

Tbilisi Recommendations

A list of restaurants, cafés, ice cream, parks, sights, markets, and day trips. Every entry links straight to its exact Google Maps pin.

Fine Dining & Elaborate Georgian Cuisine

Iasamani

33 Lado Asatiani St · Sololaki / Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

Georgian cuisine with a modern, elegant twist in a stylish vintage interior.

Shavi Lomi

28 Zurab Kvividze St · Sololaki / Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

Creative Georgian cuisine in a converted house with a leafy garden courtyard (and resident cats). Home of the famous sharing platter of pkhali, cheeses and cornbread, plus shkmeruli (garlic chicken).

Keto & Kote

3 Mikheil Zandukeli Lane · Vera · [Google Maps](#)

Georgian classics with a fine-dining edge in a restored 19th-century mansion, with a nice terrace overlooking the city. Known for pulled beef, dolma, and a strong Georgian wine list. A little tricky to find — worth the walk.

Ethnographer

105 Akaki Belashvili St · Dighomi · [Google Maps](#)

Large hall-style restaurant built like a museum of Georgian gastronomic culture, filled with regional artifacts. Nightly Georgian dance and live music performances alongside a full traditional dinner — a proper "dinner and a show" experience.

Ethno Tsiskvili

99 Akaki Belashvili St · Dighomi · [Google Maps](#)

Sister venue a few doors from Ethnographer, part of the well-known Tsiskvili restaurant group. Built around a preserved working watermill and waterfall, with nightly Georgian dance and polyphonic singing from 8pm.

Other Good Georgian Restaurants

144 Stairs

14 Salami St · Sololaki / Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

Art-filled café-restaurant at the top of a long staircase, with a beautiful terrace view over Old Tbilisi and the Mtkvari river. Georgian and international dishes, relaxed atmosphere, resident cats.

Kancellaria Natural Wine Bar

12 Pavle Ingorokva St · City center · [Google Maps](#)

Cozy, candlelit natural wine bar-restaurant with excellent appetiser dishes and a well-chosen list of Georgian natural wines. Small and popular.

Salobie Bia

Inside the Rustaveli Theatre, 17 Shota Rustaveli Ave · Rustaveli · [Google Maps](#)

A simple-food place — centered on lobio (Georgian bean stew) with cornbread and pickled jonjoli. Artist's-studio interior with vintage posters and mosaics; a good lunch stop on the Rustaveli avenue.

Sofia Melnikova's Fantastic Douqan

22 Revaz Tabukashvili St · Old Tbilisi / Chugureti side · [Google Maps](#)

Bohemian, slightly ramshackle courtyard restaurant with a grunge, artist's-den atmosphere (cats included) — unpretentious Georgian food, cold beer, and a very local crowd. Order blind and you'll generally be fine.

Cheaper, Simpler Georgian Food

Racha

4 Mikheil Lermontovi St · Rustaveli / city center · [Google Maps](#)

Local favorite named after the Racha region. Order at the counter, pay cash. Great value khinkali and mtsvadi.

Pasanauri

1 Vakhtang Gorgasali St (and several other branches city-wide) · Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

Popular, always-busy Georgian chain known for khinkali and khachapuri at honest prices. Some branches close very late or 24/7.

Ice Cream

The Cone Culture

5 Taras Shevchenko St · Vera · [Google Maps](#)

Handmade ice cream with genuinely inventive flavors — blue cheese, feijoa, vanilla adjika, walnut brittle (gozniaki).

Luca Polare

34 Kote Apkhazi St (and many other locations city-wide) · Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

Georgia's biggest ice cream chain, Italian-recipe style with around many flavors. Great fruit sorbets for a lighter, dairy-free option.

Cafés, Bakeries & Coffee

Shavi Coffee Roasters

40 Mikheil Zandukeli St (flagship; two more branches in Sololaki and Chugureti) · Vera · [Google Maps](#)

Tbilisi's benchmark specialty coffee roaster since 2021, still one of the very best. Restrained, well-executed coffee menu (black batch, hand brews, cold brew) plus matcha and pastries — excellent cherry pie.

