

# Tbilisi



## Reduce your name to 2 syllables maximum!

Your full names might be a bit complicated, so we like to make things simple. You will probably meet some Tamars, Ekaterines, Tinatins, Tornikes, Jankis, Avandils and Giorgis. But they will almost certainly introduce themselves as Tano, Eka, Tina, Toko, Ika, Avo and Gio. You will instantly fit in if you reduce your name to two syllables. Michael? Mikko! Nicolas? Nikai! Samantha? Sami! Daniela? Dani! That's the trick!

## Accept that Georgian time is 'maybe time'!

Time is relative, right? This is especially true in Georgia. Life is full of surprises here. Sometimes the bus you are waiting for just doesn't come, there is an electricity cut or a traffic jam earlier than usual. We understand that for some of you it might be frustrating, but once you are here, just get over it and don't be angry if your friend is 15 minutes late.

## Know: Georgia is in Europe!

When you hear the question 'or heaven forbid you ask it yourself!) you can be sure a long, heated discussion is coming. If you want to be popular among Georgians, forget all you learnt in Geography class and even prepare a few arguments supporting the notion that Georgia historically and culturally belongs to the European space! (Otherwise it couldn't be part of USE-IT, right?)

# ACT UP! LOCAL

## Give hugs and kisses!

It always takes a few awkward moments before you learn the local greeting rituals. That's why we are here to help! In general, we kiss once on the cheek, usually on the left side. If you were just introduced to a new person, you may shake hands, or you can also add a brief kiss/cheek touch. If you run into a good friend you can also hug them, don't be shy.

## Bargain+Argue-Bargue!

Some people might try to get the most cash out of you on your trip here. Don't get ripped off, bargain instead! If you stop a taxi on the street, always negotiate the price in advance. If you find something pretty at the bazaar, bargain! We have friends who treat it as a sport and even try to negotiate lower prices in the electronic shops. If you have the nerve, try!

## Take me to church!

The majority of Georgians are Orthodox Christians. At first you might be confused by the religious diversity, but when you start making a sign of cross, Don't worry, you probably are not getting into a deadly accident, you've just passed a church. If you plan to visit one of the many churches, follow the dress code. Men should wear long trousers, women should wear long skirts and a scarf, to cover their hair and shoulders.

## Rave like a local!

For those who seek consistency in contradiction, Tbilisi is authentic in ways that take place in the form of curated nights on weekends (and not only). A culture which arose from socialist realism into late capitalism that young local people enjoy challenging their perception of joy. See our Going out spots on the map to discover the best party places.

## 1 Catch the most unusual glimpse of Georgian history

Georgia and the monumental events which transpired here in the 19th century, are still a part of the national identity. Stay a night in **Stalin's Illegal Prison House!** Stay a night in **Underground Printing House!** hosts an exhibition hall that includes an array of Soviet-era memorabilia, including original materials printed on the press, and pamphlets indicating the cities to which the brochures and pamphlets were to be sent and photos of revolutionary activists. The museum also includes the restored 1933 printing press which was once used to produce revolutionary pamphlets. Open every day. Phone number of the guardian is displayed at the door, to be called for the book a 'sur' with Free Soviet Tour Tbilisi. Entrance on the map.



## 2 A peaceful break

Sick of the noisy streets of Tbilisi and looking for a peaceful place with a good view? Then the **Tabor Monastery** is the right place to go. This small church on the hill can be seen from all over the city, but going there can be a little adventurous: instead of taking the road to the church that is meant for cars, be and do find (also Google Maps is not always helpful). Get to the point 'Tabori Str. 200' 'Tabori Str.' After this you need some faith and intuition - or a local person to ask for the rest of the path to the church. Open everyday. Khvinkvili Lane.

## 3 Ultimate relax

Tbilisi was born because our king liked a warm relaxing bath. That was in the 4th century, but sulfuric baths are still popular around the city - good for skin, good for hair, not so good for a nose, because it's stinky. **Chetli Abano** located in a beautiful, Persian style building is a place to relax. The bath has a traditional scrub and a massage. Some of the rooms are named after their famous visitors - A. Dumas and A. Pushkin. You can dive into the hot water and imagine their spirit and talent entering your body... Open everyday, 08:00 - 00:00. Better look at room in advance online (Room number: 5 for 4 to 6 people is the best!). Abano Str. 2.

## 4 Party with a view

Let's get one thing straight, if you are suffering from a fear of heights, this place IS NOT for you. There is a second condition too, you should love techno music. In **Gandara** you will be able to party with a wonderful view of the old town Tbilisi. Most of the parties here are of a private nature, because the place is quite small, but if you look friendly and have the attitude, you will not have trouble getting in. Fri-Sat late nights. End of gomri street, near Nardisla fortress. There is no exact address, but the place is quite visible.

## 5 Floral heart of Tbilisi

Established in 1836, **Botanical Garden** is one of the oldest in the world - the quickest escape from the noise and pollution of Tbilisi. Besides examining some rare specimens of plants, you can chill by the waterfall and have a nice stroll along the creek. Open everyday, 09:00 - 19:00. Adults 4€, Students 1€, Botanical Str. 1.

## 6 Forever favourite

Back in the day, this place hosted one of the most legendary bars called **Salve**. Then its owners and names changed countless and finally **Makutava** came as a decent successor. Now, older folkies can visit their favourite spot again and nostalgically attempt to recreate the moments when we were getting wasted here without the rest of a two day hangover. Come and have a drink with us! We'll be happy to hear from you (remember, for forgot?) (keyword) you will be trying to Open everyday: 18:00-3:00. Shalve, Dadiani Str. 15.

