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Your Guide to Thriving in Georgia: MBBS Student Edition

Congratulations on choosing Georgia for your MBBS journey! This comprehensive guide equips you with essential information to navigate living, studying, and thriving in this beautiful country.

Living in Georgia:

Accommodation: Student housing options, dorms and private apartments near universities are plentiful. European university, Tbilisi provides its own dormitories for international students. DestNation offers personalized assistance to find accommodation that meets your needs and budget.

Cost of Living: Georgia is budget-friendly, but plan your finances. Estimate monthly expenses for food (explore local markets!), transportation (public options are affordable, consider student travel cards), and utilities.



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Transportation: Public transport is reliable. Use buses, metro (in Tbilisi), or marshrutkas (minivans). Negotiate taxi fares. Download apps like Yandex.Taxi for convenient rides.

Culture: Immerse yourself! Visit ancient churches, historical sites, and charming towns. Explore vibrant music and delicious cuisine (Khinkali, Khachapuri, Lobia!). Learn basic Georgian for a richer experience.

Communication:

Language: Georgian is the official language, but English is widely spoken in universities and tourist areas.

Mobile Phones: Purchase a local SIM card upon arrival for affordable call and data plans (Magticom, Beeline, Geocell are popular providers). Download communication apps like Viber and WhatsApp, widely used in Georgia. All assistance will be provided by DestNation.

Safety and Security:

General Safety: Georgia is a safe country, but exercise common sense. Be aware of surroundings, especially at night. Avoid isolated areas.

Emergency Numbers: Learn emergency numbers for police (112), ambulance (112), and fire services (112).

Academic Life:



Education System: The MBBS program is typically six years. Expect a rigorous curriculum with strong theoretical knowledge and practical training.

Study Habits: Adapt to a new teaching style. Participate actively in lectures, tutorials, and practical sessions. Develop good time management skills to balance academics with social life.

University Support: Utilize support services for international students. Seek guidance on academics and cultural adaptation. Most universities offer dedicated staff for international students.





Additional Tips:

Pack for All Seasons: Georgia has diverse weather. Pack clothes suitable for warm summers and moderately cold winters with occasional snowfall.

Embrace the Culture: Attend local festivals, visit museums, and participate in student events.

Stay Connected with Home and DestNation officials: Download communication apps like Viber and WhatsApp. Consider international calling plans if needed.

Bring Adapters: Georgia uses European two-pin plugs. Pack travel adapters for your electronic devices.

Respect Local Customs: Dress modestly when visiting religious sites. Learn basic Georgian greetings for a positive first impression.

Open a Bank Account: Consider opening a local bank account for convenience when managing finances. All assistance will be provided by DestNation.

We wish you the best of luck in your studies and adventures in Georgia! Make the most of this exciting opportunity to become a doctor and experience a unique and vibrant culture.



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