

# GEORGIA vs Rep. of IRELAND

## Tbilisi 7 September 2014



### TRAVEL ADVICE FOR FANS

#### **Embassy of Ireland**

The Embassy of Ireland in Sofia, Bulgaria, has responsibility for Irish relations with Georgia.  
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**The Embassy of Ireland will be represented in Tbilisi by a consular officer from Saturday 6th September to Monday 8th September.**

**During these dates In case of a genuine emergency please call**  
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#### **Before you travel**

- Irish passport holders do not require a visa to enter Georgia. Irish passport holders can remain in Georgia for up to 90 days. . NOTE: Please keep your passport in a safe place at all times.
- The local currency is Georgian Lari (GEL). According to Georgian law, all goods and services should be paid for in local currency. Georgian Lari. Lari are not available for purchase outside the country. However, US dollars and Euro can easily be exchanged for the local currency. Lari can also be obtained from many ATMs.
- Bring your prescription for any medicines you will be taking into Georgia.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade strongly recommends that you obtain comprehensive travel insurance to cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation, before travelling to Georgia.
- Please read the travel advice provided by this Department for Georgia at [www.DFA.ie](http://www.DFA.ie)
- Please register your personal details on the [DFAT Citizens Registration site](#).

#### **Arriving in Tbilisi and getting to and from the match**

Tbilisi International Airport is located 18 km (11 miles) from the city centre and is capable of handling 2 000 passengers per hour. There are taxis and a train at the airport to transport you into the city centre. You will pay approximately €12.00 from the airport to centre of Tbilisi.

#### **Taxis**

Using the taxi services is a cheap and convenient way to get to your desired destination in Tbilisi. Taxis are very easy to find in the city centre. However, it is advisable to negotiate the price before you start your journey. Taxi prices should vary between 0.60 – 0.80 GEL per km. All taxis have yellow lights on the roofs.

#### **City buses**

The buses operate throughout the entire city. Cost of ticket is 0.40 GEL. Tickets can be purchased from a ticket machine on the bus. Machines do not give change so the exact fare is required. Buses run at fixed times from 07.00 to 00.00.

## **Minibuses**

Minibuses also operate in Tbilisi. However, they do not operate from Chavchavadze Ave., Melikishvili St., Rustaveli Ave. and Freedom Sq as the minibuses have no fixed stops. The passenger may ask the driver to drop him/her off at any place he/she desires on route. Mini-buses usually cost 0.50 GEL. Minibuses operate from 07.00 to 00.00.

## **Metro**

Metro stations are identified by the red (M) sign. There are two lines with 21 stations that operate from 06:00 to 24:00. The cost per journey is 0.40 GEL. Tokens can be purchased from cashiers at metro stations. One can change lines at Vagzlis Moedani Station.

## **Tbilisi Football Stadium**

The Dinamo Arena is named after Boris Paichadze, formerly known as the Boris Paichadze National Stadium, is located in Tbilisi, Georgia, and has a capacity of 54,549. The stadium is located on the left bank of the river approximately 30 minutes walk from the centre of Tbilisi.

## **Match Tickets and Stadium Security Measures**

All tickets for the game for Irish supporters should be sourced through the FAI. Tickets purchased from ticket touts or internet ticket auctions may be rejected as invalid and could be stolen or forged. Please follow the instructions of police and stewards in and around the stadium. Ticket-checking controls and security controls (including individual checks) will be in place around the stadium. Alcohol, bottles and any items that could be used as weapons cannot be brought into the stadium. There will be bag and body checks upon entry to the stadium so it is safer not to bring anything with you.

The stadium opens at 18.00, 2 hours before match kick off time (20.00). Tickets sold by the FAI to Irish fans are located in **the East Stand** and access into the stand will be through gates on the North side (river side) of the stadium.

## ***If things go wrong ...***

- Lost or stolen property, passports ...
- You must report theft of your documents and/or property within 24 hours to the police and obtain a police report. This may be needed for insurance purposes and must be presented to the Embassy if an emergency travel document is required (see below).
- The Embassy can issue an emergency travel certificate valid for a single journey back to Ireland. Please make an appointment with the Embassy in advance. You will require:
- Two passport photographs
- Your police report (or lost property report if your passport was lost)
- Any other form of ID that you are carrying
- Fee of €15 in cash

## ***If you run out of money...***

- If your cash or credit cards have been lost or stolen or if you run out of funds for any other reason, it is possible for a friend or family member to transfer cash via Western Union.
- Your friend or family member must:
- Contact Western Union (1800 395 395 if in Ireland) or [www.westernunion.com](http://www.westernunion.com)
- Transfer funds for collection by you (or by a friend if you have lost your ID). Western Union charges a fee for this service.
- You must:
- Collect the funds at a [Western Union outlet](#) by presenting photo identification and ensuring that you have a Money Transfer Control Number (MTCN)

## **Other enquires**

Please note that the Consular Office is open for consular emergencies only. For queries on local public transport, air travel and other similar services you must contact the appropriate agencies directly.

**Stay safe, and enjoy the match!**