Georgia

**Full name:** Georgia  
**Government:** republic  

**Location:** Southwestern Asia, bordering the Black Sea, between Turkey and Russia  
**Capital:** Tbilisi  
**Area:** 69,700 sq km (26,911 sq miles); slightly smaller than South Carolina  

**Climate:** warm and pleasant; Mediterranean-like on Black Sea coast  
**Terrain:** largely mountainous with Great Caucasus Mountains in the north and Lesser Caucasus Mountains in the south; Kolkhet'is Dablobi (Kolkhida Lowland) opens to the Black Sea in the west; Mtkvari River Basin in the east; good soils in river valley flood plains, foothills of Kolkhida Lowland  
**Natural Hazards:** earthquakes  

**Population:** 5 million (UN, 2005)  
**Ethnicity:** Georgian 83.8%, Azeri 6.5%, Armenian 5.7%, Russian 1.5%, other 2.5%  
**Major Language:** Georgian  
**Religion:** Orthodox Christian 83.9%, Muslim 9.9%, Armenian-Gregorian 3.9%, Catholic 0.8%, other 0.8%, none 0.7%  
**Life expectancy:** 66 years (men), 74 years (women) (UN)  

**Currency:** 1 lari = 100 tetri