



Dear Participant,

Kindly take notice of this information package for the
International Black Sea Day 2012 and enviroGRIDS Project Final Meeting

This document contains practical information:

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Organizing events in Batumi means success. The infrastructure inside the city is developing constantly: there are 5 star deluxe hotels and numerous new banks, tourist and sports complexes designed to conform to world standards. The city is becoming the most favored destination for many international conventions, meetings and trade shows. Batumi hosts events like International Agri Products and Technology Fair, International Building and Design Fair, The 5th International Tourism Exhibition "BATUMI EXPO 2012", BIAFF (Batumi International Art-house Film Festival), International Festival of Cameramen "Golden Eye", International Festival of Animated Films "Tofuzi", International TV Festival- "Golden Talent", International Bike Festival, Folk Arts Festival "Art-gen", Black Sea Jazz Festival, in addition to several international concerts. That is why Batumi is not only the ideal location for any event, but also represents the best destination for incentive campaigns. Organize your event in Batumi and get what this city has to offer you.



1. Transport between Batumi airport and Hotel

Taxi pick up can be arranged for people staying at the Sheraton if you send your flight details (arrival times and flight numbers) to Nino.Margalitadze@Sheraton.com. This cost will be charged 12\$ one way per taxi. However, arranging your own taxi is cheaper.

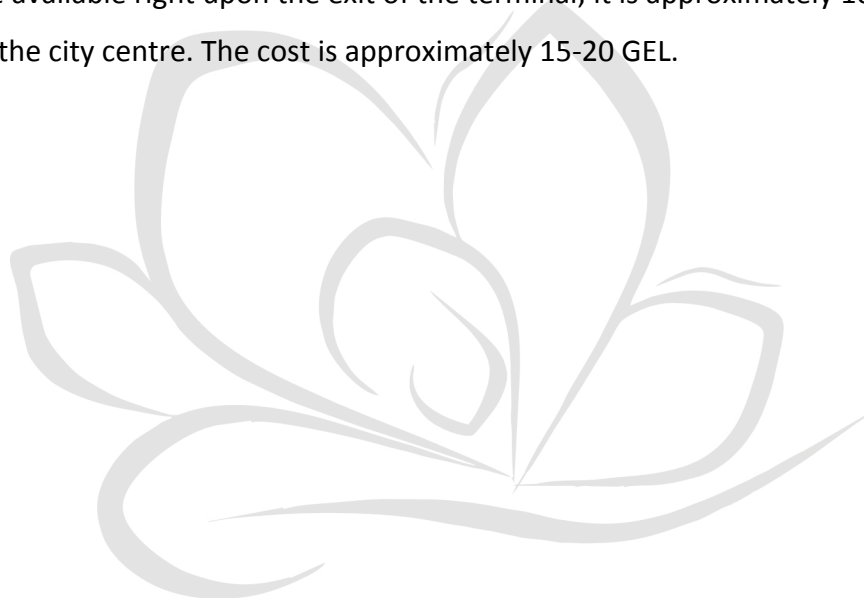
For other people, there are two options, by bus or by taxi. Both options are cost effective and reliable. Money exchange is possible in the terminal.

By Bus:

Batumi municipal bus No10 has a fixed route: Airport-Batumi Centre. Bus stop is in front of the terminal and it takes 20 minute for a bus to get to the city centre (along the coastal boulevard). There is a bus every 15 minutes. The travel fee is 0.40 Gel (ask at the airport information desk how to buy and use the bus ticket).

By taxi:

Taxis are available right upon the exit of the terminal; it is approximately 10-15 minutes drive to the city centre. The cost is approximately 15-20 GEL.





2. Time schedule restaurants, excursion

31 October – Wednesday



19:00 - Ala Furshet at the restaurant "Tbilisi" of the hotel "Intourist Palace" with live polyphonic songs by Ensemble "Batumi"



Restaurant TBILISI with beautiful semicircular terrace facing to the Maritime Park and the alley leading to the main colonnade of Batumi Boulevard. Restaurant TBILISI is renewed for Georgian cuisine, serving in idyllic setting. The Ensemble “Batumi” will entertain with folk songs from Georgia and Black Sea countries.



The Ensemble “Batumi” is one of the high-quality folklore ensembles in Georgia. This is the ensemble of talented fellows. Those boys sing with the whole heart and soul. They have no pretension or special ambition. They are cheerful great talented folklore singers. They make our society and folklore beautiful with their records and history. Those fellows worked heartily and now the result is visible.



