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## 18th WFTGA Convention in Tbilisi, Georgia 20-25 January, 2019

### Georgia – World’s historical crossroad

On 21st of February the International Tourist Guide Day Celebrations were held by Georgian Guides Association in the Major's hall named by Queen Tamar. The head of Georgian National Tourism Administration, the representatives from Major and Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development attended the event, as well as members of association and



tourism industry representatives. President of the Guides Association of Georgia Ketevan Meladze highlighted the achievements of 2017 year, especially the honor of hosting the Wftga 2019 Convention and announced the Registration opening for WFTGA Convention 2019. The speakers talked briefly about tourism development in Georgia and the importance of professional guides.



### The Early Bird Registration is open!

The opportunity to register and pay the **Early Bird Rates**, will close on **21st of June 2018**, while the **Regular registration will be open from 22<sup>nd</sup> of June till 21<sup>st</sup> of November**. Please, check the rates on our official webpage [www.wftga2019.com](http://www.wftga2019.com)

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The Convention program and Pre- and Post-Tours are already presented on the official webpage. During the Convention days, along with the professional meetings and workshops, you will travel through the time and ancient/modern history, experiencing the hospitality of the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi.

During the Pre-Tour the participants of WFTGA Convention 2019 will have an opportunity to visit top destinations of Georgia: you will visit the old capital of Georgia, diving into the culture and history, and stay in Kakheti Region – the main wine region, A.K.A Cradle of Wine, for experiencing famous Georgian Supra with Traditional Georgian dishes (Khinkali, Khachapuri, Pkhali and many more) and tasting wine, made according to 8000 years technology. You will also have an entertaining master-classes and outstanding and close to the tourist experiences!

As for the Post-Tour, it will be rich with historical, cultural and landscape diversity, giving you and opportunity to travel from highest mountains and ending in the pearl of Black Sea, from ancient to modern times of super technologies, enjoying a dynamic mix of traditions and modern trends!



## Convention Venue - The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi

A Luxury Hotel in the Heart of Tbilisi- The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi is a glass skyscraper and the highest hotel in the Caucasus Region. Offering

astonishing views, it is ideally situated within the historic and cultural district of Georgia’s capital city. The grand lobby echoes the nostalgia of a bygone era and resonates the glamour and prestige of the social elite and transports guests into an envelope of luxury, unseen or experienced by others before.



## Jane Orde Scholarship

Don't forget to check the information with WFTGA directly on the following link;

<http://wftga.org/conventions/jane-orde-scholarship>

or email [info@wftga.org](mailto:info@wftga.org) to request the application form.

On [wftga2019.com](http://wftga2019.com) you will also find a story about Jane Orde - a founder of a scholarship, a person, who dedicated all of her wisdom and kindness to WFTGA during her presidency

### Did you know?

*“WFTGA logo – the hand of friendship and the hand of guidance stretched across the world – was designed during Jane’s presidency.” – Mary Kemp Clarke*



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The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi is built straight next to the Soviet

era

Institute of Marx, Engels and Lenin (IMELI), which became the hotels essential part.

214 luxury rooms and suites provide **free high-speed wireless Internet**, upscale bathroom amenities and beautiful views over the old and new city.

With distinct lifestyle venues and, a sensational spa and a one-of-its-kind entertainment arena, this property promises to be the only address for glamorous lifestyles. Participants will have **Free access to spa center including indoor pool, sauna, steam room and fitness center.**



## Registration Procedures:

- Enter [www.wftga2019.com](http://www.wftga2019.com)
- On the home page, please find the red button under the name “REGISTER HERE”;
- Choose your participation type (Executive Board; Delegate; Member; Non-Member or Accompanying People) and click on the relevant button;
- Include all of the necessary information into the registration form and press REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION;
- Check the information you have entered and if everything is correct, press PROCEED REGISTRATION;
- During 1 week we will go through your application form and will confirm your participation by sending you a separate letter with the payment options, which is 2 (two) – Credit Card Payment and Bank transfer.
- Payment deadline is 30 days after receiving payment letter.
- As soon as we will receive your payment, confirmation letter about successful transaction will arrive on your email address.
- ...and, let the countdown begin!

**Also, please, don't forget to:**



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- <https://www.instagram.com/wftga2019>

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- <https://www.facebook.com/wftga>
- Twitter: @WFTGAofficial
- Instagram: wftga\_official\_

<p><b>Dates to Save:</b></p> <p><b>Pre-convention Tour 18.01.19 - 20.01.19</b></p> <p><b>WFTGA 18<sup>TH</sup> Convention 20.01.19 - 25.01.19</b></p> <p><b>Post-convention Tour 25.01.19 - 29.01.19</b></p>	<p><b>Places to Visit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mtskheta City - the old capital of Georgia, being in the UNESCO list, is a place, where the Robe of Jesus Christ is buried.</li> <li>• Kakheti Region – the main wine region, A.K.A Cradle of Wine.</li> <li>• Tbilisi – Capital of Georgia;</li> <li>• Imereti Region – region is famous by it’s Historical sights, Hospitality, and, especially, Khachapuri!</li> <li>• Adjara – so called Georgian Riviera!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Things to Taste:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional Georgian dishes, such as: Khinkali, Khachapuri, Pkhali – famous worldwide!</li> <li>• Chacha – newly pressed traditional Georgian spirit (based on the grape dregs);</li> <li>• Churchkhela – Georgian Delight, which were used as an energy bar by the warriors, during the battles;</li> <li>• WINE – which is produced almost in every family in Kakheti region, and many more!</li> </ul>	<p><b>Things to Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traveling through the time and ancient/modern history;</li> <li>• Exploring unique monasteries, built in 5<sup>th</sup> Centuries!</li> <li>• Finding an amazing place where 2 main rivers of Georgia meet;</li> <li>• Visiting of wonderful Chateaus and Authentic wine cellars – where Georgian Hospitality and wine will be introduced!</li> <li>• Workshops and Masterclasses of making Georgian Bread, Wine, Churchkhela and Khinkali!</li> <li>• “Qvevri” Opening Ceremony in mysterious Alaverdi Monastery.</li> <li>• Traveling through the Prometheus Caves and much more!</li> </ul>

We look forward to welcoming you in Georgia!

Warm regards,

Ketevan Meladze and Working Team



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