## 7 Modern taste of Old Tbilisi

"Taliuri Ezo" is a typical 19th century courtyard which you can find all around Old Tbilisi. One of these hosts this special hip restaurant which offers Georgian food based on classic family recipes. You won't find khinkali or Khachapuri in **Ezo**. Instead you can taste less ordinary meals, wine and cheese from different regions. The menu changes often. For the best feedback, go to the special events. Tue-Sun: 13:00 - 00:00. Genoni Kludze Str. 16.

## 8 Follow the red light

Among the small bars of Ashiani Street, packed with expats, you might see a window with the red neon light... **Process Bar** is usually not very crowded, unlike its neighbours, and doesn't seem special at first glance. What do you see once you step in there? A dark room that looks like a usual flat, not much furnishing, lots of bottles with homemade local liquor, cheap good beer - chosen with taste. A German that plays old school hip-hop in between the random juke-box conversations, owner's funny Dog 'Rell' and random guests who decided to follow that red light instead of process into crowded neighbouring bars... It's a process to understand its random spirit. Open everyday: 14:00 - 02:00. Lado asariani Str. 33.

## 9 Partying with p

**Black dog bar** is a place that will become favourite even for your four-legged friends. It's a fun, friendly bar in Tbilisi. You first see delicious snacks and drinks with delicious snacks and drinks with delicious options on the menu where you can listen to music. **Black dog bar** is also a great spot to hang out and gain new friends. Open everyday: 14:00-02:00. Lado Asariani Str. 33.

## 10 House of thousands of

Need a dose of inspiration? Visit **House of thousands of** unique music scene, but **ART** unique built it. Davit Sarajishvili, brandy production in Georgia so intended the house to become a hosted dozens of writers and in spend some time in the restaurant, its atmosphere with a glass of wine. 11:00 - 19:00. Lado Asariani Str. 33.

## 11 Level up danci

One night is definitely not enough to experience the most diverse experience of different styles of music. 3 different styles of music. 3 different styles of music. 3 different styles of music. Open everyday: 17:00 - 02:00. Lemoni Str. 1.

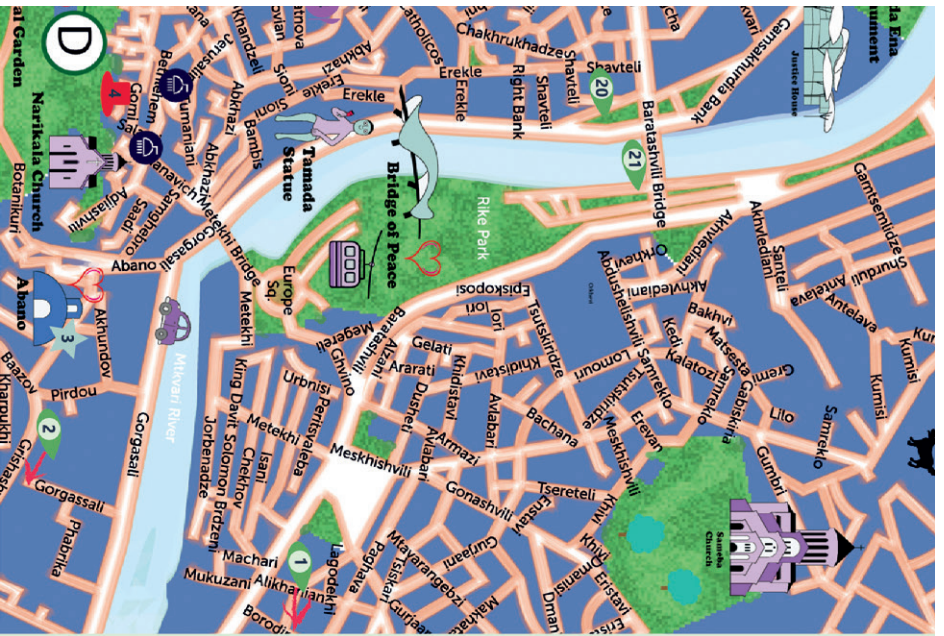













a nice choice of cheese made in Georgia (that are not Sulguni) and other Georgian style appetizers. Open everyday, 12:00 - 23:00. Pave Ingorovka Str. 22

**19** **(Thin crust) pizza, pasta, grilled meat, vegetables**  **Local tip**

You might meet Italian people at **Respublika Grill Bar**, enjoying pasta carbonara or truffle pizza, or tourists that simply miss a good burger! This place is simple, affordable and the food is very nice. There are vegetarian and meat options. You can also sit for a coffee or have a beer outside, just enjoying the quiet atmosphere. **Matskhidze** everyday, 11:00 - 00:00. Pave Ingorovka Str. 19

**20** **Strings attached**  **Local tip**

Place where tiny, little-bitty puppets tell you a story that will enthrall and give you goosebumps. **Gabriadze** theatre is a social club where you can ride the wings of Reno Gabriadze's artworks, a cafe and evenings with the puppet plays in Georgian with English subtitles. Book tickets on TKT.GE. € 30.00 - 70.00. 13 Ivane Shavteli Str. 13


**21** **Most pedestrian-friendly crossing in town!**  **Local tip**

**Baratashvili** bridge underground passage is worth a visit. Here you can explore graffiti made in frames, for the International Street Art festival in Tbilisi, Mtkvari Str.

