

20-25% CASH  
BACK

# FILM IN GEORGIA





# “FILM IN GEORGIA” – CASH REBATE PROGRAM

“Film in Georgia” is the newly launched film industry incentive offering:

- 20% cash rebate on qualified expenses incurred in Georgia
- An additional rebate of up to 5% available if a production promotes Georgia as destination by meeting “Cultural Test”

## PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE

- Location scouting
- Assistance in acquiring permits issued by government institutions
- Coordination and communication with various stakeholders

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Open for International and local productions registered as legal entity in Georgia
- Open for applications for feature film, TV series or mini-series (pilot episodes are eligible), animation, documentary films, commercial, reality show, music video
- At least 50% of the total production budget should be in place upon application
- Rebateable expenses must be directly related to the filmmaking process
- Subsequent production of scenes shoot in Georgia should be completed within 24 months after entering the program
- No “cultural test” for Initial 20% cash rebate



## ABOUT GEORGIA

Georgia, located in the Caucasus region where Europe meets Asia, has a lot to offer to filmmakers – from flamboyant glass- and – steel structures to ancient fortresses and Soviet era buildings, snowy mountains to seashores, tick humid woods to semi-deserts. Here you can find the perfect location for your production and each corner is capture ready.

If you don't have 80 days to travel or scout for locations around the world, choose Georgia - a scaled down version of the planet Earth.

## WHY?

Inspirational locations: shoot subtropical, coastal, alpine mountains, desert and beautiful forest scenes in one day

Unique and captivating fusion of medieval and modern architecture with Asian, European, and Soviet Styles

Six climate zones and long sunny days

Fully accessible public locations free of charge

Competitive financial incentives: up to 25% cash back

Easy to apply cash rebate program: one-stop-shop principle and no red-tape

Business friendly environment: flexible labor market, cheap energy, and low-taxes

Modern infrastructure: three international airports, cargo and passenger ports, and well-connected roads and rail across Georgia

High speed fiber-optic internet connectivity across the country

Film friendly society



Public Service Hall  
Tbilisi

# CITIES



# TBILISI

Capital of Georgia

Tbilisi represents the epitome of East meets West.

Asian and Art Nouveau architecture and atmosphere along with the Soviet era left overs is still present in the contemporary

Tbilisi giving the city one of a kind flavor.

Flamboyant glass-and-steel structure stand next to the 13<sup>th</sup> century cliff-top church while ancient fortress overlooks buildings from Soviet times.

Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 16 km

Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 253 km

Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 377 km

Number of Hotel Rooms: 11 008

Number of Guest House Rooms: 2732

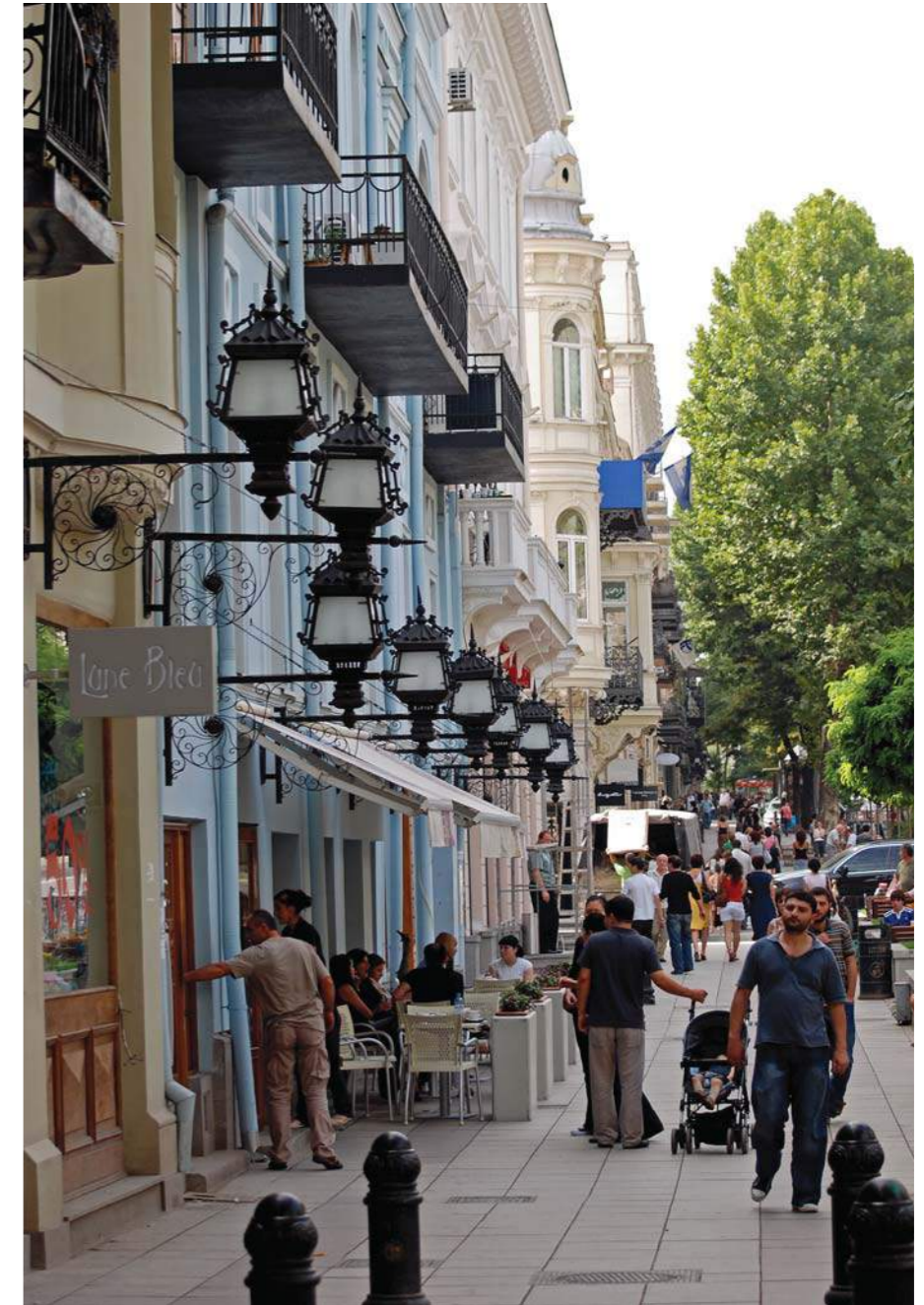


Old Tbilisi is divided in two. Asian part which looks like a maze with narrow, winding streets and open courtyards full of grapevines twisted around traditional balconies...





...and European part with straight streets and predominance of classical and art nouveau architecture.





Tbilisi has rich Soviet architectural heritage including buildings and industrial sites.



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Tbilisi is the city of dynamic changes. In the past 12 years Tbilisi became home for a number of futuristic buildings perfectly reflecting Georgia's aspiration for fast economic development.





Here you can find districts  
of Soviet era buildings.



# BATUMI

Batumi is the second-largest city in Georgia. Located on the coast of the Black Sea, it is lined with palm trees and surrounded by mountains.

Batumi presents an eclectic mix of architecture, ranging from charming 19<sup>th</sup> century classical edifices to ultra-modern skyscrapers housing hotels and casino.

Seasides have everything from “optionally” sandy to rocky beaches, luxury yachts and boulevards.

Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 389 km

Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 125 km

Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 7 km

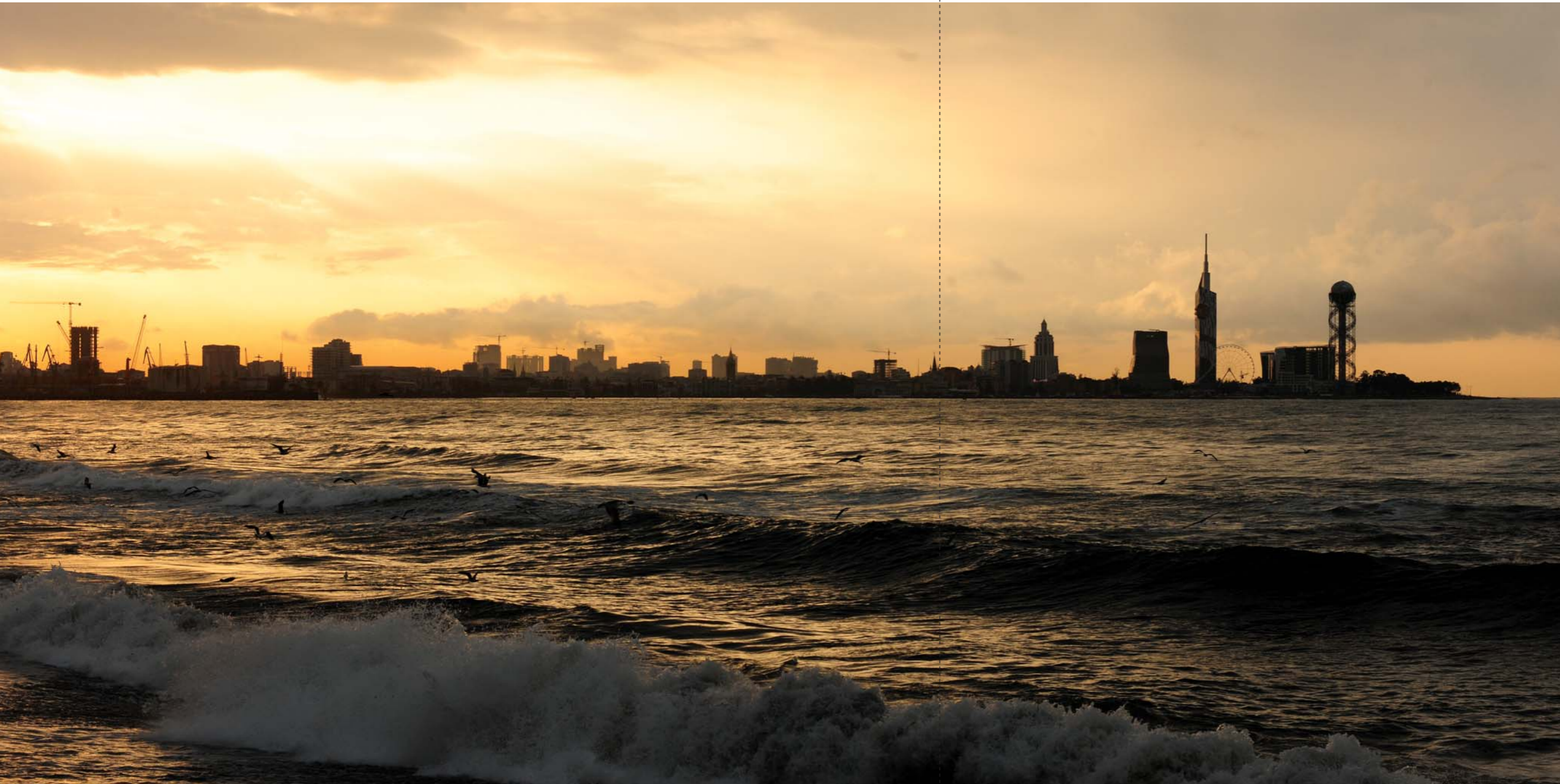
Number of Hotel Rooms within 50 km: 6037

Number of Guest House Rooms within 50 km: 4140



European architects undertook numerous projects in Batumi at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century...





...during the past decade contemporary architecture flourished in the City, and today it remains the hub of architectural innovation.



Batumi is a bustling seaside resort during warm seasons, but can get entirely covered in snow during winter. Dark blue Black Sea, snow covered beaches, palms and evergreen magnolias create unforgettable scenery.

# BATUMI PORT



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



Batumi Sea Port historically represents logistics center of the Caucasus region. High tonnage ships, well-equipped terminals and fishermen lining up on the side of the port with their fishing rods is a charming view.



Batumi Botanical Garden, a 108 hectare area of land is home of vast expanses of completely unspoiled wildernesses.

