

# FOOD, WINE AND **EVERYTHING ELSE**

*That makes Life a little Richer*



# GEORGIAN FOOD, GEORGIAN WINE, GEORGIAN JOY

A meal in Georgia is an opportunity to feel deeply satisfied. Pretty much any meal, enjoyed at pretty much any location, served with or without wine (though with is better). When savoring a meal in Georgia, you can taste centuries of a strong gastronomic heritage making their way through the past, and all the way to your palate.

Of course, enjoying Georgian food without Georgian wine would be...well, not very Georgian. This is the Cradle of Wine, with a winemaking tradition unbroken over 8,000 years, and evolving with each new generation. Every bottle of Georgian wine is an opportunity for stories to be told, and friendships to be made. Enjoy.

**1** Khinkali in the region of Tusheti



# THE WINE ROUTES OF GEORGIA

საქართველოს ღვინის გზა

## Wine Regions

- 1 Kakheti
- 2 Kartli
- 3 Meskheti
- 4 Imereti
- 5 Racha-Lechkhumi
- 6 Samegrelo
- 7 Guria
- 8 Adjara
- 9 Abkhazia

## Cheeses with Geographical Indications

- 1 Megruli Sulguni
- 2 Smoked Sulguni
- 3 Svanuri Sulguni
- 4 Kartuli Kveli
- 5 Dambalkhacho
- 6 Kobi
- 7 Tushuri Guda
- 8 Guda
- 9 Chogi
- 10 Tenili
- 11 Meskhuri Chechili
- 12 Imeruli Kveli
- 13 Acharuli Chlechili

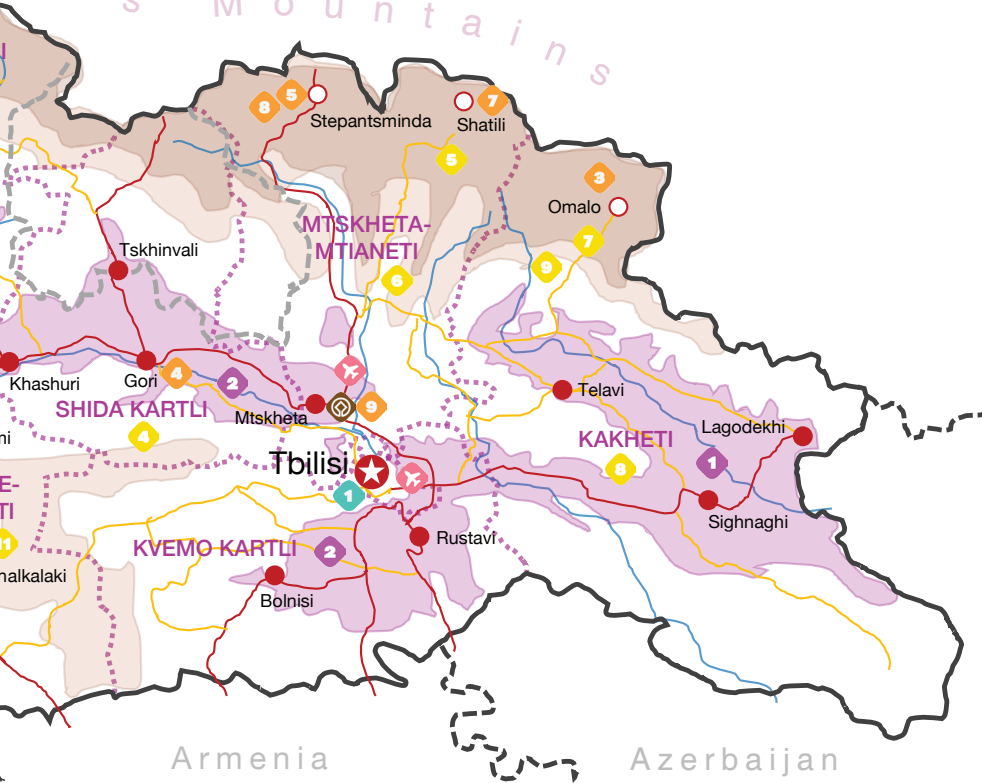
## Cultural Highlights

- 1 Vardzia Cave City
- 2 Katskhi Pillar
- 3 Tusheti
- 4 Uplistsikhe Cave Town
- 5 Stepantsminda/Kazbegi
- 6 Upper Svaneti
- 7 Khevsureti
- 8 Gergeti Trinity Church
- 9 Historical Monuments of Mtskheta
- 10 Gelati Monastery