**22** **Picnics and flea markets**  **Local tip**

**Reda Ema Park** - the park of Mother Tongue, is one of the few places where you can just bring a blanket and chill in the sun. In the area of the monthly Flea Market, local hipsters throw a regular monthly Flea Market here. Check the @TbilisiFleaMarket on Facebook or Insta to find the exact date.


**quick lunch break?** **Soukulture** is a tiny stall in the centre of the city, right next to **Cafe Gallery**, that serves healthy yummy soups in edible bread cups, so after you enjoy fresh seasonal soup on the go you have nothing left in your hand to throw in the trash bin... Isn't it amazing? Besides the staff is super nice and friendly, which adds 'haour' to your soup experience and makes it truly cultural. Mon-Fri 11:00 - 20:00. Alexander Ghiboedov Str. 26

**29** **Historic shapshifter**  **Local tip**

It's a cafe and a gallery by the name of **Cafe-Gallery** by veteran Tbilisians. They definitely remember how **Cafe-Gallery** positioned itself on the club scene as one of the first inclusive spaces for queer people. Today the programme here offers great music almost every day, enabling the city visitors to experience the rave culture even during the weekends. Open everyday, weekdays 11:30-01:00, Tue 11:30-04:30. The club is located at: 11:30-06:00, Sat 11:30-06:00. Alexander Ghiboedov Str. 34

**30** **Feel at home before party**  **Local tip**

**Prinz Bar** is a trendy gastropub located in a beautiful old flat where you can feel at home. You can enjoy their vegan and vegetarian cuisine. In one of the many rooms, have a drink on the terrace or at the bar and start a ping-pong tournament. Open everyday, 14:00 - 00:00. Mon-Tue closes at 22:00. Shota Rustaveli Ave. 37

**31** **Multi-Musical**  **Local tip**

**Monohall** can claim to be one of the most versatile clubs in the city. Like no other venue, this club attracts renowned artists from all over the world. Therefore, please check out the programme before you head out! In the hours of Corona you find the biggest and the most interesting events. You can find artists hanging from the ceiling, which can easily be mistaken for a second moon when dancing and having fun - a sun of the night. Fri-Sat: 21:00-03:00. Dzveli Kakabadze Str. 2

curtains and Georgian, making it one of the first countries to adopt the new religion. Some people are very proud of this.

**19th Century - The King Who Founded Tbilisi**

According to a legend, King Vakhang Gorgasali founded Tbilisi. While hunting, the king's falcon caught a pheasant and both birds fell into a hot spring. Luckily, no one was too upset because they were cooked and ready for dinner. The king thought the hot springs were cool and decided to build the city there.

**1112-1235 - The Golden Era**

King David the Builder was a man with a plan and managed to appease different ethnic and religious groups. He developed the city into a prosperous metropolis in the center of a trade route linking Europe and Asia.

**XII century - Tamar, friendzoned Rustaveli**

Georgian poet Shota Rustaveli had a major crush on Queen Tamar, so he wrote the most important poetry masterpiece of Georgian literature (Knight in the Panther's Skin), dedicated to her. He got friendzoned by the Queen, but at least he became super famous.

the Russian empire, who had made an agreement to protect the city with Erekle, backed down and took over the land.

**1878 - Stalin was born**

Now, that is the contribution to the world that we are not proud of.

**1918-1921 - 1st Republic**

Before the Bolsheviks took over, we had 4 years to shine - the independent Democratic Republic of Georgia was established and we binge-reformed social policy, education, culture and even grew a feminist movement.

**1991 - Capitalism Welcome**

From soviet socialism we jumped into chaotic capitalism, traits of which can still be seen in the city - deregulated construction, overworked staff, no urban planning. We met independence with a cocktail of civil war, incompetent leadership, corruption and nationalism.

Germany, so they invaded Georgia in 2008. They still occupy 20% of it.

**2018 - Rave Revolution**

In May Tbilisi truly made a mark in the history of electronic music. After the armed special forces raided several clubs, thousands of young people stood up for justice and freedom by organising a massive three-day protest rave in front of the Parliament.

**2022 - Wave of support**

After Russia invaded Ukraine, a lot of protests in support of Ukraine took place in Tbilisi and Ukrainian flags could be seen everywhere. At the same time more than 30,000 Russians have arrived in the country, fleeing not war, but their own government.





### 32 Best falafel in town

If you're looking for the best falafel in town, **Muludo** certainly is occupying one of the top spots. You'll find the small shop inside a beautiful courtyard surrounded by Georgian balconies, you should definitely try out their homemade lemnoni with a falafel, while sitting on the tree stump benches. But be fast, space is limited... Open everyday. 12:00-21:00. Mikheil Zandakeli Str. 2-3.



Local tip by Cemrus

### 35 Feeling lucky?

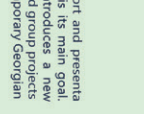
This place has everything: fluffy walls, feathered disco ball, blues, renaissance-style statues, vintage appliances, red light, neon, cocktails - and the only gay bar in Caucasus. - See: 0800-0400/Vashvanov Str. 3.



Local tip by Mike

### 38 Contemporary Art

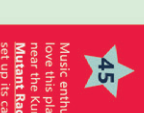
**Dedicate Gallery** states that support and presentation of contemporary Georgian art is its main goal. Almost every month, the gallery introduces a new exhibition, gives space to personal and group projects and even provides lectures on contemporary Georgian art. Free entrance. - See: 12:00 - 19:00, Vame Tskhalishvili Str. 25.