Entrée

47 Kote Apkhazi St (and other locations city-wide) · Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

French-style bakery-café chain and one of the most reliable spots in the city for pastries — excellent croissants, pains au chocolat, cakes and sandwiches, plus good coffee and an all-day breakfast menu.

Puri Guliani

Inside the Mtatsminda funicular/park complex · Mtatsminda · [Google Maps](#)

Georgian bakery-café known for artisan breads and Acharuli Khachapuri, up at the top of Mtatsminda — a great combination of good khachapuri and a sweeping view over the whole town. Try the adjaruli khachapuri and a glass of Georgian lemonade.

Markets

Sunday Farmers' Market at Ezo

16 Geronti Kikodze St · Sololaki · [Google Maps](#)

A Sunday-morning farmers' market held in and around Ezo's courtyard — local produce, cheeses, honey and other small-producer goods in a relaxed, sociable setting. Good to pair with a stroll through Sololaki.

Dry Bridge Market

By Dedaena Park, near the Dry Bridge · Chugureti / Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

Tbilisi's best-known flea market — Soviet memorabilia, antiques, old cameras, jewelry, carpets and general curiosities. Equal parts shopping and open-air museum; haggling is normal.

Parks

Mziuri Park

Off Chavchavadze Ave · Vake · [Google Maps](#)

Green, family-friendly park with a lovely social café (Cafe Mziuri) right inside it — a nice spot for coffee, a light meal, or just sitting with a book. Popular with locals.

Vake Park

76 Ilia Chavchavadze Ave · Vake · [Google Maps](#)

Tbilisi's largest park, with a monumental staircase leading up the hillside, cafés, an outdoor cinema, and space for walking, running and cycling. From the top, it's about a 30-minute walk to the Ethnographic Museum and Turtle Lake.

Dedaena Park

By the Dry Bridge / Mtkvari riverbank · Chugureti · [Google Maps](#)

Riverside park with a skate park, a couple of bars/cafés (Dedaena Bar is the best known), and occasional flea markets and events. Historically significant as the site of the 1978 Georgian-language protests.

Bombora Park (Mtatsminda Park)

Atop Mount Mtatsminda · Mtatsminda · [Google Maps](#)

The amusement park (nicknamed "Bombora") at the top of Mtatsminda, with a giant Ferris wheel, rides for kids and thrill-seekers, and sweeping views over the whole city. Surrounded by pine forest that's lovely just to walk through.

Sights, Museums & Hiking

National Botanical Garden

Botanikuri St · Old Tbilisi (Sololaki/Abanotubani) · [Google Maps](#)

A lush, hilly garden right behind the sulfur baths, with waterfalls, a bamboo grove, and panoramic views over Old Tbilisi. A peaceful escape from the city that connects nicely to the Leghvtakhevi Waterfall walk. Some steep uphill sections, so wear good shoes.

Ateshgah (Zoroastrian Fire Temple)

Gomi St · Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

A small, little-known ruin near Mother of Georgia — one of the northernmost Zoroastrian fire temples in the world, dated to the Sasanian era. Unassuming and easy to miss, but a striking reminder of Tbilisi's layered religious history; you may need to ask to be let in.

Tbilisi Open Air Museum of Ethnography

Kus Tba Rd · Vake · [Google Maps](#)

A hillside "living village" of some 70 traditional houses and workshops relocated from all across Georgia's regions. A relaxed, green way to see the whole country's folk architecture in one visit. Closed Mondays.

Turtle Lake (Kus Tba)

Vake plateau · Vake · [Google Maps](#)

Small reservoir lake up on the Vake plateau, popular for walking, paddleboats and lakeside cafés. Combine with a visit to the Ethnographic Museum just downhill.

Georgian State Silk Museum

6 Giorgi Tshabadze St · Chugureti · [Google Maps](#)

One of the oldest silk museums in the world (founded 1889), reopened in 2024 after a full renovation. A small but genuinely fascinating look at silkworm biology and Georgia's historic silk industry — a quieter, less-visited gem.

