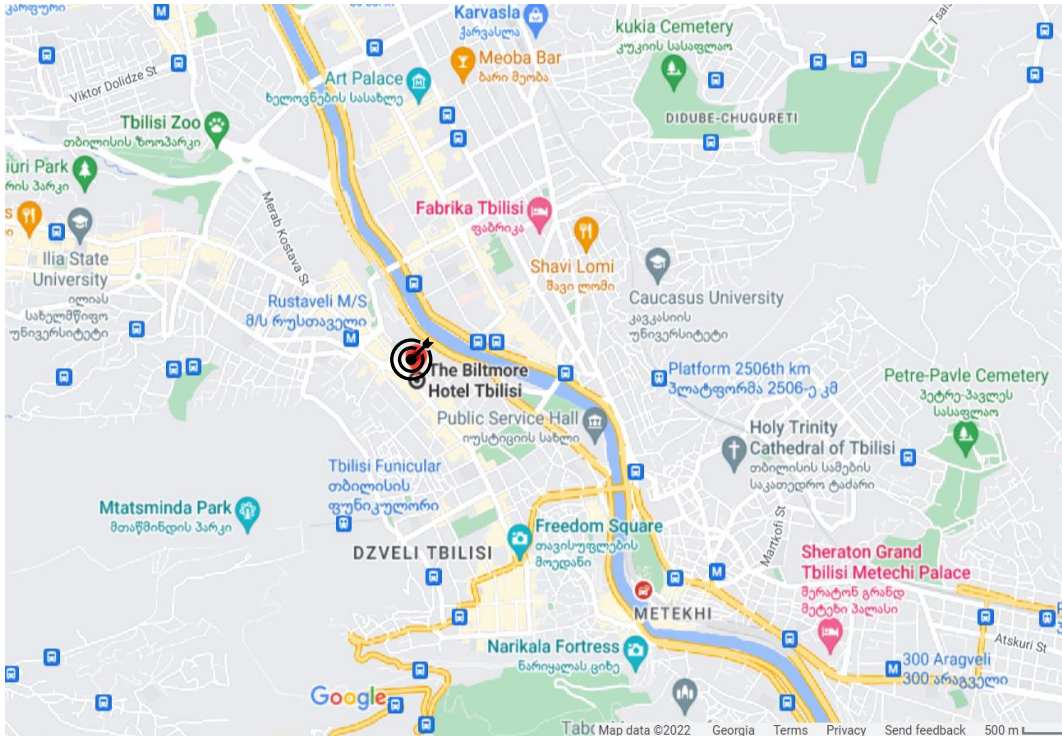
Recommended Hotels

1. The Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel (also the event venue)

Hotel Stars: *****

Address: 29, Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia

Link of the Hotel: <http://the-biltmore.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>



Hotel rates for the **ENQA Members' Forum 2023** participants for the period 17-22.04.2023, **valid until 15.03.2023:**

✓ Single room including breakfast and VAT 18%, per day - \$130

All delegates who wish to book a room at this hotel at the indicated price should contact the hotel sales representative via email (Lana.melkadze@biltmorecollection.com), by mentioning group code – “**ENQA Forum 2023**” no later than on 15 March 2023 (30 single rooms have been blocked for the Forum participants until that day).