Local tip by Ana

### 41 Breakfast all day

Feeling happy? Smoothie? Feeling sad? Smoothie! Are you annoyed? Smoothie! Hung over? Smoothie! Irritated. Bored? Smoothie! Smoothie (probably, not). **Huma** has a big variety of great smoothies served with mostly not so great music. But overall, the place is a perfect spot for breakfast, the coffee, all day, and healthy perfect. - See: 09:00-22:00, Petre Melikishvili Str. 21. Open everyday.



Local tip by Marlon

### 44 Authenticity in the plate

All you need for a romantic dinner is a plate of modernised Georgian food in large interior. At **Honore** you will feel the love of the city as soon as you sit. Open everyday. - See: 12:00 - 02:00, Sun: 12:00 - 01:00, Const. - See: 13:00 - 20:00, Davit Agmasheneq Str. 18-20.



Local tip by Marlon

### 48 Art has no limits

So you said you want to check out some art? **Why Not?** This gallery features a nice gift shop too. The local and modern souvenirs. Free on - See: 13:00 - 20:00, Davit Agmasheneq Str. 18-20.



Local tip by Marlon

### 33 Will you find the entrance?

There are places in Tbilisi that are worth looking for. **Books from the past** is located in an old Tbilisi style apartment, almost hidden from passers by. You can find rare, ancient books in different languages, or just sit in the cafe on the terrace and read a book in the quietness of the Italian yard. Open everyday. 12:00 - 20:00. - See: Giorgi Akhvelidze Str. 12.

### 36 Modern phenomenon

Popular among posh Tbilisians **Stamba** is a modern phenomenon in Tbilisi. It is a former publishing house, rebuilt into a fancy design hotel with a restaurant, bar and trendy shops while it preserves its original industrial look. We recommend it as a place to see because it frequently hosts various art exhibitions and multimedia events. Also, it is an interesting excursion into the social stratification of modern Tbilisi. If you wanna eat there we recommend you to book a table in advance! Open everyday: 08:00 - 23:00, Mikheil Kelesia Str. 14.

### 39 New location for music lovers

The indoor space is different from other clubs. The environment for the events is mainly thematically decorated, the club hosts all sorts of events. **Left Bank Museum** is a really extraordinary place to spend a pleasant Friday/Saturday night. - See: 23:00 - 06:00. Tickets are available on KTGE and on Door as well. Petre Melikishvili Str. 12.

### 42 Urban break with a view

**Yere Park** is a cute park right in the city center. You can go there for a walk during the day, to admire the view of the city in the evening or to play chess and billiards in the Chess Palace. Good spot to eat, your falafel from **Muludo** (52) on a sunny day. - See: Vame Tskhalishvili Str. 25.

### 43 Brutalistic cosiness

The only recently opened **IBS** bar creates an atmosphere with its rough interior, whose charm makes every lover's heart blossom. Darkness, concrete and the pungent smell of cigarettes lend the club authenticity and a certain feel-good character. Nevertheless, the core and crowning glory of the underground remain the DJs, who are exclusively selected on an international level and make the club burn every day of the week. Caution is advised: the rave from Tbilisi doesn't start stomping before 3. Take your time when you go. - See: 22:00 - 00:00, Dodo Abashidze Str. 10.

### 46 Trendy Sewing Factory

A collision of Soviet and modern Tbilisi vibes - the local cool kids love **Fabrika**, one of the hippest places in town with **Stamba** (36). During the daytime, Fabrika is a calm working space, but at night it transforms into a party space, especially on Fridays. You can find a wide variety of events here from techno to hip-hop nights. If you're Georgian friends are late for a meetup, or if you are desperately lonely and want to socialize, Fabrika is definitely a place to visit. Not the cheapest but it is also an hostell! Open everyday. - See: 23:00-02:00, Mikheil Kelesia Str. 6.

### 34 Secret place

**Thelama** is a newly opened bar on Giorgi Akhvelidze street. It is a place where you will see some famous and not so famous people from Tbilisi's underground. It has a slightly gothic interior and a somewhat cozy home-like environment at the same time. It is queer friendly too. - See: Sun: 20:00-03:00, Giorgi Akhvelidze Str. 12.

### 37 Hidden gem

First of all, it is hard to find. This is the place you get to know only because someone has shown it to you. And once you know it, you want to show it to all your closest friends. **In Maria Magalina** you can enjoy cosiness surrounded with plants. Pass you have understood it, this is the perfect place for a date. But keep it secret! Open everyday: 19:00-23:00. - See: 08:00-23:00, Mikheil Kelesia Str. 14.

### 40 All you need in one spot

The **wine factory N1** is a great spot to start travelling in Georgian history. The charm of this place is that you can't get tired of being in one area all day. At the entrance, you can enjoy the beautiful flowers of the flower factory N1 and even buy some. There are various places where you can start the day with a nice cup of coffee, then have lunch and dinner here, on weekends you will be able to buy various Georgian products at the flea market, and you can even see a work of art in the form of an original canvas by a local artist. **Stamba** is a modern phenomenon and has fun with friends with nice music in the background. Most importantly, everyone will be able to feel the spirit of old and modern Tbilisi in this small area, surviving buildings from 1999 and the modern Tbilisi environment create a perfect combination. Open everyday: 09:00-02:00, Fr: 12:00-04:00, Vasil Pridvalishvili Str. 1.

### 44 Starter

When you like EDM and cozy atmosphere, **Left Bank** serves as a big venue for night and social space by day. Friendly community makes you feel welcomed. An open space with a good night out. - See: 20:00-03:00, Fr: 12:00-02:00, Dodo Abashidze Str. 10. - See: Mikheil Barashvili Str. 10.

