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Bakuriani, Georgia

Info-Pack



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Welcome to our board, ANNOUNCEMENT!

Dear participant, we are glad to see that you are joining us in this project and hope this experience for you will be among them which you will put on your memory shelves.

Please, read carefully each section of this Info-pack, since every detail of it is important and essential to pay attention on.

About Bakuriani:

Located at 1,700 m in the Borjomi region of Georgia, Bakuriani is nestled in the shadows of the breathtaking Caucasus Mountains, only a three-hour drive from Tbilisi. Home to dozens of alpine slopes and cross-country trails, it offers some of the most spectacular skiing and snowboarding in Europe.

Originally developed as an Olympic training facility, unsurprisingly, Bakuriani is Georgia's most popular winter sports and recreation destination. Enjoy the downhill ski runs, cross-country trails, horseback tours, sledding or simply take long walks through beautiful snowy forests.

Weather in Bakuriani is generally favorable with most precipitation occurring during the ski season. Temperatures in summer can reach highs of 25 degrees with lows of around 15 degrees. Highs in winter may vary but are usually between 0 and 5 degrees.

Bakuriani is an annual pilgrimage destination for those seeking refuge from intense Caucasian summer weather. The dense coniferous forest surrounding the resort is home to spruce and other species of trees which emit therapeutic particulates known for healing respiratory ailments and boosting immunity. Tourist activities include horse riding, mountain biking, hiking, and fishing.

Bakuriani attracts lovers of hiking, trekking and climbing in late summer and autumn. Easier single day routes include Mount Kokhta (2,155 m), and the climb up to Sekvelomta towards Lake Tabastkuri. Attractions along the way such as the 11th century Timotesubani monastic complex, and mineral springs at Mitabari.



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Lake Tabastkuri is an ideal fishing spot just outside Bakuriani between Borjomi and Akhaltsikhe. The volcanic lake's deep blue waters are stocked with trout, carp and barbell. The surrounding lunar landscape is equally impressive and is a favorite day camping spot in warm summer months.

Longer routes move down along the Borjomi Gorge where you can find the village of Daba with a mysterious chapel hidden inside a large cave. Nearby is an ancient yew said to be over 2000 years old. Mineral springs with healing properties in the small village of Tsagver are in close proximity.

Tatra is a favorite hike for those in the know. The trek up the hill provides some of the best vantages for photography in Bakuriani. The panorama is unique and the diverse morphology of the area is apparent when viewed from several scenic overlooks. Hikers also enjoy exploring the abandoned ruins of a soviet spa camp at the top of the bluff where it is rumored that mystical voices of the past are heard in the wind late in the day. Some visitors skip the hike altogether and rent an ATV from a kiosk next to Joyland Park.

Transport in and around Bakuriani is as convenient as in the rest of Georgia. Bakuriani is a small resort village and travel by foot is the most popular means. Bicycle and ATV rental is affordable and easy to find in the town center.

Taxis are less frequently hailed but easily ordered by phone for slightly cheaper.

Coaches arrive from all major hubs: Tbilisi, Gori, Batumi, Kutaisi, Borjomi, and Zugdidi.

The Kukushka tramway, often jokingly referred to as the "Cuckoo Train", travels a scenic mountain route which departs from Borjomi once daily.

Tbilisi, Batumi and Kutaisi airports are the closest ports of entry for air travel when visiting Bakuriani..

How to get to Georgia :

Here are suggestions of Searched Existing fights which can be suitable for you:

Flights from Italy:

By Ryanair: <https://www.ryanair.com/gb/en>

Bologna to Kutaisi or Milan Bergamo to Tbilisi

By Wizzair: <https://wizzair.com/>

Bari to Kutaisi / Bologna to Kutaisi / Milan Malpensa to Kutaisi /Rome Fiumicino to Kutaisi



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Flights from Germany:

Wizzair:

Berlin Schoenefeld to Kutaisi / Dortmund to Kutaisi / Memmingen/Munich West to Kutaisi

Flights From Portugal:

Since we don't have direct flights from Portugal to Georgia and using any company you will need transfers, if you are looking for options you may manage self-transfers from your city to Georgia using these flights we have from Georgia by Wizzair and Ryanair.

