



WFTGA 2019  
GEORGIA

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Georgian Association of Guides  
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## 18<sup>th</sup> WFTGA Convention in Tbilisi, Georgia

20-25 January, 2019

### Georgia – World's historical crossroad

After the Convention in Iran, Georgian Guides Association is working hard to make WFTGA Convention of 2019 truly memorable, interesting and entertaining for you!

In August 2017 WFTGA ExBo came to Georgia for working purposes. During their stay in Georgia they visited Convention pre-tour destinations and met the working-team of Convention 2019 as well as Georgian National Tourism Administration.



### Within 1 week of

visit, ExBo - shared

the knowledge and

international experience

with Georgian team, and contributed by giving

advice to assist in producing a Convention of very

high standards.

We look forward

for colleagues

around the world

to acquaint

themselves with

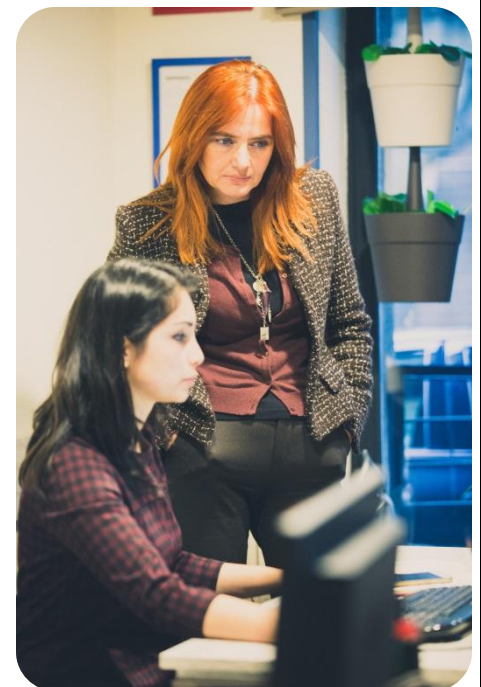
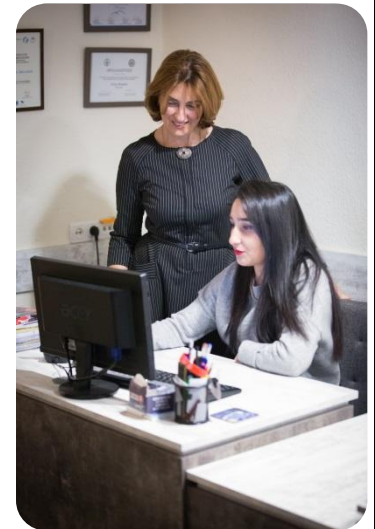
the Georgian

hospitality ,

culture, and, most of all experience the phenomenon of the exquisite Georgian wine, dishes and feast - Supra, which is included in UNESCO's Intangible Heritage List!

At the end of August WFTGA Executive Board members, during their board meeting , experienced some of the treasures we have planned for colleagues coming to Georgia in January 2019.

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**Congress official web site is under construction and will be ready very soon!**

The web page [www.wftga2019.com](http://www.wftga2019.com) will give you the opportunity:

- to Get acquainted with the information about visas (which is not required for up to 94 countries);
- to Get general information about the country's culture, Convention venue, Convention hotel and the pre / post tours;
- to Sign up for the Convention and Pre / Post tours
- to Learn Georgian –Hint: a fun add-on in the footer of the web site
- to Sign up for direct mailings, please include your e-mail, social media accounts...for updates

**Also, Don't forget to:**

 Find us  Social Media

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## **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) for more information

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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<p><b>Dates to Save:</b></p> <p><b>Pre-convention Tour</b> <b>18.01.19 - 20.01.19</b></p> <p><b>WFTGA 18<sup>TH</sup> Convention</b> <b>20.01.19 - 25.01.19</b></p> <p><b>Post-convention Tour</b> <b>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,

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Not open to the general public or tourists, your hosts the Georgian Guides Association - have a very special treat for colleagues