### 47 Bar with a concept

**Mebla** in Georgian means selfhood or identity and is a very important concept in Georgian culture. It is also one of our most beloved bars and the name of a special cocktail served here. The small space gets crowded almost every day and gives you an opportunity to blend in with the young Tbilisians and try to explore your own Mebla. - See: Sun-Thur: 18:00 - 02:00, Fri-Sat: 18:00 - 06:00, Constitution Str. 4.

### 49 Swallow - flying from the east

Fall in love with **Eisa!** Eisa is a lovely owner of this Georgian-owned bar from the Mikheil Kelesia region. Once only popular among marshrutka-drivers, **Marshutka** got widely famous hipsters as well. For its delicious drinks are pretty cheap here, so it is if you are hungry at the end of the night. Open everyday: 09:00 - 22:00, Davit Agmasheneq Str. 18-20.

# PRACTICAL INFO

## Emergency - 112

**SIM Card** - get a SIM Card from the local operators for cheap internet (Beeline, Magtic or Silknet). They all have offers for one week.

**Tbilisi Loves You** - Free city wi-fi with a complicated polyamorous relationship with visitors.

**Tips** - Service is often included in the bill (from 12% to 19% in most trendy places). You can always leave a tip if you feel like it (2-5 GEL).

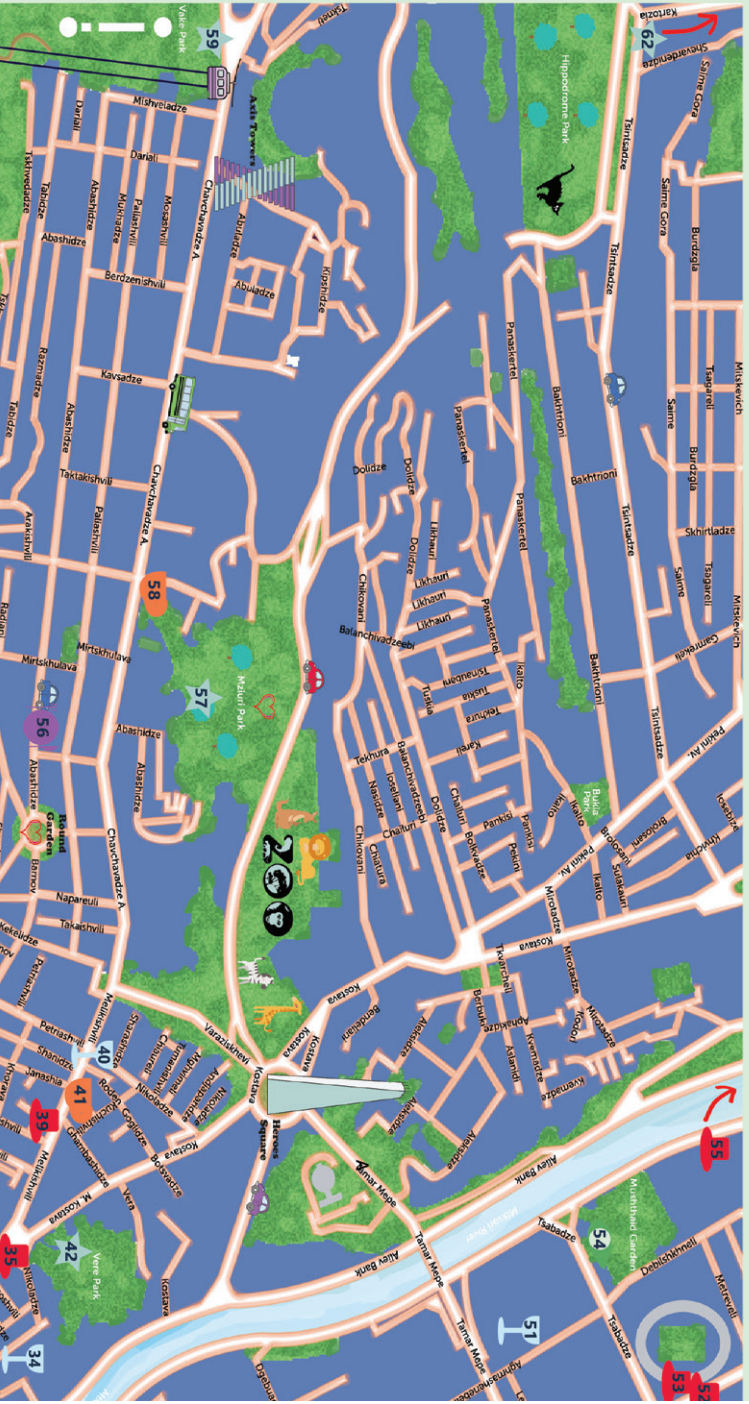
**To be or not to be** - some places have around 1 year of lifespan, so check their existence before going there.

**Paybox** - ATM-like but takes money - it's where you charge your transport card, top-up your phone and pay bills.

**Transportation** - To avoid tourist-traps on wheels (taka taxi), use local transport (1GEL per ride, N337 commutes the city to the airport) or a taxi app (Bolt or Yandex).

**Museums** are open from 10 am to 6 pm - Tuesday through Sunday. Closed on Mondays and public holidays. Last admission 5:30 pm.

**Get your tickets!** You can book all sorts of tickets for concerts, opera, museums, theater, train and much more on TKT.GE. It is a nice website to see what is happening in town while you are there. English available.





