



# Mission Guide

## EU Twinning Project “Strengthening the capacity of the Georgian Statistical System”



### Welcome to Tbilisi, Georgia



**Tbilisi** is the capital and the largest city of Georgia, lying on the banks of the Mtkvari River with a population of approximately 1.5 million people. Founded in the 5th century, since then Tbilisi served as the capital of various Georgian kingdoms and republics. Between 1801 and 1917, then part of the Russian Empire, Tbilisi was the seat of the Imperial Viceroy, governing both Southern and Northern Caucasus.

The city's location to this day ensures its position as an important transit route for various energy and trade projects. Tbilisi's diverse history is reflected in its architecture, which is a mix of medieval, neoclassical, Beaux Arts, Art Nouveau, Stalinist and the Modern structures. The elevation of the city ranges from 380–770 meters above sea level (1,250–2,530 ft.) and has the shape of an amphitheater surrounded by mountains on three sides. Tbilisi has a humid subtropical climate, with considerable continental influences. The city experiences very warm summers and moderately cold winters. Like other regions of Georgia, Tbilisi receives significant rainfall throughout the year with no distinct dry period.

#### Hotel and transport.

A hotel room will be booked by the RTA office and you will be informed about your reservation before arrival. Hotel which we normally use is:

- IBIS Styles Hotel, located at G.Tabidze Street #4. Phone: +995 0322002424

Upon arrival at the airport, our taxi driver Iakob (Jacob) will pick-you up. He will meet you at the airport, holding a sign with your name on it. Taxi fare is 35 GEL or Lari (national currency)

or 11 EUR which has to be paid to Jacob when arriving to the hotel. Currency exchange and ATM machines are available at the airport. Iacob's cell phone number is **+995 595506613**.

### Restaurants:

Hotel **IBIS Styles** offers breakfast in the morning, which is included in the hotel price. The hotel has a roof-top restaurant which offers both traditional Georgian and European/Asian cuisine at reasonable prices, but there are several restaurants in the area, where you can find traditional Georgian food, as well. Some of the places are listed below:

- Café De-Gusto (Pushkini st.#9)
- Café Bernard (across your hotel)
- People's café (next to your hotel)
- Café Moulin Electrique (Leselidze st.#28)
- Restaurant Samikitno 24/7 (Liberty square)

### Shopping:

Most of the shops are open until 10:00pm in the evening. **Gallerea Shopping Mall**, located on Liberty square between the hotel Courtyard Marriott and a metro station, where you will find almost every type of shop, including the food court area on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. You can also find Georgian souvenirs, wine shops and traditional craft shops on Leselidze street, which is marked on the map with a "heart" sign.

### Sightseeing:

Some of the main sights of Tbilisi indicated in the map below include:

- Trinity cathedral
- Peace bridge at Rike park
- Tbilisi Sulfur baths
- National Museum
- Parliament building and the old City Assembly
- Narikala fortress
- Funicular (Mtatsminda park)



### Beneficiary information:

The beneficiary institution is the **National Statistics Office of Georgia, (GEOSTAT)**. Work hours are: **09:30am–6:00pm**, with a lunch break between **1:00–2:00pm**. <http://www.geostat.ge/>

You can get to Geostat either by taxi or a metro. You can stop a taxi at any spot in the city or ask your hotel to call a taxi for you. Make sure to ask a price before departure. It should not cost more than 5–6 Lari. If you choose to take a metro, you will need to go to the Liberty Square Metro station. (Station is marked on the map), walk in the station area using your metro card that you have received from the hotel reception,



take the escalator and go to the platform on your left. Take the train and get off at **Nadzaladevi** station (fourth stop after Liberty square). Take the escalator and go to the right when you enter the street. After approximately 200 meters you have Geostat on your right hand side

No matter if you take a taxi or the metro, it will take approximately 25 minutes from IBIS Hotel to GEOSTAT.

The employees at GEOSTAT are looking very much forward to the cooperation with you. They are qualified, interested and easy going. The dress code is relaxed.

