



# ABROAD FOR HOLIDAYS

If you want to go abroad while you are in Turkey – Georgia is your place. It is neighbor country, there are option to travel there by plane, bus or train. You can easily find cheap hostel and rent a car to travel around. Three friends of mine and I spent there four days. Two of them in the capital – Tbilisi, one in the old capital that is just 20 minutes by car and one in the Kazbegi mountain region. It took us around 3 hours to reach it, but the spectacular view is totally worth it. You can stay in a tight budget – the food is not that much expensive, public transport also. You should calculate a little bit more money only if you want to buy souvenirs. In the capital shops sell them on prices higher than in Berlin!

One thing that you need to try in Georgian cousine is khinkhali. It is basically the upgraded version of the Turkish manti. And you can find it with so many different options – lamb or sheep meet, potatoes, eggplant, mushroom and so on and so on. Go and give a try to this amazing country!

# IZMIR IS LOVE

#### Merhaba arkadaşlar

This is already my 6th month in Turkey, but still I don't consider that I spent enough time here. I still have some cities on my list that I should visit before going back to my country, and I didn't try all turkish foods yet.

I had so many experiences in Turkey until now, and I'm just waiting to tell you about all of them. Let's start with the journey to Izmir, during Bayram's days. One of my friends from Ankara told me that I can join him and his friends. This trip was one of the best in my life. During 4 days I've laughed more than I did in 4 months in Ankara. We had a really great time, and I didn't feel for a second that I'm in danger, in fact I felt all the time protected and happy. We visited so many places and we've tried specific food for that part of the country. Maybe also that's one the reasons why Izmir is my favorite place in Turkey.

Ana-Maria

### CRAZY, CRAZY TBILISI

June has been one of the most exciting months throughout my EVS, because during the Bayram celebrations, me and the other volunteers wen to Georgia, to visit Tbilisi. It has been a very intense journey: we travelled by bus for 24 hours! Once got to the Georgian lands, we stayed in the capital, Tbilisi but we also visited the Kazbegi region and the old capital Mtskheta. I cannot decide which has been my favourite place, all the country is very interesting: from the food to the main cultural and institutional places. After my life in Turkey, it has been very nice to experience something different; especially a country that still has a lot to share and that is not well known to the European populations! Then, when we came back to Ankara was pretty strange to find every shops closed in the city centre, due to the Bayram ... everything was so quiet and we got used very fast with the crazy and chaotic life in Tbilisi!

### Federica