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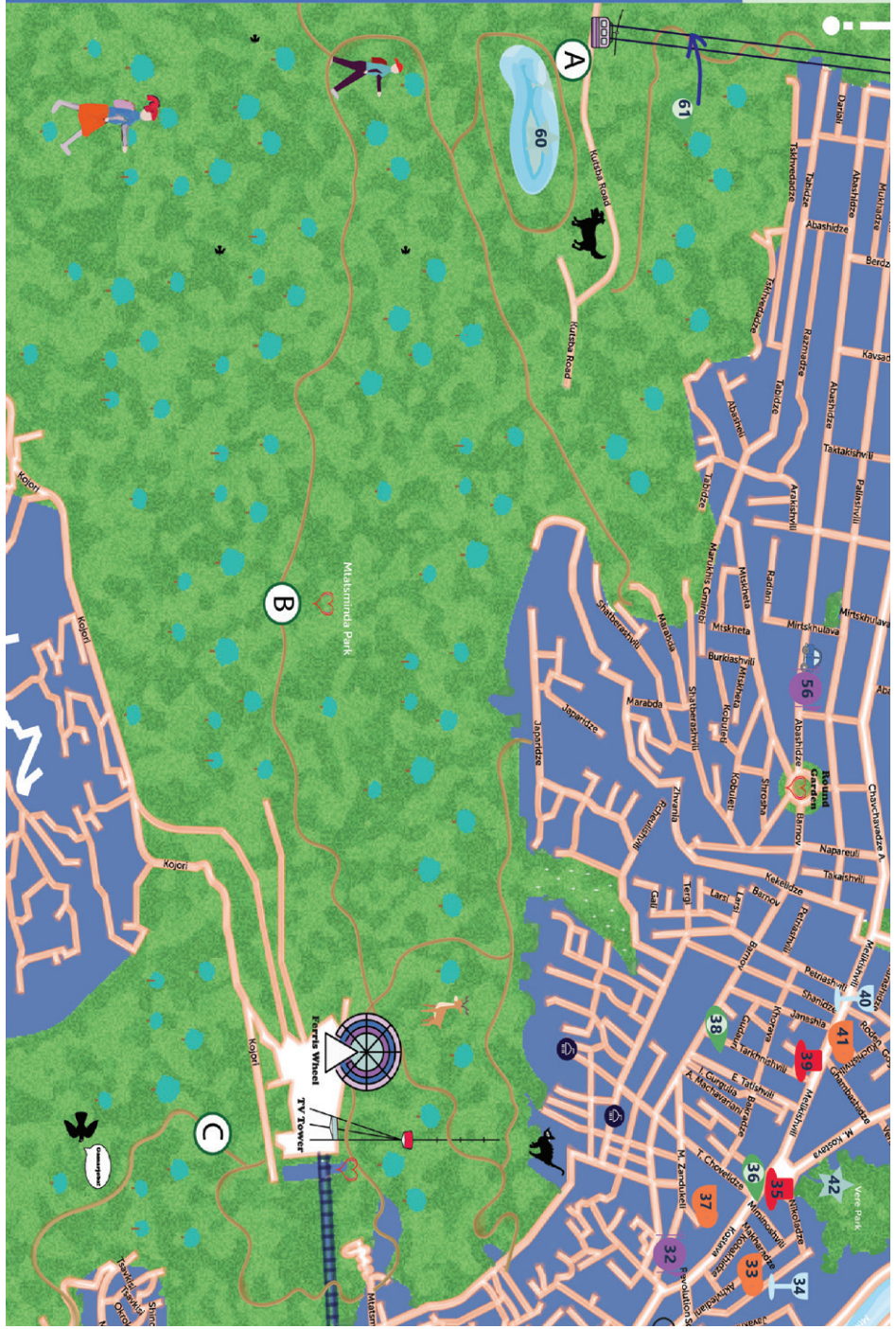
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**Araven behind wall** Local tip  
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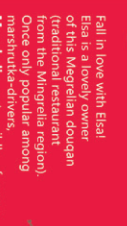
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**Come closer!** Local tip  
By Samuel

It's techno, but friendly and warm. This stage offers an alternative to the crude music of Bassiani (same place but separated floor). **Horoom** often gives space for Georgian artists and lesser known electronic music styles. One night in a month is a Horoom night - main queer event of Georgia. Contact local community organisations to learn how to get there. Sat: 23:30 - 03:00. Davit Agmashenebeli Ave. 2

**We dance together, we fight together!** Local tip  
By Samuel

With this phrase **Bassiani** truly made history in the Georgian electronic music scene in May 2018. Once a swimming pool for Dynamo's footballers, now a legendary stage that endorses not only high quality techno, but also a social change by supporting those who are underprivileged and discriminated against. Get yourself the newest record from the label to hear local rave culture back home. Fri 23:30-10:00. Akaki Tsereteli Ave. 2

**Perfect warm-up** Local tip  
By Samuel

Among the "hall of fame" of Tbilisi bars - the current favourite among the millennials who grew up with the partying might be the once-Tbilisi Bar, **Polite**, established itself. Initially as a once-partying place for left-wing minded youngsters of Tbilisi. Its stylish design, tasty music, funky cocktails and generous space outside in the park is a must-go on the lazy weekends.