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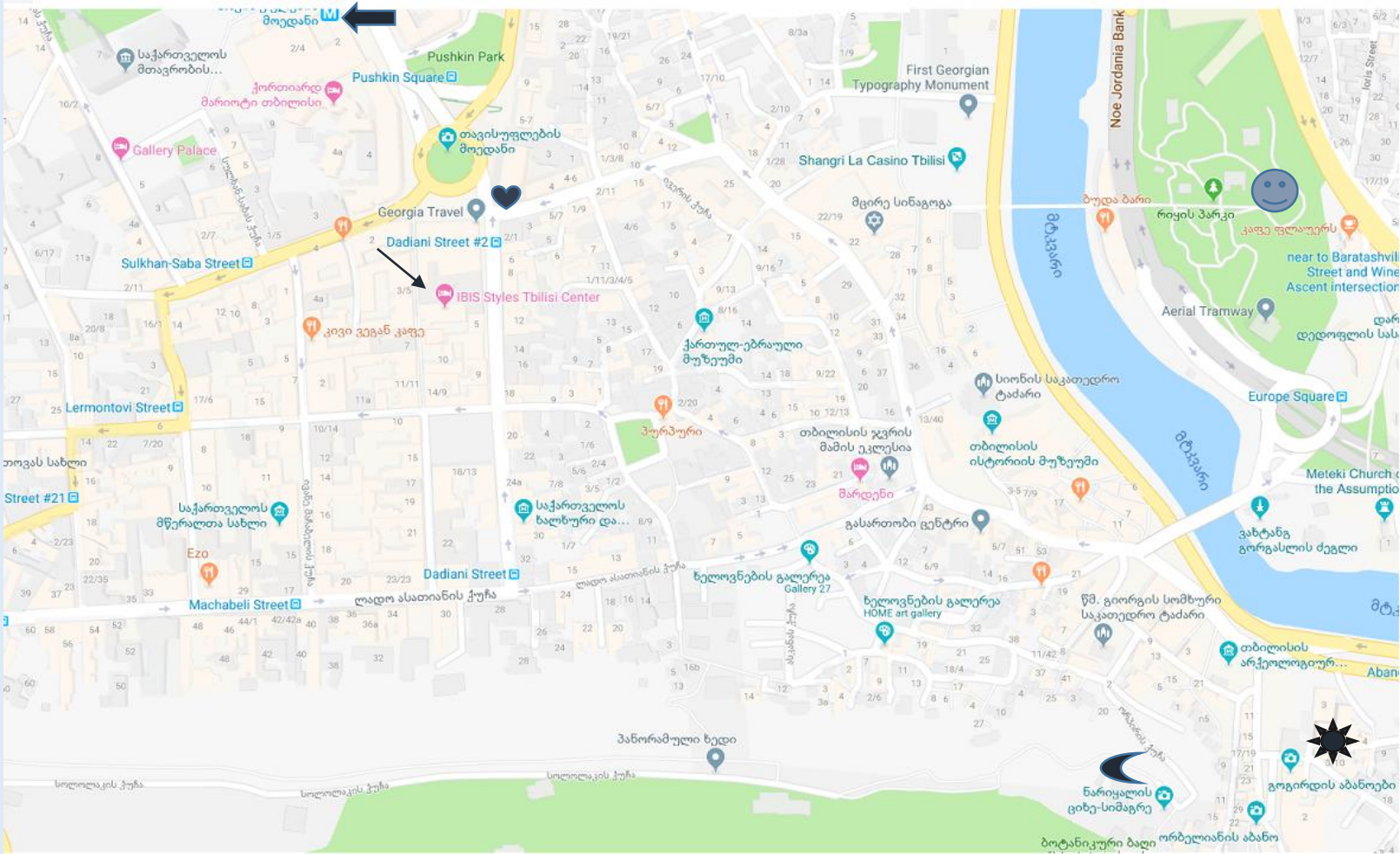
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### In case of Emergency call.

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← This sign marks a liberty square metro station, close to the Marriott hotel.

→ This is where your hotel Ibis styles is located.

☾ The moon sign marks the Narikala fortress, which is one of the oldest spots in Tbilisi, looking down the whole city.

★ Star sign is for Tbilisi sulfur baths, You can enjoy the little walkway in that area, where you will see an old mosque, various restaurants and bars, finishing a walk with a view of a waterfall.

😊 With a smiley face, we have pointed out the Rike Park area, where you can also enjoy a beautiful view with lunch/dinner at a café flowers, overlooking the park.

♥ Leselidze street , famous street with craft and wine shops leading you through the old city into the more touristic part of Tbilisi