Currently, the garden consists of nine floristic sectors, those of Caucasian humid subtropics, East Asia, New Zealand, South America, the Himalayas, Mexico, Australia, and of the Mediterranean.



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The name “Mtirala” means “weeping” and was given because of the abundant rainfall.

The park covers 15, 698 hectares with small wooden houses scattered across the pristine Colchain forest.





# ANAKLIA

Anaklia represents one of the most quickly developing resorts in the world. Existence of magnetic sand and a divergent architecture distinguishes it from other sea-side places.

Just several years ago, on the place of Anaklia there were only two villages with the population of 2.5 thousand... and today, this is quickly developing resort with comfortable hotels, restaurants and entertainment establishments.

Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 356 km  
Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 91 km  
Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 142 km  
Number of Hotel Rooms within 50 km: 2095  
Number of Guest House Rooms within 50 km: 3854

# CHIATURA

The City of Chiatura, a manganese mining town in Georgia, is often referred to as the city of cable cars. Chiatura looks as you'd expect a former Soviet mining town to, with run-down industrial buildings and stark concrete housing projects painted in pastel shades.

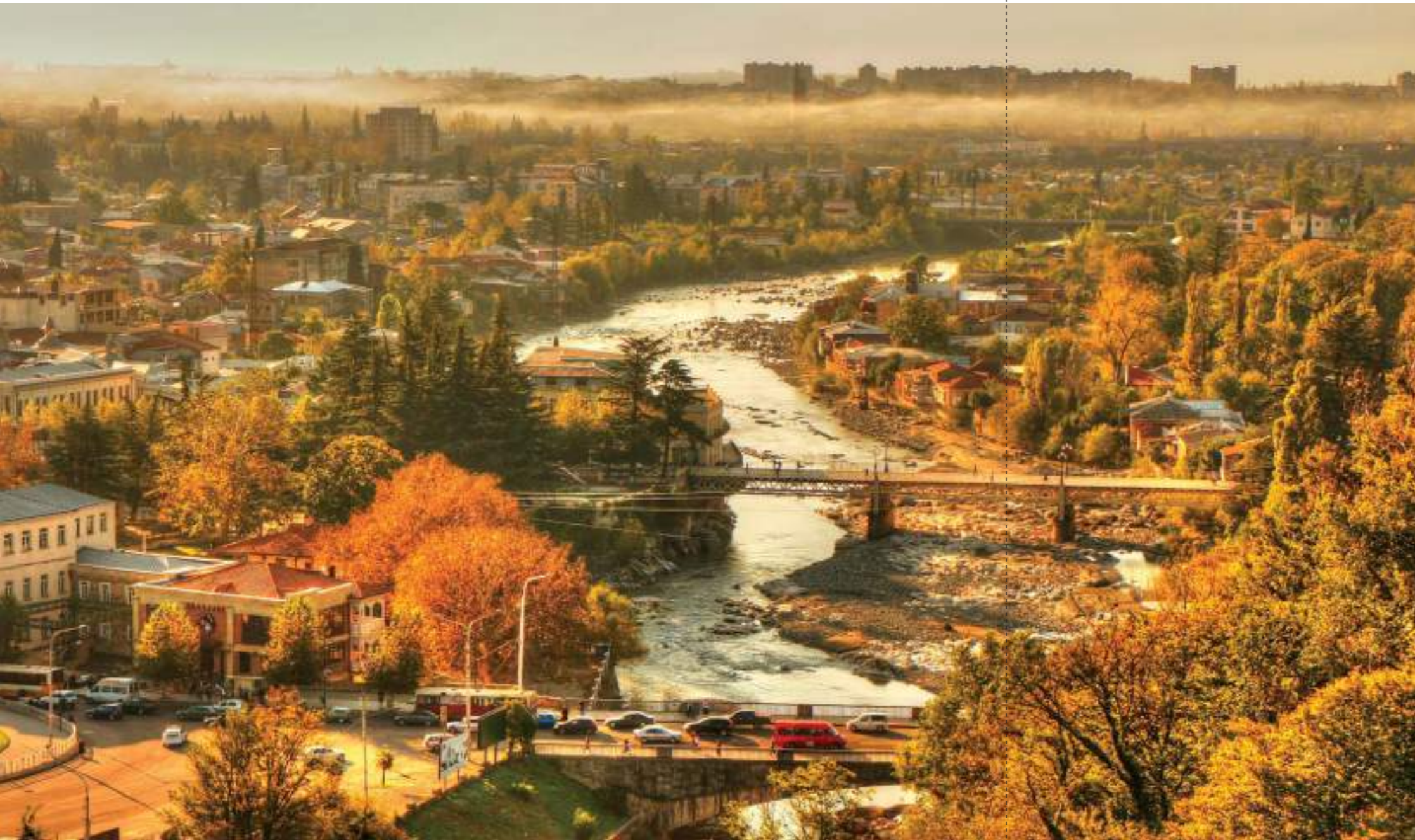
Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 201 km  
Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 95 km  
Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 222 km  
Number of Hotel Rooms within 50 km: 2130  
Number of Guest House Rooms within 50 km: 1165