**Listen up, dear hardcore ravers!** Local tip  
By Samuel

A top performer if you're looking for the hard stuff, **Kidul** Georgian for bridge, is located in an unused storage room in a Soviet bridge - pure techno on the entrance to the two floors to the underground, evening. Hard bass and the serene speed of the beats make you forget everything around you. Specialising in Possession Techno, the organisers here also take care of international guests of the scene. Essence: a must for every hardcore fan. Oh, and before you leave your house, search your wardrobe for all the black leather you have, otherwise you'll be immediately exposed as a tourist! Fri-Sat: 23:30-12:00. President Heydar Aliyev Embankment

**Have you ever tried Uzbek cuisine?** Local tip  
By Samuel

If the answer is no, it is the right time for it now! If the answer is yes, then you will enjoy finding those unique and delicious flavours in Tbilisi, surrounded by pillows made out of typical Central Asian colourful tissue. **Plov** is the name of the main Uzbek dish made from deep fried meat and vegetables, over which pilaf rice is cooked. The restaurant is actually two restaurants in one, here you can also enjoy a Eastern Europe menu, go, here you can also enjoy a traditional Uzbek open *evryday*, 11:00-22:00. Abashidze str. 10

**Where to drink** Local tip  
By Samuel

**Where to eat** Local tip  
By Samuel

**Where to chill** Local tip  
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**Where to go out** Local tip  
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As soon as the sun is out, this is the place to be for a lively but chill sunbathing. Watching kids dancing hip hop in the open air arena, having a picnic or celebrating a birthday on the grass, jogging in the morning, there is always a reason to stroll around **Mtatsminda park**

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Among all the coffee shops on Chavchavadze Avenue, **Luli Coffee** is the one to choose. You will enjoy the healthy menu or delicious cakes in a both cosy and sporty atmosphere. **Luli Coffee** has won its reputation in the neighbourhood for the homemade and fresh cooking. We recommend trying the borscht, as the place is owned by restaurateurs they know perfectly how to make it. **Luli Coffee** is one of the best places that opens early in Tbilisi. Open everyday, 11:00-22:00. Chavchavadze Ave. 23a

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**Yake park** is a beautiful, large, almost fully renovated park that is full of things to see and do. You may stroll between the fountains or enjoy some ice-cream. For around one hour you can take the cable cars, the view of the city is breathtaking and you can easily reach the park. Take a nice day hike from there! **Yake Park** is a nice day hike from there! **Yake Park** Chavchavadze Ave. 76