Kutaisi has flights to and from many places through Wizzair : Vienna, Brussels Charleroi, Larnaca, Prague, Copenhagen, Tallinn, Paris Beauvais, Berlin Schoenefeld, Dortmund, Memmingen/Munich West, Athens, Thessaloniki, Budapest, Bari, Bologna, Milan Malpensa, Rome Fiumicino, Riga, Vilnius, Eindhoven, Gdansk, Katowice, Kraków, Poznan, Warsaw Chopin, Wrocław

Venice Treviso , Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden , Cologne , Frankfurt Hahn /Hamburg (Flights from July),

We have also **Ryanair** flights to and from **TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** through **Milan Bergamo Airport** and to Kutaisi From Bologna and Marseille.

If you arrive in **Tbilisi**, since it's the capital of Georgia you can always enjoy with staying there and may find different kind of interests.

If you arrive in **Kutaisi** , since it had always important role in history of Georgia, you may also find interesting places inside city or even nearby places, for instance visit *Prometheus Cave* which is just 20 km away from Kutaisi and really worth to see.



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About the project:



14th of July is ARRIVAL DAY - 27st of July is DEPARTURE DAY



Nowadays almost every young person uses social media and also receives lots of information from mass media automatically without purposeful looking up, therefore, all of us can easily become a victim of fake or distorted news. so the problem has sharply risen and the necessity to be discussed it and making actual steps is significantly important.

This project aims to gather together and enhance our media literacy, share experiences of positive and negative sides of mass media in our countries, plan and carry out purposeful media propaganda against fake news spreading and get rid of negative influence from them.

Project is built on non-formal education methods: team building activities, national and international group works, topic related workshops, presentations, project visibility social-media activities, role-plays, Situational Games (sitgames), theater actions, cultural activities.

Active involvement of each participant is very important aspect of such kind of projects, especially youth exchanges where the non-formal environment gives the possibility to everyone to express themselves, their ideas, open the door to creativity and respect each other's opinions.

Not only the specific project topic related activities but also the ones which serve for exchanging our cultures, country, society, community realities, exploring ongoing situations and searching for new possibilities in Erasmus + world will be the bunch of our work during our meeting.



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Participants:

- In this project there will be involved **8 young people** from each country: 7 Participants + 1 Group leaders

Group leader has to be young people who:

- Knows English very well
- Have some experience of facilitating the groups and Can plan and lead the sessions about the project topic during the youth exchange
(For this issue they will have communication with our organizational team, so it will be appreciated if you select them as soon as possible)



Project is for new comer participants in Erasmus + world in order to give the chance for such participants so it will be wishful if you will involve such participants.



AGE Limits: Participats: 18 – 29 Group Leaders: 20 – 35



Please, keep a gender balance for your group.

A participant can be a person, if and only if she/he:

- is interested in the topic and wants to work in multicultural environment;
- is ready to be actively and fully involved during the whole project
- can communicate in English
- is ready afterward of the project to share gained experience among youngsters



Each participant has to fill in a google doc **APPLICATION FORM** **as soon as being selected:**

<https://forms.gle/JT7SJ3pV1qYs8BHS9>



Add yourself to FB Group:

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/844485235979180/>



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HEALTH INSURANCE

It is a mandatory requirement for all participants to provide their own health insurance.

This should cover you for the full duration of your time in Georgia. Insurance is not refundable.

TRAVELING

Before you buy the tickets send us this information to our email:

communicationsketi@gmail.com

1) Itinerary of your journey / Travel Plan in this way, just for instance

like this:

- A) Leeds – London Airport 14 July (Bus) by MEGABUS Company
- B) London – Kutaisi 14 July (Flight) By Wizzair Company
- C) Tbilisi– Milan Bergamo 27 July (Flight) by Ryanair Company
- D) Milan Bergamo – London 27 July (Flight) by Ryanair Company
- E) London Airport – Leeds 27 July (Bus) by National Express Company

2) Screenshots of each ticket you are going to buy from your itinerary / travel plan. Screenshots must include THE PRICES

Subject of email has to be: "YE Youth 4 media pozi"TV"zation

Any ticket purchased without confirmation will not be reimbursed.