Chiatura is built around a deep gorge. Faced with such awkward topography, the Soviet authorities constructed a series of cable cars that swept from housing projects and industrial facilities on the cliff tops down to the town center in the valley below.





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# KUTAISI

Kutaisi is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Georgia and capital of Imereti.

The city has been revitalized after years of post-Soviet decline and represents perfect fusion of Asian, European and contemporary architectural styles.

Georgia's parliament was transferred from Tbilisi to brand-new quarters here in 2012, and Kutaisi's airport has become a destination for international budget airlines.

Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 245 km

Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 24 km

Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 152 km

Number of Hotel Rooms: 637

Number of Guest House Rooms: 77



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In Kutaisi the streets glide along straight, clean lines, and feature mixture of 19<sup>th</sup> century houses, ancient fortresses and contemporary glass and steel buildings.



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New building of the Parliament of Georgia is a true example of a futuristic architectural style.



# TSKALTUBO

Tskaltubo is by far the largest spa town south of the Great Caucasus Range and owes its existence to Soviet planners. Tskaltubo became a very important resort during Soviet times and was often referred to as Soviet Baden Baden.

Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 262 km  
Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 23 km  
Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 152 km  
Number of Hotel Rooms within 50 km: 1981  
Number of Guest House Rooms within 50 km: 1151

Conforming to Stalin era's urban planning and neoclassicist architectural designs, Tskaltubo's sanatoriums form a circle around a central park.



© Nata Kiplani

Here you can dip into pure soviet nostalgia since most of the architecture is still preserved.

During the Second World War, the Tskaltubo sanatoriums were used as hospitals.



# MESTIA

Mestia is a townlet of Svaneti, where mountains surround you from all sides and every corner is capture- ready.

Despite its small size, the townlet was an important centre of Georgian culture for centuries and contains a number of medieval monuments, such as churches and forts, included in a list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Distance from Tbilisi Int, Airport - 477 km

Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 210 km

Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 264 km

Number of Hotel Rooms within 50 km: 454

Number of Guest House Rooms within 50 km: 158







The characteristic landscape of Upper Svaneti is formed by small villages, dominated by their church towers and situated on the mountain slopes, with a natural environment of gorges and alpine valleys and a backdrop of snow-covered mountains. The most notable feature of the settlements is the abundance of towers, especially in Mestia and the frontier villages, such as Ushguli and Latali.



Ancient lookout posts surrounded by green meadows and snowy peaks.



## RUSTAVI-GARDABANI

Rustavi-Gardabani was rebuilt as a major industrial center during the Soviet Era with ironworks, steelworks, chemical plants and an important railway station on the Tbilisi-Baku railroad line. Approximately 90 large and medium-sized industrial plants are located in Rustavi and Gardabani.

Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 29.2 km

Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 287 km

Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 412 km

Number of Hotel Rooms within 50 km: 11 334

Number of Guest House Rooms within 50 km: 2 732



Here you can find abandoned big-scale factories...

...with districts of massive Soviet buildings.







