



5TH INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK

**Beyond Scale: Staying Relevant and
Impactful in a Changing Higher
Education Landscape**

19-23 APRIL, 2027

TRAVELLING TO TBILISI

Main Airports

Tbilisi International Airport (TBS)

- Main international hub
- 17 km from city center (~20–30 min)
- Direct flights from major European cities

Kutaisi International Airport (KUT)

- Low-cost airline hub
- ~230 km from Tbilisi (3.5–4 hrs)
- Shuttle buses & transfers available

Getting to the City Center

From Tbilisi Airport (TBS)

- Taxi (via Bolt) - ~20-30 min (Approx. 25-40 GEL)
- Bus #337 (24/7) - ~1 hour (Approx. 1 GEL)

From Kutaisi Airport (KUT)

- Shuttle buses (OMNIBUS, GEORGIAN BUS) - ~3.5-4 hrs, (Approx. 20-25 GEL)
- Train (Railway.ge) - via Kutaisi city - ~3-3.5 hrs, (Approx. 35-70 GEL)

Taxi/private transfer, Faster but more expensive

Tbilisi Transportation

Public Transport: Subway, Bus and Microbus

Fare: 1 GEL (payable via Visa/Mastercard, Apple Pay, Google Pay)

Long-term passes:

- 3 GEL – Unlimited travel for 1 day
- 20 GEL – Unlimited travel for 1 week

Purchase at metro stations or Rike-Narikala cable car station

🚕 **Taxi: Best to use application Bolt** (App bookings allow card payments, while cash may be required for street-hail taxis.

1 GEL ≈ 0.32 EURO



VENUE & ACCESS

European University – Location & Access

International Week Venue is located at **Guramishvili Ave. #76**, in the Nadzaladevi district, residential area with limited accommodation options, therefore staying nearby is not generally recommended.

Getting There

- Metro: Line 1 (Akhmeteli–Varketili Line)
- Exit at Guramishvili Station and walk ~5 minutes (400–600 m)

Note: While the campus is between Guramishvili and Ghrmaghele stations, it is significantly closer to Guramishvili.

Where to Stay

- **City Center (Old Tbilisi / Rustaveli):** vibrant and touristic; excellent access to metro, sightseeing, culture, and dining
- **Vake / Vera:** upscale residential areas; quiet, safe, and comfortable (limited metro access)
- **Chughureti (near Marjanishvili Metro):** emerging neighborhood; convenient, well-connected, and more affordable



WHERE TO STAY

High-End Hotels

- Rooms Hotel Tbilisi – Vera District
- Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel – City Center (Rustaveli)
- Hilton Garden Inn Tbilisi Chavchavadze – Vake District
- Pullman Tbilisi Axis Towers – City Center (Mtatsminda)

Mid-Range Hotels

- ibis budget Tbilisi Center – City Center (Rustaveli)
- Tbilisisee Hotel – Old Tbilisi
- Communal Plekhanovi – Chugureti District
- Holiday Inn Tbilisi – Saburtalo District
- Holiday Inn Express Tbilisi Avlabari – Avlabari District

Budget-Friendly Stays

- Fabrika Hostel & Suites – Vera District
- New Tiflis Hotel – Chugureti District
- MOXY Tbilisi Hotel – Vera District\

To explore stay options or book a room, you can check apps such as [Booking.com](#) or [Airbnb](#).

Tbilisi, one of Europe's oldest capitals, has been the cultural, political, and economic center of Georgia for fifteen centuries.

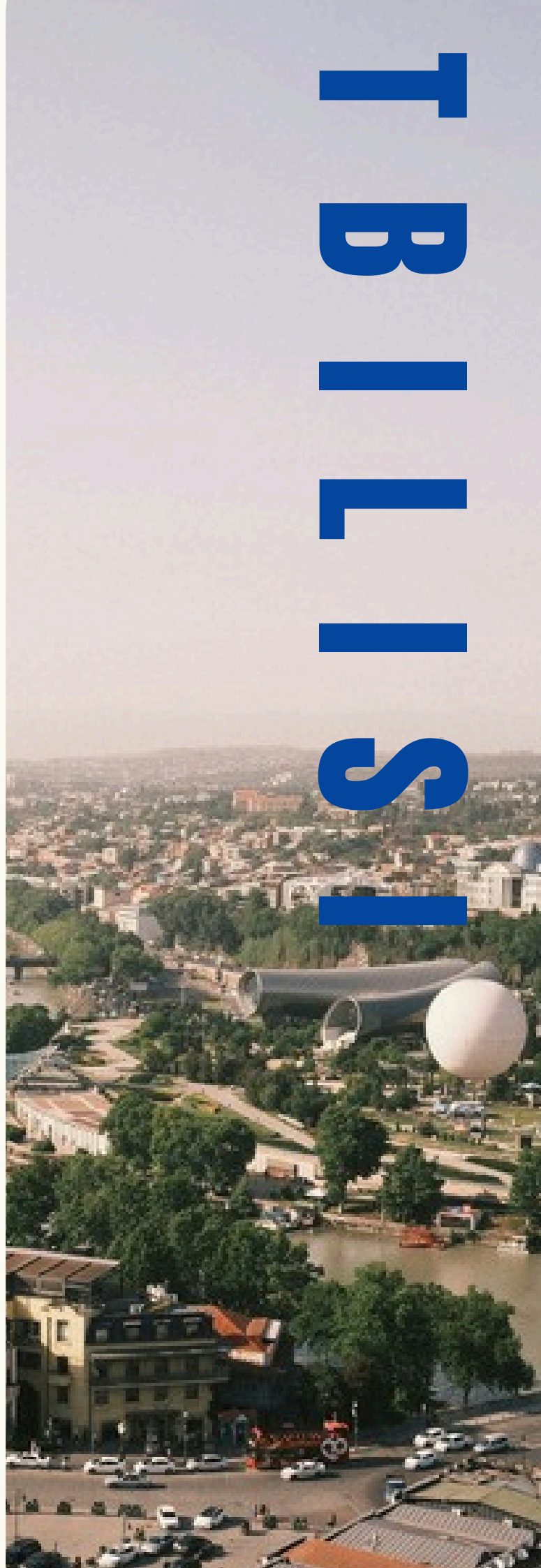
The historic Old Tbilisi, built during the early Middle Ages, is a must-see for visitors, featuring iconic 17th-century baths and reflecting the city's long-standing tradition of hospitality and coexistence. For centuries, it has been a home to diverse religious and ethnic communities, including Georgian Orthodox, Armenian, Catholic, and Jewish groups, living side by side in harmony.