Russian Federation

Caucasus Mountains

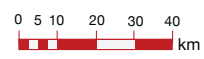


## LEGEND

- Wine Region
- Wine Region
- Cheeses with Geographical Indications
- Cultural Highlight
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Spa Resort
- Regional Border
- River
- Main Road
- Secondary Road
- Occupied Territory
- City
- Town/village
- Airport

### Spa Resorts

- 1 Tbilisi
- 2 Borjomi
- 3 Tskaltubo
- 4 Sairme
- 5 Nunisi



# GEORGIAN CUISINE: FROM THE PAST TO THE PALATE



2 Preparing a supra for an entire village in the region of Tusheti



მთაო, ჩად აბრე ჰბუღღიღოზ,



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5 Dambalkhacho is a cottage cheese-like delicacy that ages in clay pots





# WHEN IT'S TIME TO EAT

A woman in a white apron is working in a traditional wood-burning oven. The oven is built from dark, charred wood. In the foreground, two large, round loaves of bread are stacked on a wooden surface. The bread has a golden-brown crust and a soft, porous interior. The background is filled with wooden beams and tools, creating a rustic atmosphere.

8 Mmmm...warm bread fresh from the Tone







**12** A local coffee bar in the center of Tbilisi



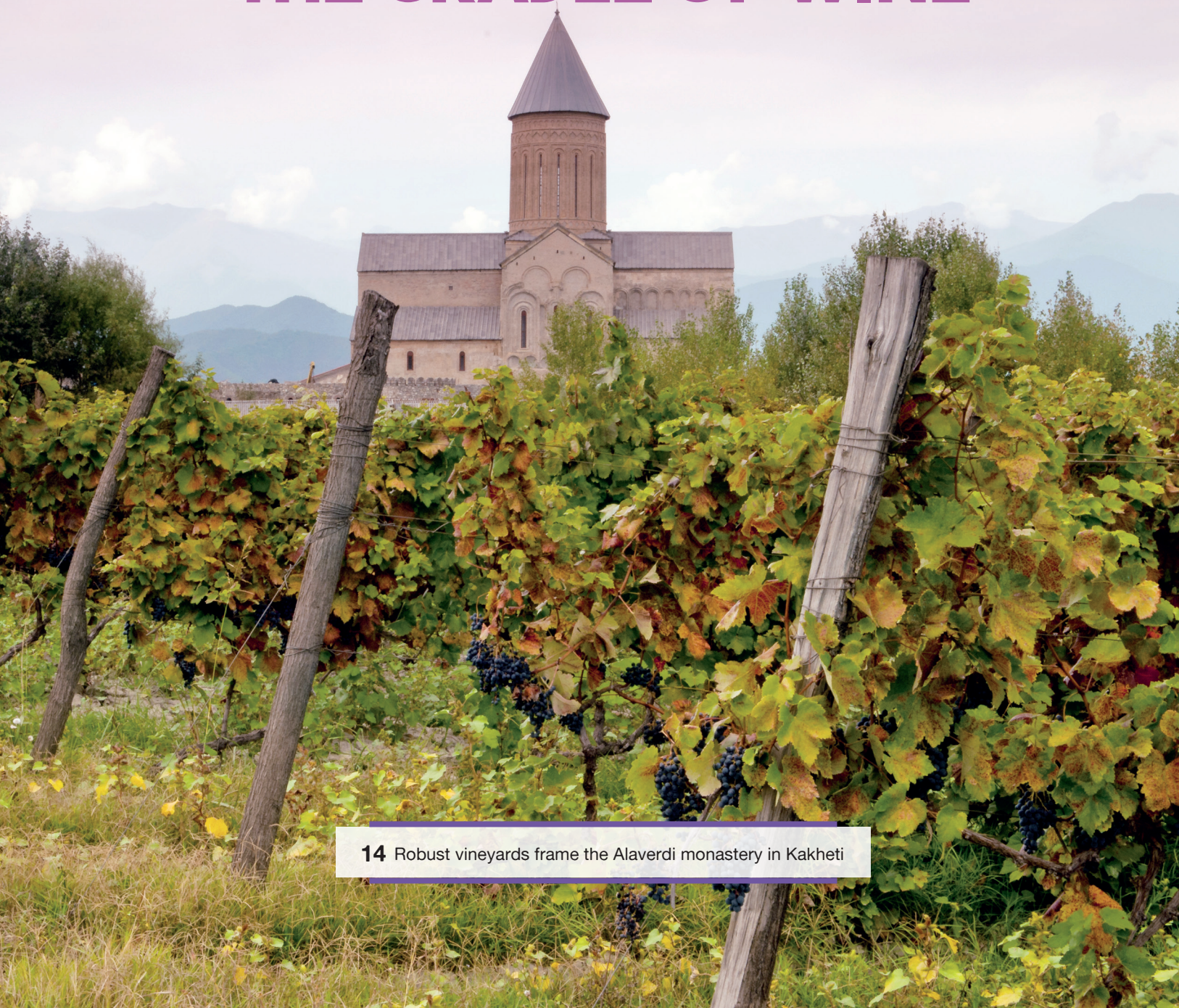
**13** A stylish Tbilisi cafe awaits its hungry patrons