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## VILLAGE OF GORELOVKA

Gorelovka village in Ninotsminda is home to one of the Doukhor communities in Georgia - white houses with blue and green windows looking at stork-nests on electricity-poles creates a magnificent beauty.

Distance from Tbilisi Int. Airport - 195.7 km

Distance from Kutaisi Int. Airport - 263.8 km

Distance from Batumi Int. Airport - 263 km

Number of Hotel Rooms within 50 km: 11 334

Number of Guest House Rooms within 50 km: 2 732



## KVARELI

Lake and vineyard resorts have been the recent trend in Georgia. Here you can find a wide selection of new contemporary buildings or old Soviet times tunnels turned into winery and tasting rooms with territories that spread over hundreds of hectares of beautiful natural landscape. Besides virgin forests, lakes and vineyards filmmakers can benefit from the facilities like modern spa, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, stables, restaurants and wine cellars.

## VARDZIA CAVE CITY



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## UPLISTSIKHE CAVE CITY



Georgia, the so called country of caves is a home of cities completely carved out in rock.

On the border with Azerbaijan, the ancient monastery complex of Davit Gareja (or Gareji) is one of the most remarkable of Georgia's historic sites. Its uniqueness is heightened by a lunar, semidesert landscape that turns green and blooms with flowers in early summer. Davit Gareja comprises about 15 monasteries spread over a remote area (most long abandoned).

Literally meaning 'fortress of the lord', Uplistsikhe dates back as far as the Iron Age and is one of the oldest urban settlements in Georgia.





Former Cable Car Station  
Tbilisi

# INTERIORS



Tbilisi theatres and Operas have always been very popular with filmmakers. Beautiful building of Opera in Mauritanian style, Rustaveli National Theatre housed in an ornate Roccoco-style edifice, newly renovated art nouveau Marjanishvili State theatre and many more are perfect places to recreate scenes from different periods and lifestyles.





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TSKALTUBO

Beauty in the decay...





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## BATUMI CIRCUS

A history of circus in Batumi started in 1908. For many years, a circus was a favorite place for Batumi locals as well as for guests. Nowadays the circus hosts different circus groups from various countries.

## RUSTAVI METALLURGICAL PLANT



The colorful mosaics some of them with Georgian motives and part of them conveying communist messages, used to adorn the buildings of former factories, schools and other institutions. Most of the mosaics are still preserved in modern Georgia.

## TBILISI, JUMAH MOSQUE



Unique interiors of 17<sup>th</sup> century sulphur bath buildings distinguished by blue faience facades, lancet arches, and flanking minarets represent best remaining example of Islamic architecture in Tbilisi.



Additional treasures are held inside the entryways of magnificent Art Nouveau homes. Most still retain their ornately painted ceilings, intricate stairway metalwork, and even wall decorations.





Lebaiskari  
Khevsureti

# LANDSCAPES





The Vashlovani National Park is in the extreme Eastern part of Georgia–Dedoplistskaro district. Vashlovani is notable for its unique, bad-land-like landscapes of desert and semi-desert steppe vegetation and arid and deciduous forests.



On the way to David Gareja cave city, that dates back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century, you will find 360 degree grass lands and half desert that changes colors from green to golden through seasons.



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Pre-revolution and Soviet railroads and stations are still preserved in most parts of the country.





Mystical and spectacular Truso Valley is dotted with ancient towers, mineral carbon lakes....



...and abandoned Ossetian villages



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Tetnuldi Ski Resort, a place where Big Caucasian ridge is the most impressive with height and magnificence of mountains.



Goderdzi Ski Resort, the four-season mountain resort, is located in a unique climate zone in Adjara, just 100 kilometers from the Black Sea coast and 2000 meters above the sea level.

