

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



EarlyBird Registration

Hurry up! Just a few days left till the early-bird rates will be changed for regular registration rates. For the registration, please, follow the link:

https://wftga2019.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=141&lang=en

Step by Step registration: if you haven't registered yet, please, follow these instructions.

1. Visit the WFTGA Convention 2019 official website: wftga2019.com
2. Click the REGISTER HERE button just under the big picture or just use the link according to your status:
<https://wftga2019.com/delegates>
<https://wftga2019.com/members>
<https://wftga2019.com/non-members>
<https://wftga2019.com/accompanying>
3. Fill all the required information and don't forget to attach the membership card or other required document. Please, take into consideration that Passports/ID Cards/Business Cards/Personal pictures are not related to the registration. After filling it all, click REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION;
4. Check the information you have entered and if everything is correct, click PROCEED REGISTRATION;
5. Within 1 week we will go through your application form and will confirm your participation by sending you a separate letter with the payment options – Credit Card Payment or Bank transfer.
6. When your registration is confirmed, you will receive an email with the Credit Card payment link or Invoice for Bank Transfer (depending on your choice). Payment must take place within 30 days.
7. As soon as we receive your payment, we will confirm your successful transaction by email.
8. ...and then, let the countdown begin!



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Participation as a Delegate

Delegate: A person authorized or sent to speak, vote and act on behalf of their organizations; country representative at a convention, max 4 per country should space allow (with 1 dedicated spokesperson).

Approval of the status

If WFTGA member is registering as a Delegate they must attach a supporting letter stating that their association authorises them to be their delegate. Please take into consideration that:

- At the General Assembly there is only one vote per country;
- Up to 2 Delegates per country can be seated at the table of the General Assembly Delegates
- In addition, and if space allows, 2 more delegates may attend the General Assembly, but not at the table (they may sit behind for consultation).
- If a country has more than 4 association members, they themselves must decide which 4 or less Delegates will represent them all with the single country vote.
- We allow 60 days for the payment process relating to Delegates only, due to the additional authorization and sponsorship requirements they might have to undertake during registration.

Top 5 FAQs:

- Q: Can we arrange a triple room accommodation option during WFTGA Convention 2019?
A: No, no triple room packages are available during WFTGA 2019
- Q: Can I bring more than 1 accompany person with me?
A: No, only one accompanying person per individual member is allowed. If you wish to be accompanied by more non-members please organize their hotel bookings yourself.
- Q: I have registered during early-bird rates period, but have not paid yet, what should I do?
- A: If you have registered during the early-bird period, but haven't paid by the 22 of June (or within the agreed period in your confirmation letter) – your early bird registration will be canceled, and you will have to register on the regular rates.



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 for more information

On 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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- Q: What is the weather like during January in Georgia?

A: The weather during the days of the WFTGA Conference: Normally, Winter is fairly mild along the coast, since the average temperature in January is about 0 to 7 °C (45 °F); The sea moderates the climate, while the Caucasus Mountains in the north partially protect this area from cold winds, although beyond the Caucasus we find the freezing Russian plains, so sometimes a bit of cold air manages to surpass the mountains and reach the coast: there are on average about ten days with snow per year. In the capital, **Tbilisi**, located in the valley of the Kura at 450 metres (1,450 ft) above sea level, the climate is slightly continental, and is much more arid than the coast. The average temperature in January of 2018 was 10°C (50°F). Please, note that Tbilisi is a windy city, and can experience strong winds quite frequently. What to pack in winter: in Tbilisi, the plains and the coast, warm clothes, sweater, jacket, hat, raincoat or umbrella.

Pre tour: only few places left!!!!

WFTGA 2019 Pre- **Convention** Tour was designed to show the very best that Georgia has to offer to its guests. It is truly a transformational **experience** to visit the hotspots of the **Historical Crossroad**, with ancient monasteries and taste wine made in the **8000 years old winemaking tradition**. Please note, that there is a **limited** amount of slots left, so hurry to book, as it is **almost sold out**.



Must see in Georgia: Vardzia as a part of Post-Tours experience

During the Post-Convention tour participants of WFTGA 2019 will visit one of the most interesting UNESCO World Heritage sites - the unique monument of Georgian architecture, the rock-hewn town



of **Vardzia** (Georgian: ვარძია). It is a spectacular cave monastery in southern Georgia, on the left bank of the Mtkvari River in Samtskhe-Javakheti region. It was the easternmost bastion of Christianity and holds special significance for Georgians because it is associated with King Tamar, the most famous woman in Georgian history (she was crowned king, not queen). The levels of the caves are connected by winding passages and steps – which can be tiring to explore but you can choose to see as little or as much as you want. Historians tell us about the Queen's rich contributions to the monastery and the luxury of its caves. The chief seminary of southwestern Georgia was housing 2 000 monks until an earthquake ruined it in 1283. Another earthquake in 1456 was followed by a Persian army in 1551, so that now Vardzia cave complex consists of approximately 600 rooms of an original total of 3 000. Note: for people who suffer from claustrophobia some of the narrow tunnels and spaces might make the visit a bit uncomfortable.

Call for Workshops: application form

If you would like to deliver a workshop during the 2019 Convention, please find attached the Workshop Theme Application form. The filled application form should be sent to info@wftga2019.com and president@wftga.com by the 1st of July.

WFTGA Training in Georgia

Good News! – WFTGA Hands on Tourist Guiding and Train the Trainer has successfully finished in Georgia

We care about quality and that's why we have invited 1 International and 2 Lead International Trainers here, in Georgia, to train English and Russian speaking Georgian Tourist Guides.

Firstly, in December 2017, Gennadiy Chudnovets LIT, conducted WFTGA training programme for 12 Russian Speaking Guides. As a result, the Georgian Association of Guides now has 12 WFTGA Certified Russian speaking Tourist Guides including 10 new WFTGA National Trainers.

In April 2018 Kaliopé Panou (International Trainer) and Steve McAuley (Executive Board member , Lead International Trainer and Head of WFTGA Training Division) visited Tbilisi and held HOT and TtT for English speaking Tourist Guides. The first course was





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finished successfully by all participant. And now, the Georgian Association of Guides has 13 WFTGA Certified English speaking Tourist Guides including 12 new WFTGA National Trainers.

We want to say Big Thank You to our Sponsor – the Georgian National Tourism Administration (GNTA). At the end of the 2nd Training, the head of the GNTA, Mr. Giorgi Chogovadze and the President of the Georgian Guides Association, Ms. Ketevan Meladze congratulated all the trainees and handed out all the certificates to the participants.



Big Thanks to WFTGA Executive Board and Training Division for sharing their professionalism and experience with our Tourist Guides!

Also, please, don't forget to follow us on

social media:

- <https://twitter.com/Wftga2019>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Wftga2019>
- <https://www.instagram.com/wftga2019>
- <https://www.youtube.com> – Wftga 2019 Georgia
- <https://www.facebook.com/wftga>
- Twitter: @WFTGAofficial
- Instagram: wftga_official_

We look forward to welcoming you in Georgia!

Warm regards,

Ketevan Meladze and Working Team

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Dates to Save:

Pre-convention Tour 18.01.19 - 20.01.19

WFTGA 18TH Convention 20.01.19 - 25.01.19

Post-convention Tour 25.01.19 - 29.01.19

