

## **GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE**





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Georgia warmly welcomes all delegates to Tbilisi for the World Tourism Day 2024 celebration. We invite you to enjoy the stunning beauty of Tbilisi and our renowned Georgian hospitality. The General Information Note provides comprehensive details about the event, including administrative, logistical, and other protocols for all guests. For further assistance, please contact us at

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### Place and dates

The World Tourism Day 2024 will be held on 27 September 2024 at Paragraph Freedom Square, a Luxury Collection Hotel, in Tbilisi, Georgia.

A detailed schedule and agenda of World Tourism Day 2024 celebration will be posted on the World Tourism Day website.

### Registration

The registration form is available on the UN Tourism website at: www.unwto.org/events/world-tourism-day-2024

Participants are requested to complete the registration form before Wednesday, 11 September 2024.

All delegates are required to register online and proceed to the registration counter to collect their badges. The registration counter and information desk will be available on 26 and 27 September at the Paragraph Freedom Square Hotel.

In order to collect their badges, participants must have received a registration confirmation e-mail. ID badges are individual and not transferable.

### Airport Arriv<mark>als and Departure</mark>

#### Flights

Tbilisi International Airport is situated 20 km from the city centre. The drive takes 20 minutes. Further information regarding the airport is available on the following website: www.tbilisiairport.com

Upon arrival at the airport, World Tourism Day participants can use a dedicated border crossing booth. This booth will facilitate expedited processing and provide assistance for a smooth entry.

#### Visa Requirement

The Government of Georgia will facilitate the processing of visas for delegates attending the World Tourism Day 2024 in accordance with Georgian regulations. However, it will be the responsibility of the individual to prepare, deliver, and collect all other required documents before application and to monitor the application process.

Citizens of many nations can enter Georgia visa-free with their official valid passport, provided the passport has an expiry date no less than six months after their departure from Georgia. Members of Schengen zone countries can enter Georgia with their personal IDs.

Detailed information regarding the visas can be found at the following link: It should be noted that nationals representing countries where Georgia exercises a visa regime, who are holders of valid visas or/and residence permits of the countries determined by the Ordinance #256 of the Government of Georgia, may still enter and stay in Georgia visa-free.

For a detailed list of visa requirements, delegates are kindly requested to consult the following page: www.geoconsul.gov.ge

# Accommodation, Venue and Transportation

The Heads of official governmental delegations who meet the following criteria will be provided accommodation paid for by the Government of Georgia from 26 to 29 September:

Official governmental delegation:

- Head of Delegation (Minister) + 1 delegate
- Head of Delegation (Deputy Minister/ State Secretary)

The host has negotiated special room rates with the hotels listed below for World Tourism Day 2024. The rest of the participants are requested to make their arrangements directly via the provided links. All participants are encouraged to process their reservations at their earliest convenience.

HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	RATE per night (Breakfest incl.)	LAST DAY TO BOOK	DISTANCE FROM THE MEETING VENUE	
Paragraph freedom square, a luxury collection hotel 5	Delux Double room	255 USD + 18% VAT	1 August	Venue of the event	
	Delux Single room	230USD + 18% VAT			
	Executive	310USD + 18% VAT			
	Club suite	400USD + 18% VAT			
	junior Suite	480USD + 18% VAT			
Reservation link:					
Tbilisi Marriot Hotel 🕏	Double room	150 USD + 18% VAT	1 September	10 min walking distance	
	Single room	150 USD + 18% VAT			
Reservation link:					
Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel 5★	Delux Double room	160 USD + 18% VAT	10 September	3 min by car 1,1 km	
	Delux Single room	140 USD + 18% VAT			
Keyword: World Tourism Day					
Reservation link					
Wyndham Grand Tbilisi	Double room	140 USD + 18% VAT	5 September	2 min walking distance	
5★	Singleroom	120 USD + 18% VAT			
Reservation link					
Radisson Blue Iveria Hotel Tbilisi 5★	Standard single room	140 USD + 18% VAT	5 September	3 min walking distance 1,3 km	
Reservation link			I I		
Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace 5★	Delux Double room	120 USD + 18% VAT	1 September	12 min walking distance 3,7 km	
	Delux Single room	110 USD + 18% VAT			
Reservation link			<u> </u>		
Rooms Hotel Tbilisi 5★	Urban Queen	120/135 USD + 18% VAT	- 30 August	9 min driving distance , 2 km	
	Garden wiev Twin	120/135 USD + 18% VAT			
Reservation link					
Swissotel Tbilisi 5★	Delux SNG room	135.60 USD + 18% VAT	10 September	12 min walking distance 850 m	
	Contact email: Maka.Tskhomelidze@swissotel.com HB8I0-RM1@accor.com Promo code: World Tourism Day 2024				

### Transportation

Local transportation will be provided from 25 to 29 September for all participants between the airport and the hotels indicated in this note, and between the hotels and the meeting venue and other designated locations within the agenda during the event.

To properly organize the welcome and shuttle services, participants must complete and submit the online registration form with their up-to-date arrival/departure flight information and accommodation details before 11 September 2024.

### Liaison Officer<mark>s</mark>

Each Head of Delegation (Minister/or Deputy Minister/or State Secretary) will have an assigned Liaison Officer. The contact information will be provided to delegates once registration is completed. The Liaison Officer will manage communication and coordination with delegates on logistical and administrative issues.

### Media Center

The Media Center will be established at the venue in order to facilitate the work of journalists accredited to cover the meetings. Media representatives who wish to cover the events will be required to register online.

### Safety and Sec<mark>urity</mark>

Delegates should wear their meeting ID badges visibly at all times while in meeting areas.

#### • Emergency number - 112

Calling emergency numbers from a mobile phone is free of charge, without the index and city code.

#### Medical services

Medical and emergency services will be provided to registered delegates who require assistance at Event venue.

### **Practical Information**

#### • Working language

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

#### • Weather

Tbilisi climate during September is generally warm from 15 °C to 25°C.

#### Currency

The currency unit is Lari (GEL). Major credit cards are widely accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and stores. ATMs are also widely available in Tbilisi. Most internationally recognized currencies can be exchanged at commercial banks and international airports.

#### Business and shopping hours:

Government offices are open from 9:00 to 18:00 (Monday to Friday). Businesses are open from 10:00 to 19:00 (Monday to Friday). Shopping centres are open from 10:00 to 22:00 (Monday to Sunday)

Banks are open from 09:00 to 18:00 (Monday to Friday) and from 10:00 to 14:00 on Saturday.

#### • Electrical equipment and drinking water:

In Georgia, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type C and type F are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.

Tap water is drinkable. Georgian water supplier companies hold ISO-17025 standards and accreditation since 2012. Water composition is controlled every hour by the standards of the World Health Organization (WHO).

#### • Communication and Connectivity Information:

The country code is +995 and the area code for Tbilisi is 322. Georgian mobile operators (Silknet, MagtiCom) cover almost the whole territory of the country and many WI-FI zones enable visitors to use the Internet for free.

#### • Activities

For information about tourism in Georgia beyond Tbilisi, please visit - Georgia Travel