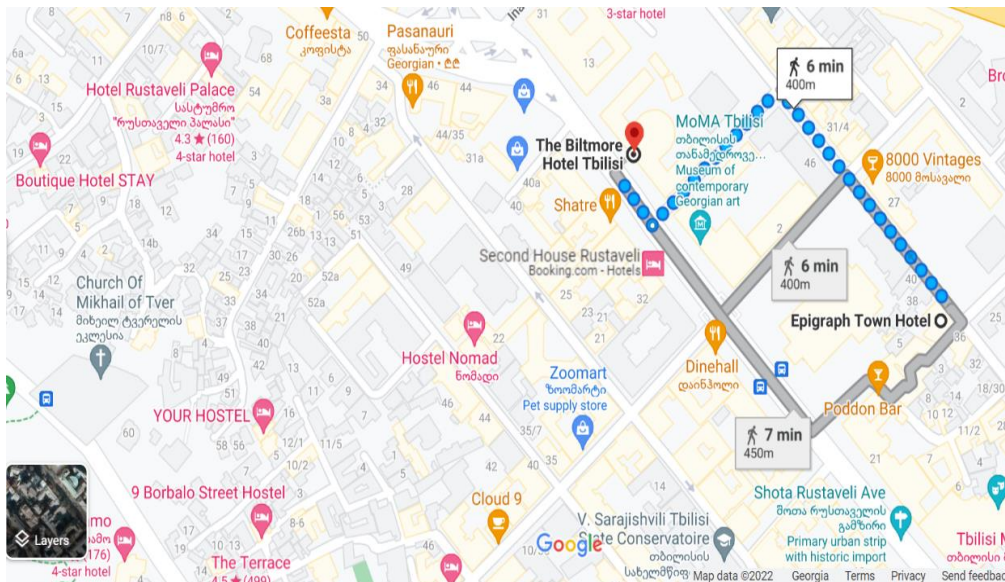
2. Epigraph Town Hotel

Hotel Stars: ****

Address: 38a, R. Tabukashvili st., Tbilisi, Georgia

Link of the Hotel: www.epigraph.ge

Distance from the hotel to the Biltmore hotel, where the ENQA Members' Forum 2023 will be held - 400 meters (6 minutes' walk).



Hotel rates for the **ENQA Members' Forum 2023** participants for the period 18-22.04.2023, **valid until 15.03.2023:**

✓ Single room including breakfast and VAT 18%, per day - \$50

All delegates who wish to book a room at this hotel at the indicated price should contact the hotel sales representative via email (info@epigraph.ge), by mentioning group code – “**ENQA Forum 2023**” no later than on 15 March 2023 (15 single rooms have been blocked for the Forum participants until that day).

3. Citrus Hotel Tbilisi

Hotel Stars: ****

Address: 3, 9 April st., Tbilisi, Georgia

Link of the Hotel: <http://citrus.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>

Distance from hotel to the Biltmore hotel, where the ENQA Members' Forum 2023 will be held - 900 meters (12 minutes' walk).



Hotel rates for the **ENQA Members' Forum 2023** participants for the period 18-22.04.2023, **valid until 15.03.2023:**

✓ Single room including breakfast and VAT 18%, per day - \$60

All delegates who wish to book a room at this hotel at the indicated price should contact the hotel sales representative via email (info@hotelcitrus.ge), by mentioning group code – “**ENQA Forum 2023**” no later than on 15 March 2023 (15 single rooms have been blocked for the Forum participants until that day).

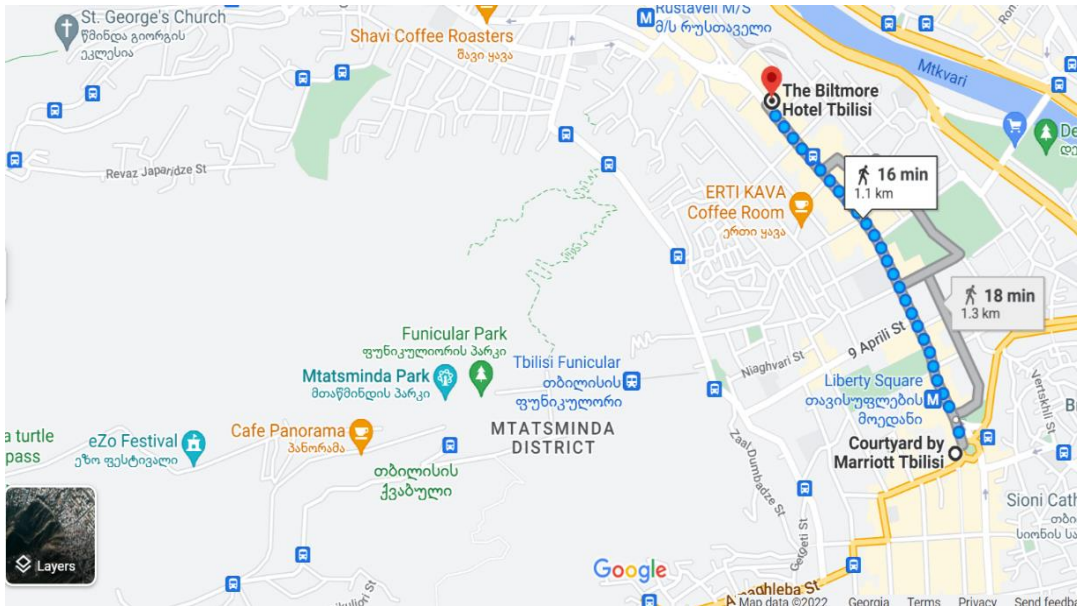
4. Courtyard Marriott Tbilisi

Hotel Stars: ****

Address: 4 Freedom square, Tbilisi, Georgia

Link of the Hotel: <https://tinyurl.com/r996dynw>

Distance from hotel to the Biltmore hotel, where the ENQA Members' Forum 2023 will be held - 1.1 km (16 minutes' walk).