If you are thinking of where to feel the heart of Tbilisi the most and explore its history on foot, visit the old town - streets with narrow cobblestone, wooden balconies, churches, and cafés.

Must-See Attractions in Tbilisi

- Narikala Fortress & Mother of Georgia (Kartlis Deda)
- Chronicle of Georgia
- Holy Trinity Cathedral (Sameba)
- Freedom Monument (St. George Statue)

T B I L I S I



WHAT TO CONSIDER

Money & tipping

The official currency of Georgia is the Georgian Lari (₾, GEL). Money can be exchanged at banks, currency exchange offices, and hotels, with banks offering the best rates. Credit cards and mobile payments are widely accepted in cities and tourist areas, but cash is still preferred in smaller businesses and remote regions. Tipping is not mandatory but is appreciated, especially in tourist spots.

Opening Hours:

Shops are usually open everyday from 10am to 10pm. There are several options for 24/7 groceries and Pharmacies. Museums usually open from 10 pm to 5:30 pm (last entry) and are closed on Mondays. Additionally, take in mind that public transport operates from 6:00AM to 00:00.

Emergencies:

In case of emergency you can call 112 to contact the fire department, ambulance or the police. You can also install the 112 App, which allows you to simply tap on the ambulance, firefighter or police icon depending on what kind of help you need.

Savor the Flavours



Recommendations For Khinkali:

Asi Khinkali

Price range: ₾₾

Location: 9a Bakhtrioni St

Cafe Daphna

Price range: ₾₾

Location: 29 Atoneli St

Klike's Khinkali

Price range: ₾₾

Location: 1 S. Chitadze St

Bernard

Price range: ₾₾

Location: 7 Galaktion Tabidze St/
16 Alexander Kazbegi Ave

Recommendation for Street Food

Bazari Orbeliani - Food Court

(You can also buy local ingredients here).

Price Key:

₾ – 20-30 GEL pp.

₾₾ – 30-60 GEL pp.

₾₾₾ – 60+ GEL pp.

Recommendations For Fine Dining:

ATI

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: 20 Telavi St (inside the Sheraton Grand Hotel)

Keto and Kote

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: Mikheil Zandukeli Dead End

Reserve

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: 39 Aprili St

Recommendations For Contemporary Georgian Cuisine:

Stamba

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: 14 M. Kostava St (inside Stamba Hotel)

RIGI Gastrodouqan

Price range: ₾₾

Location: Saarbrucken Square 2/7

Iakobis Ezo

Price range: ₾₾

Location: 14 I. Nikoladze St

Experience Tbilisi



Restaurants with Georgian Folk Dance & Music:

Ethnographer

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: T, 105 Akaki Beliashvili St

Mravalzhamieri

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: Left bank of river Mtkvari (near Baratashvili Bridge)

Restaurants with Live Music (All Genre)

Sheen•Aura

Price range: ₾₾ (Folk Music on Fridays)

Location: 189 Shalva Nutsubidze St

Ghumeli

Price range: ₾₾

Location: 10 Mikheil Lermontovi St

Bars with Live Music (All Genre)

Jazz Club 1984

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: 37 Shota Rustaveli Ave

Tatuza Jazz Club

Price range: ₾₾₾

Location: 31 Shota Rustaveli Ave

Tbilisi Sulfur Baths:

Chreli-Abano (Orbeliani Baths)

Price range: From 130 GEL/hour (private rooms only)

Location: Top of Abano Street

VIP Room at Abano 5 Narikala

Price range: 200 GEL/hour (private room)

Location: 4 Mirza Fatali Akhudovi

King Erekle's Bath- Modern Spa

Price range: 200 GEL/hour (private room)

Location: 2 Abano Street

Further information regarding Sulfur Baths tips & etiquette can be found [here](#).

Museums:

Georgian National Museum

Ticket price: 40 GEL

Location: 3 Shota Rustaveli Avenue

The State Museum of Arts

Ticket price: 40 GEL

Location: 2/4 Aleksandr Pushkin St

The Tbilisi History Museum

Ticket price: 15 GEL

Location: 8 Sioni Street

DAY TRIPS FROM TBILISI



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