If you're looking for an international dining experience, there's a veritable United Nations of opportunities--from Italian (pizza, pastas), to South American (empanadas, steak or roasted chicken with chimichurri), American (burgers, ribs, barbecue--replete with whisky, beer and cigars), Asian fusion (Chinese, Thai, Japanese), Indian, Arab, Pakistani (halal), Ukrainian, Slavic and more.

It's undeniably exciting to feel like you're at the crossroads of the culinary world; where east meets west, mountains meet sea, tradition meets innovation. Something appetizing to ponder as you review the menu.

საქართველოს მთავრობის განცხადებით, ქვეყნის მთლიანი შიდა პროდუქტის ზრდა 2023 წელს 10.5% შეადგენს. ეს მაჩვენებელი მსოფლიო საშუალოზე მაღალია და ადასტურებს ქვეყნის ეკონომიკის სტაბილურ ზრდას.

# THE CRADLE OF WINE



**14** Robust vineyards frame the Alaverdi monastery in Kakheti



მთაშ, ჩანე აბრე ჰბუღრღრღ,



შენ ანარ ამბეზინს ვანიჩა

ღირი სიხრღრღე სიღითა,

მქროთ ნაქარბი ბუღ-ბუღრღი,  
ზერ მანბანღიღიღ სიღითა;

17 Fresh bread, cheese and tarragon--the ideal post-harvest snack





**18** Qvevris waiting to be filled and buried



**19** Autumn in Georgia means grape harvest season

Today the Georgian unbroken tradition of qvevri winemaking can be found on the UNESCO National Monument of Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

Wine became an increasingly important part of Georgian society with the introduction of Christianity in 327 AD. At that point, churches and monasteries began making their own wine, and production rapidly increased.

The history of wine in Georgia comes to life in every bottle, every glass, every sip. It's a heritage you can feel and celebrate in infinite ways.

საქართველოს მემკვიდრეობის მინისტრის განცხადებით, ქვევრის მემკვიდრეობის მნიშვნელობა უზარუნოა და მისი დაცვა უმთავრესია. ქვევრის მემკვიდრეობის მინისტრის განცხადებით, ქვევრის მემკვიდრეობის მნიშვნელობა უზარუნოა და მისი დაცვა უმთავრესია.

# EXPLORING GEORGIA'S WINE REGIONS

A scenic view of a vineyard in Georgia. The foreground is dominated by rows of lush green grapevines, with some leaves showing signs of aging or damage. The vines are supported by wooden stakes and wires. In the background, a valley opens up, showing several small houses scattered across the landscape. The valley is surrounded by rolling green hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is peaceful and picturesque, capturing the beauty of Georgia's wine regions.

**20** Georgia delights visitors with numerous scenic vineyards



**21** A traditional wicker harvest basket



**22** The charming town of Signaghi and the Alazani Valley

The opportunity for enjoying Georgian wines today is seemingly limitless. Charming wine bars dot city streets, and vineyards warmly welcome visitors with tours and tastings.