Georgian National Museum

3 Shota Rustaveli Ave · Rustaveli · [Google Maps](#)

Georgia's flagship history museum — archaeology, the famous Gold of Colchis collection, and exhibits spanning from prehistory to the Soviet era. The obvious starting point for Georgian history.

Mtatsminda Pantheon

By Mamadaviti (St. David's) Church · Mtatsminda · [Google Maps](#)

The resting place of many of Georgia's most important writers, artists and public figures, set in a churchyard partway up Mount Mtatsminda. A quiet, moving stop on the way up the mountain, and one of the not-so-touristy things to do in Tbilisi.

Leghvtakhevi Waterfall

1 Botanikuri St · Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

A small waterfall tucked into a canyon right in the middle of the Old Town, reached via a walkway past the sulfur baths. A genuinely surprising pocket of nature in the city center — especially atmospheric lit up at night.

Chronicle of Georgia

Temqa hilltop · Temqa / Tbilisi Sea area · [Google Maps](#)

Monumental cluster of huge carved stone pillars depicting Georgian history from the 1970-ies, on a hilltop above the Tbilisi Sea reservoir. Dramatic, very windy, and with great viewpoints over the city — best reached by taxi rather than bus.

Hiking on Mtatsminda

Trailheads from Chonkadze St / Mama Daviti Rise · Mtatsminda / Sololaki · [Google Maps](#)

For walkers and hikers: several trails climb Mount Mtatsminda on foot instead of taking the funicular or cable car (roughly 40–60 minutes up). One path runs past the Pantheon; from the summit, ridge trails continue on towards the Mother of Georgia statue, Narikala Fortress, and Turtle Lake — a full afternoon of walking through pine forest with panoramic views the whole way.

Hip Spots & Cultural Complexes

Fabrika

8 Egnate Ninoshvili St · Chugureti · [Google Maps](#)

A former Soviet sewing factory turned multipurpose hub — hostel, courtyard bars and restaurants, concept stores, workshops and co-working space. Lively most nights with a mixed local/tourist crowd; the "hip Tbilisi" hangout place.

Wine Factory N1 (Ghvinis Karkhana)

1 Vasil Petriashvili St · Vera · [Google Maps](#)

A beautifully restored 19th-century wine factory (built 1894–96) now home to a whole precinct of wine bars, cocktail lounges and contemporary Georgian restaurants. Elegant, slightly upscale atmosphere.

Bars & Nightlife

Muhudo

Off Mikheil Zandukeli St · Vera · [Google Maps](#)

Beloved falafel shop with an attached lefty bar next door — nice falafel wraps by day, a relaxed spot for a drink by night. Very central, very local.

Mozaika

8 Vashlovani St · Old Tbilisi · [Google Maps](#)

Neighborhood bar with a laid-back, unpretentious vibe. Good for a low-key drink away from the more touristy Old Town streets.

1984 Jazz Club

37 Shota Rustaveli Ave · Rustaveli · [Google Maps](#)

Cozy, vintage-styled jazz club channeling 1980s New York. Live jazz every night, a solid cocktail and wine list, and food to match. Book ahead for a table close to the stage.

Recommended Day Trips from Tbilisi

Mtskheta

About 25 km northwest of Tbilisi · Mtskheta-Mtianeti region · [Google Maps](#)

Georgia's ancient capital and spiritual heart, at the confluence of the Mtkvari and Aragvi rivers. A UNESCO World Heritage town centered on Svetitskhoveli Cathedral (said to hold Christ's robe) and Jvari Monastery on the hilltop above — the view from Jvari over the river confluence is one of the classic Georgia postcard shots. Easily done as a half-day trip; combine with Uplistsikhe for a fuller day.

Uplistsikhe

Near Gori, about 90–120 min drive from Tbilisi · Shida Kartli region · [Google Maps](#)

An ancient rock-hewn cave city dating back to the early Iron Age, carved into a rocky outcrop above the Mtkvari river — one of the oldest urban settlements in the Caucasus. Expect a lot of stairs and uneven surfaces, so wear proper shoes. Often paired with a stop in Gori (Stalin's birthplace) on the way.