GODERDZI SKI RESORT

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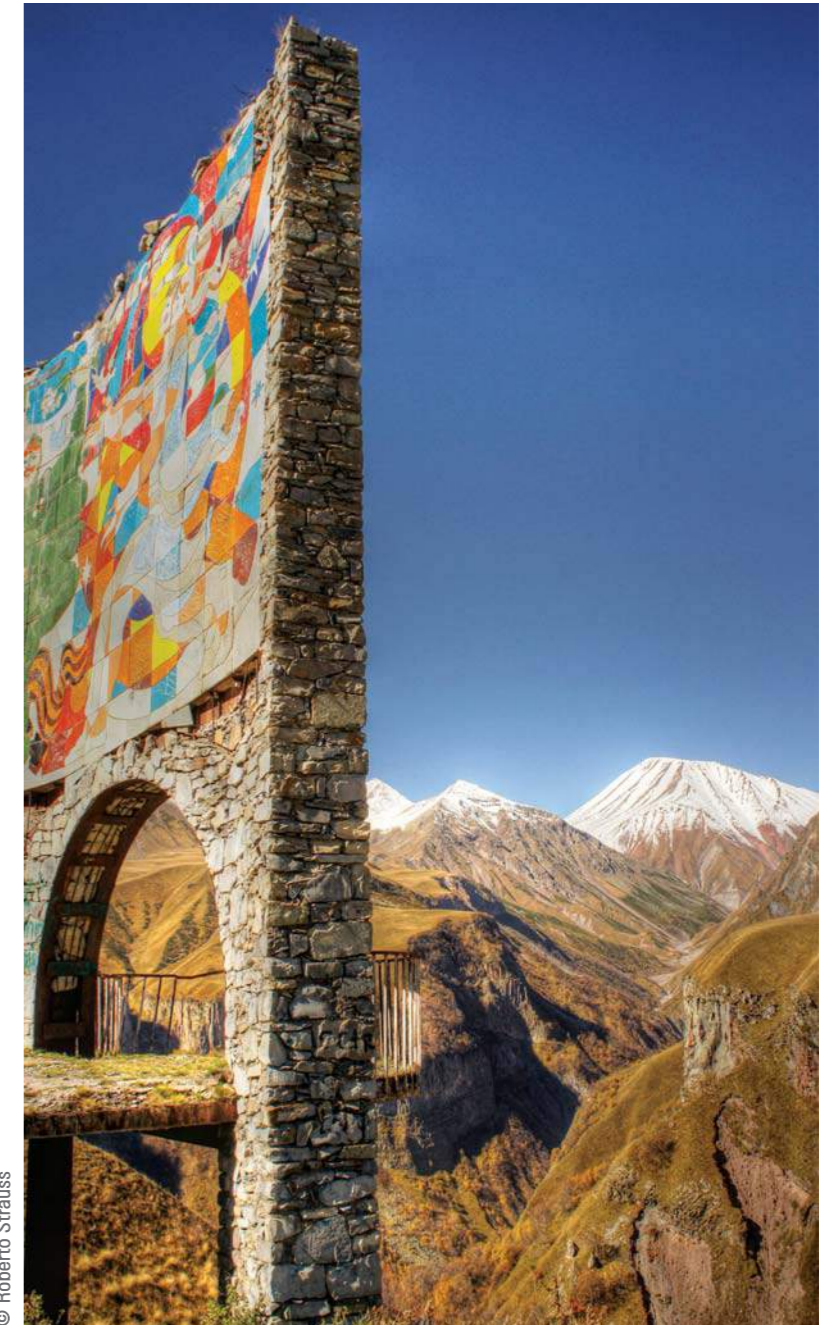


# KAZBEGI



The small town Kazbegi (Stepantsminda), which today is considered to be a resort is located at the foot of Mount Kazbeg - one of the highest peaks not only in Georgia, but throughout the Caucasus.

Kazbegi offers visually spectacular surrounding mountains, views of the mighty Mount Kazbeg, and the beautiful view from the town of the Holy Trinity Church outlined against Mount Kazbeg itself.





## ENGURI DAM

Enguri Dam, world's second highest concrete arch dam is a fantastic location for shooting an action movie. It represents not only a hydroelectric station, but it is one of the most beautiful and breathtaking sights of Georgia.

## KINCHKHA WATERFALL



## MARTVILI CANYON

Georgia is home to vast expanses of completely unspoilt wilderness, including one of Europe's largest national parks.



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