1st of November – Thursday



19:00 - Dinner with folklore show at the restaurant “Megrul-Lazuri”

*High-class **Restaurant-Museum “Megrul-Lazuri”** is located in Batumi Town, Makhinjauri. Here you will enjoy Georgian wine and Georgian traditional dishes. They offer delicious dishes, which are natural, not frozen, private laboratory tested, ecologically safe, produced and cooked of natural agricultural products from Samegrelo region.*



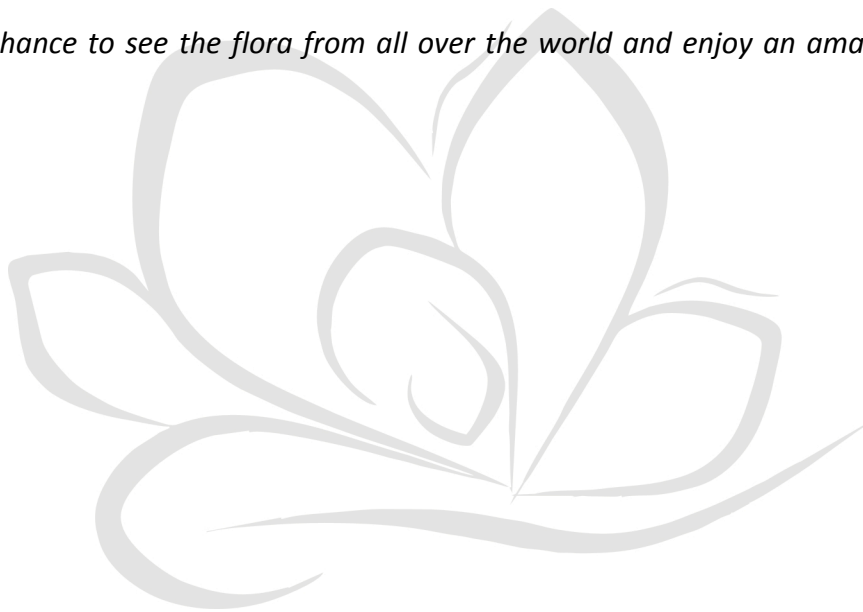


2 November – Friday



9:00 -12:00 – Visiting Batumi Botanical Garden

*Discover unforgettable beauty of flora in **Batumi Botanical Garden**. Few sights can compete with the one in this mystical garden. It includes the departments of East Asia, North America, New Zealand, South America, the Himalayas, Mexico, Australia, the Mediterranean Sea and Caucasian Humid. You will get a chance to see the flora from all over the world and enjoy an amazing view of the Black Sea.*





3. More info about Batumi



The reason why the region has been doing well in all types of tourism is that Ajara is a multilingual, multicultural and multireligious area with geographical diversity, hospitality, uniqueness and charm. The different types of tourism in Ajara are as follows: Religious or Pilgrimage Tourism, Coastal and Beach Tourism, Winter Sport Tourism, Cultural Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Ecotourism, Rural Tourism, Wine Tourism, Bicycle Tourism, MICE-Tourism, Cruise Tourism and even Birdwatching Tourism.

- ✚ **Visiting Statue of Medea** - More than thirty centuries ago an ancient Greek mythological hero Jason with fifty Argonauts sailed off on the boat "Argos" to fetch the Golden Fleece from Colchis in the Black Sea. An ancient Colchis Kingdom, ruled by powerful Ayetes, was situated on present day's Georgian territory.
- ✚ **Piazza:** Do you want to find yourself in a fairy tale? Then you should certainly visit the Piazza in the heart of the Old Batumi. Construction process of Piazza was finished in 2010. The beautiful and impressive square, which has already become the city's visual symbol, is distinguished by its majestic building complex, mosaic and stained-glass windows and attracts more and more tourists every year. Here is located the main clock of the city: at 12 o'clock the bell rings and dancing couple



dressed in national Georgian costumes comes out of the clock. Besides, Piazza offers its guests all the necessary relevant facilities: cafes, restaurants and comfortable hotels.

- ✚ **Batumi port:** “Porto-Franco” (free port) status was granted to the port because of its advantages. Cruise ships from different countries of the world stop by in order to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Black Sea surrounded by mountains.
- ✚ **Visiting Statue of Ali and Nino** - A unique moving statue of Ali and Nino is one of city’s landmarks, symbolizing love and friendship between Islam and Christianity, East and West. The prototypes for the 9-meter high statue are the main characters of the famous novel by Kurban Said, telling the love story between a Muslim boy, Ali Khan Shirvanshir and a Christian girl, Nino Kipiani, descendent of the famous Nino Chavchavadze.
- ✚ The next stop is **Batumi Dolphinarium**, which is the main place of attraction of the foreign people who come to Ajara for pleasure. The Dolphin Program – interacting with dolphins – is one of the most unique, relaxing and pleasant experiences. Guests will watch a thrilling Dolphin show.
- ✚ Visiting **Nobel Brothers Batumi Technological Museum**. Museum represents the technical technological achievements introduced to Batumi at the end of the XIXth and beginning of the XXth centuries: activity of the Nobel Brothers, the Rotschids, and Mantashev. With Nobel Brothers help and activity the new technology of oil transit was implemented and Batumi was involved into the International Trade Affairs. There are exhibits on the development of tea culture, printing-house, and photography. In the museum there are the photos of Prokudin-Gorski - the first master of the coloured photography.

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