Hotel rates for the **ENQA Members' Forum 2023** participants for the period 18-22.04.2023, **valid until 15.03.2023:**

✓ Single room including breakfast and VAT 18%, per day - \$85

All delegates who wish to book a room at this hotel at the indicated price should contact the hotel sales representative via email (natia.nanobashvili@marriott.com), by mentioning group code – “**ENQA Forum 2023**” no later than on 15 March 2023 (20 single rooms have been blocked for the Forum participants until that day).

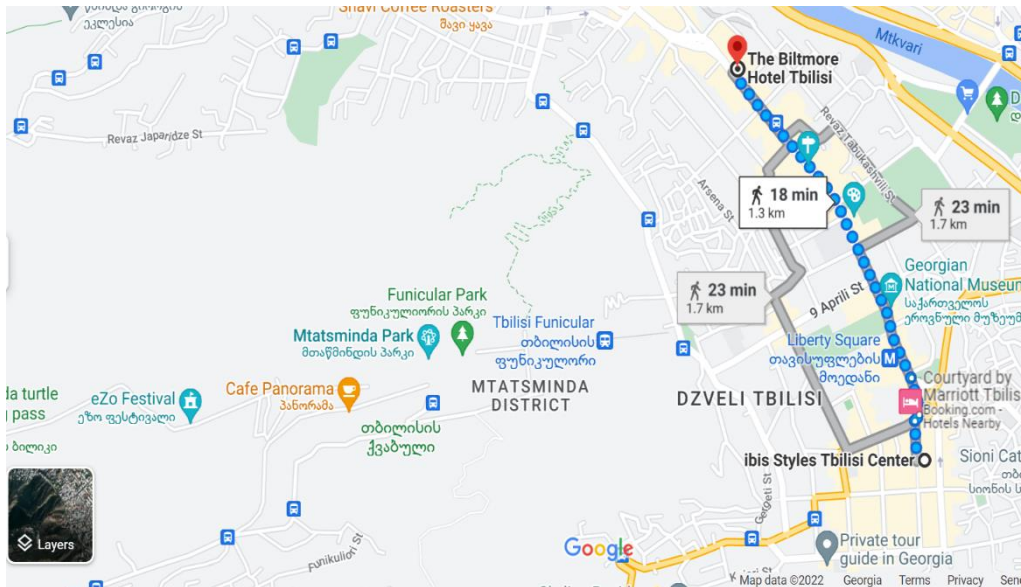
5. Ibis Styles Tbilisi Center

Hotel Stars: ****

Address: Galaktion Tabidze Street 4 / 0105 TBILISI; GEORGIA

Link of the Hotel: <http://ibis-styles-center.tbilisi-hotels.com/en/>

Distance from hotel to the Biltmore hotel, where the ENQA Members' Forum 2023 will be held - 1.3 km (18 minutes' walk).



Hotel rates for the **ENQA Members' Forum 2023** participants for the period 18-22.04.2023, **valid until 15.03.2023:**

- ✓ Single room including breakfast and VAT 18%, per day - \$75

All delegates who wish to book a room at this hotel at the indicated price should contact the hotel sales representative via email (HA413-RE@accor.com), by mentioning group code - “ENQA Forum 2023” no later than on 15 March 2023 (20 single rooms have been blocked for the Forum participants until that day).

Useful Information

Georgian Visa Information:

Detailed information about the visa can be found on the following official website: (<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=956&lang=Eng>). Furthermore, if an official letter from the NCEQE is needed for the visa purposes, please contact the officials of the NCEQE (see the contact details below).

Weather:

The average temperature in Tbilisi in April ranges from 64°F (18°C) to 39°F (4°C). Spring is the best season for visiting Georgia. Although it is usually sunny, rain cannot be excluded, and we advise to take some warm clothes.

Currency:

The monetary unit in Georgia is "Lari" (or "GEL" in the international currency market), the sole legal currency in the whole Georgia.

You can exchange foreign currencies at any bank or specialized exchange offices (usually located near metro stations, hotels or large shopping malls).

In Tbilisi, in major hotels and supermarkets, one can use Mastercard, Eurocard, VISA and Maestro credit cards. However, it is advised to have some cash (GEL) outside the capital.

Electricity:

All power sockets in Georgia provide a standard voltage of 220V with a standard frequency of 50Hz. Georgia uses power outlets and plugs of type C and type F.

Contact:

If you have any questions, please contact the LEPL - National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement officials:

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