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Travel Budget:

Germany 360 EUR; Italy – 360 EUR; Portugal – 530 EUR

TRAVEL practicalities:

- If you want to explore Georgia, **you are allowed to arrive maximum 2 days before and or depart maximum 2 days after the project dates.**
 - In case you decide to use that extra time, bear in mind that all kind of costs you may need will be on your own during these extra days.
 - If your stay is longer than 2 days before and after the project, we are NOT able to reimburse your travel costs.
- Attention!** Only in those cases you can arrive in Georgia maximum 3 days before the project starts or depart maximum 3 days after the project, if only:
- 1) there are economy option flights on these dates
 - 2) there is no flight 2 days or one day before or after the project

CONDITIONS OF travel REIMBURSEMENT

1) WE WILL REIMBURSE YOUR FLIGHT TRAVEL COSTS ONLY IF YOU WILL HAVE DIGITAL TICKETS, INVOICES AND BOARDING PASSES,

SO,PLEASE, DO CHECK-INS FOR EVERY SINGLE OF YOUR FLIGHTS ONLINE!

ALSO, PLEASE, DO CHECK-Ins BY WEBSITE OF THE FIGHT COMPANIES AND NOT BY ITS APPLICATIONS, SINCE THE BOARDING PASSES FROM APPLICATION SOMETIMES DISSAPEAR AND WITHOUT THEM WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REIMBURSE THAT FLIGHT.

On the project you will have possibility to do check-ins and print them for your flights from Georgia, as regards flights to Georgia you have to do online check-ins at your home country and as soon as you have them **SEND TO OUR E-MAIL:**

E- mail SUBJECT : “YE Youth 4 media pozi"TV"zation! - BOARDING PASSES FOR FLIGHTS TO GEORGIA”

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2) You must travel in the most cost-efficient way available to you. Only economy or low class of Air tickets and public transports will be reimbursed.

3) **Taxi** costs **will not** be reimbursed

4) You must attend all the sessions and commit yourself fully to the activities.

5) Travel reimbursement for ALL COUNTRIES will be done by BANK transfer approximately in 4 months after the activity, based on full travel documents from all the Groups and participants.

SUGGESTION FOR YOUR Traveling:

- Buying the travel tickets in EURO may be the better option for reimbursement issues since we must convert all the travel expenses into Euro which are purchased in other currency than Euro and there can be a big difference after this calculation depending on E+ rules using <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>

Travel Inside Georgia TO AND FROM THE PROJECT VENUE:

- Participants arriving to and departing from **TBILISI** (Capital) will be provided by transport from TBILISI to BAKURIANI & from BAKURIANI to TBILISI .
- Participant arriving in Tbilisi will be picked up from the MEETING PLACE in TBILISI on 14TH of JULY and taken together to Bakuriani, Project Venue. Departure time is supposed to be in between 18:00 – 20:00, Exact time will be announced later after completing the whole group.
- Participants departing from Tbilisi will be taken together from Bakuriani to TBILISI on the 27th of JULY at Morning Time. Exact time will be announced later after completing the whole group.
- Participants arriving to and departing from **KUTAISI** may use this information to reach Bakuriani <http://www.visitkutaisi.com/en/travel-kit/transport/busmarshrutkas>
(information may need update so always check it through writing them by email or any before decide to use this)

If all the group from your country arrives together in Kutaisi, we can organize the transfer too from Kutaisi to Bakuriani and back on arrival and departure days of the project.



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What should you bring?

- ✓ **Each country group must bring at least 1 laptop which is essentially needed for work.**
- ✓ **AGAIN! TRAVEL INSURANCE!**
- ✓ Travel tickets, invoices, boarding passes **DIGITALLY**, a valid passport/ ID;
- ✓ Please, bring reasonably comfortable and suitable clothes for every kind of weather
Please, check the weather before you leave and pack;
- ✓ **Medicines if you use any or basic usage ones;**
- ✓ National food, drinks and if its possible clothes for intercultural evening;
- ✓ **Towels, toiletries: a soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.**

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Please, regarding to the project issues contact to the project's team on this email and always put into the SUBJECT the Name of the Project: **YOUTH INVESTigation - Detect & Combat Fake News!**

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