There are nine wine regions in Georgia, each with its own climate and soil conditions, and each finding its own way of celebrating any of the 525 indigenous grape varieties that grow in Georgia. Touring the wine regions is a fulfilling way of understanding the traditions and terroir of each region.

Kakheti is Georgia's primary wine producing region, home to 65-70% of all Georgian vineyards.

საქართველოს მთავრობის განცხადებით, ქვეყნის მთელი ტერიტორიაზე უნდა განხორციელდეს მსგავსი ტიპის პროექტები, რათა დაზარალებულ რაიონებში სოფლის მეურნეობის განვითარება და ხეივანების გაშენება ხელშეწყობილი იქნას. ამასთანავე, მნიშვნელოვანია ადგილობრივი მცხოვრებლებისთვის სწავლების პროგრამების ჩატარება, რათა ისინი შეძლონ მსგავსი ტიპის პროექტების განხორციელება და მათი რეგიონის განვითარება.



### **Kartli.**

This region, which starts from the outskirts of Tbilisi and spreads up to Imereti, is known for its high-quality sparkling wines.



### **Mtskheta-Mtianeti.**

Known for its mountains, historical and archaeological sites (and the Gudauri Ski Resort), this region is also home to several wineries.



### **Imereti.**

This is one of the most topographically diverse regions in Georgia, and that is reflected in its wines, the most popular being Tsitska-Tsolikouri.



### **Racha-Lechkhumi.**

Situated in the midst of the awe-inspiring Caucasus Mountains, its harsh climate provides wines with high sugar content and acidity.



### **Meskheti.**

This is one of Georgia's most mountainous and oldest winemaking regions.



### **Adjara.**

This southern region adjacent to the Black Sea has seen the active restoration of several ancient grape varieties.



### **Guria.**

Wine references in this region go back to the times of Colchis Kingdom (approximately 2,000 years ago).



### **Samegrelo.**

The climate in subtropical Samegrelo is generally humid, with the slopes approaching the foothills, of the Upper Caucasus offering good growing areas for wines.

# THE SUPRA: WHERE TRADITIONS COME TO THE TABLE

There's one place you can feel the traditions of Georgian food and wine intersect with the equally renowned Georgian tradition of hospitality, and that is the supra.

A traditional Georgian feast, the supra is a time-honored event that unites large amounts of traditional Georgian food with equally large amounts of Georgian wine, singing, story telling and toasts. The supra is led by a Tamada, a master of ceremonies who can evoke feelings of community, culture, and belonging. And there are few finer feelings than those.



# TRAVEL INFORMATION SECTION

## #EmotionsAreGeorgia

### Visa Requirements

The visa policy of Georgia became comparatively liberal, allowing citizens of 98 countries to enter, reside, work and study in Georgia without the necessity to obtain either a visa or residence permit. In addition, the Georgian Government approved the list of 50 countries whose visa and/or residence permit holders may enter Georgia without a visa for an appropriate period and under appropriate conditions.

**For more information please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia**

[www.mfa.gov.ge](http://www.mfa.gov.ge)

### Connectivity

Georgia, with its strategic location at the crossroad of Europe and Asia, features itself as regional logistics and transit hub offering easy access to key markets. There are modern international airports operating

in different parts of the country which accelerate the increase of tourists flows. Flights are operated by various airlines from over 50 directions from/to Georgia. [www.kutaisi.aero](http://www.kutaisi.aero); [www.tavgeorgia.com](http://www.tavgeorgia.com)

### Climate

The climate of the country is extremely diverse. Average temperatures in summer range from 19°C to 22 °C, and in winter from 1.5 °C to 3 °C.

### Electricity

Electrical current - 220 volts, 50 Hz. EU standards plugs work throughout Georgia.

### Currency

The currency in Georgia is the Georgian Lari. ATMs can be found in major towns and cities. Credit and debit cards are widely used in major cities.

### Communication

The country code is +995. Georgia's mobile operators are present in most parts of the country, and there are many Wi-Fi zones that enable visitors to use the internet for free.

### Health

For emergency services, please call 112.

For more information, please visit:

**[www.georgia.travel](http://www.georgia.travel)**

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