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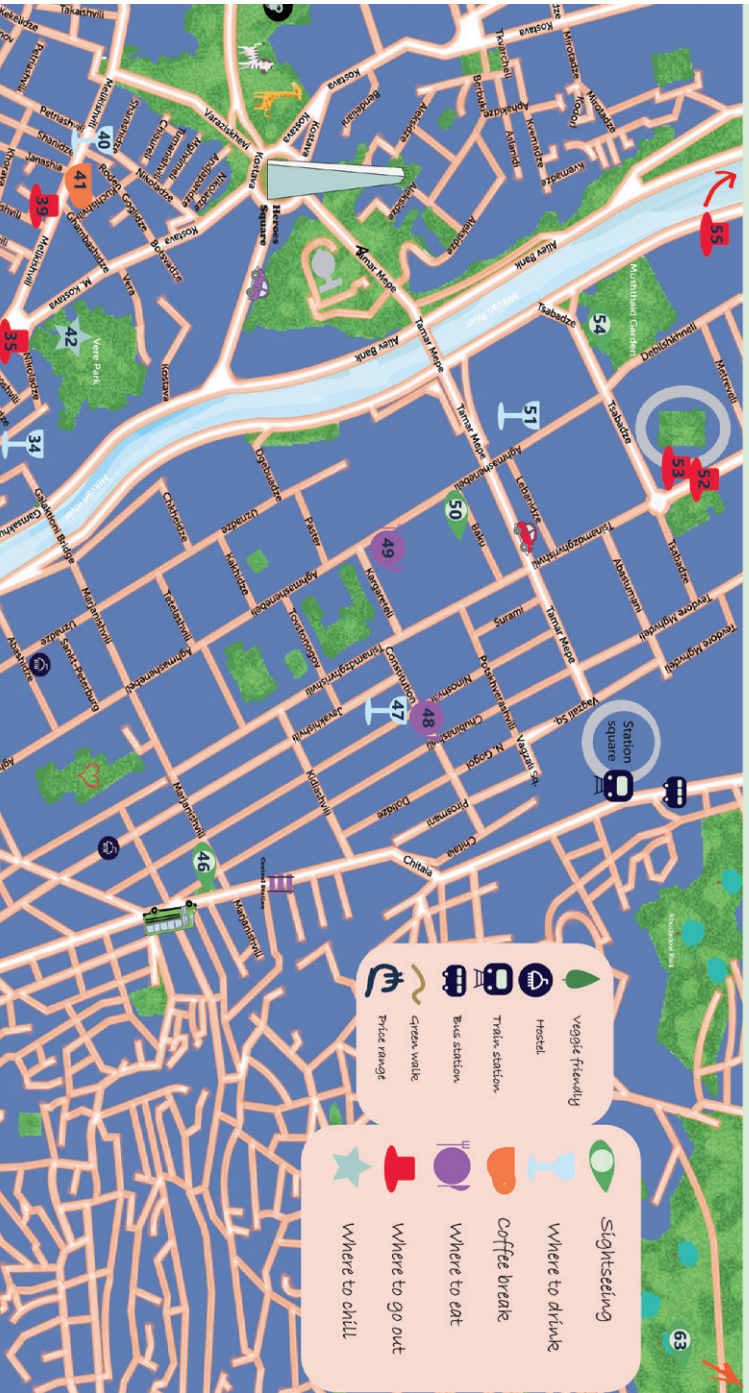
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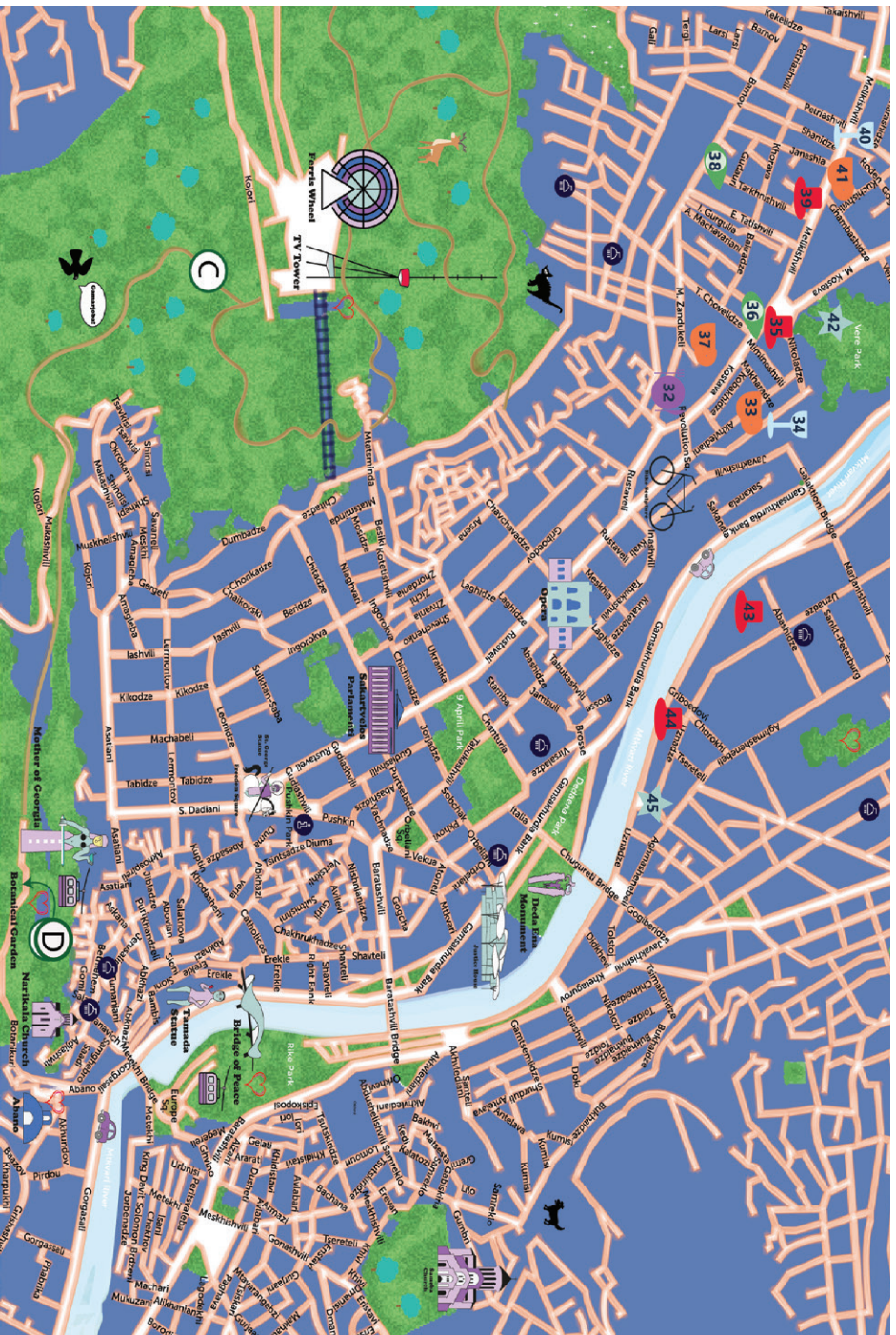
# GREEN WALK

Located in the middle of Caucasus Georgia is a dream for hikers and mountain lovers. And what is amazing about Tbilisi is that you can escape anytime and easily from heavy traffic, noise and air pollution. One of the most famous gateway is the walk you can do from Turtle lake (A) to Botanical Garden (B). Super easy to access, there are different trails to make it more or less short and they are pretty well marked. But the first reason that you will enjoy it, is for the amazing view on the city you will have.

To reach Turtle lake (A), take the cable car from Yake park (Tia Chavchavadze Ave. 76). Once you reach the lake you will find the beginning of the trail on the West side of the lake. You will go up and continue towards the East. Follow the trail towards **Whatisminda park (B)**, where the big wheel and the TV tower are located. Once you reach the park, continue to the East and you will find a nice path, with stairs that you will follow to go down. At the end you have to cross a road, be careful sometimes we cannot see the cars coming. Continue to follow the path and you will see some stairs where you have to go up, then pass through a tunnel and you will find the trail to the famous and touristic Mother of Georgia (C). From here, there is a stair that goes directly down to the Botanical Garden (D) to finish the hike with a walk through fountains and waterfall.







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Bus and train rides from Tbilisi:

**Didube:** Borjomi, Kazbegi, Abastumani, Batumi, Mestia, Kutaisi  
**Samgori:** Stighnaghi, Telavi  
**Ortachala:** Yerevan, Baku  
**Station sq.:** Batumi, Mestia, Kutaisi, Baku,

