

Escaping Iran

How to prepare
for instability

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Documents

In order to obtain a residence permit somewhere else, there are documents that you need to obtain in Iran before. Most of the other documents can be taken care of from anywhere. It might be important to plan in advance in certain cases if your visa is for a short period and time is limited. Here are the documents you absolutely need to get ready in Iran:

- A valid passport, with at least 1–2 years left before expiration
- Notarized copy of birth certificate
- Police record: It’s a document you request from the police that proves you have not committed any crimes. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD NOT BE OLDER THAN SIX MONTHS WHEN APPLYING, MEANING YOU SHOULD AT LEAST RENEW IT EVERY FIVE MONTHS IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHEN TO LEAVE.
- For students, a copy of their academic transcripts in case they need to go to school.

Visa-free travel

Countries that you can reside in for one year with your visa: Mauritania and Djibouti will give you a visa on arrival valid for one year. Visa on arrival means you don’t need to apply for one. At expiration you just need to exit and re-enter at any border. In the case of Mauritania, you will need to get a visa in order to cross to any neighboring country or travel by plane to Cape Verde (an island off the coast). Djibouti neighbor will require a visa, or you will need to take a plane to Lebanon or the Seychelles. P.S.: You might not need to board the plane in order to re-enter; you can possibly turn around and go to the passport check.

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Country	Visa Requirements	Notes (excluding departure fees)
Samoa	Entry Permit on arrival	60 days
Malaysia	Visa not required	14 days
Micronesia	Visa not required	30 days
Nicaragua	Visa not required	90 days
Turkey	Visa not required	90 days
Venezuela	Visa not required	15 days
Dominica	Visa not required	21 days
Ecuador	Visa not required	90 days
Georgia	Visa not required	45 days
Haiti	Visa not required	3 months
Lebanon	Visa on arrival	1 month extendable for 2 additional months; granted free of charge at Beirut International Airport or any other port of entry if there is no Israeli visa or seal, holding a telephone number, an address in Lebanon, and a non refundable return or circle trip ticket.
Madagascar	Visa on arrival	90 days
Maldives	Visa on arrival	30 days
Mauritania	Visa on arrival	1 year
Mozambique	Visa on arrival	30 days
Nepal	Visa on arrival	90 Days (25 - 100 US\$)
Palau	Visa on arrival	30 days
Somalia	Visa on arrival	30 days, provided an invitation letter issued by the sponsor has been submitted to the Airport Immigration Department at least 2 days before arrival.
Tajikistan	Visa on arrival	45 days
Tanzania	Visa on arrival	3 months
Timor-Leste	Visa on arrival	30 days
Togo	Visa on arrival	7 days
Tuvalu	Visa on arrival	1 month
Uganda	Visa on arrival	90 days
Zimbabwe	Visa on arrival	3 months
Bolivia	Visa on arrival	30 days; only at Cochabamba, La Paz and Santa Cruz airports
Cape Verde	Visa on arrival	90 days
Comoros	Visa on arrival	90 days
Djibouti	Visa on arrival	1 year
Guinea-Bissau	Visa on arrival	90 days
Guyana	Visa on arrival	90 days (a letter of invitation from sponsor or host required)[76]
Armenia	Visa on arrival	120 days
Laos	Visa on arrival	30 days
Azerbaijan	Visa required	Citizens of Iran can obtain a 15-day visa on arrival only for the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic.[14]
Vietnam	Visa required	30 days for nationals of all countries arriving at Phu Quoc (PQC)[202]
Iraq	Visa required	Visa on arrival at Erbil (EBL) and Sulaymaniyah (ISU) for a max stay of 15 days is available.[84]
Seychelles	Visitor’s Permit on arrival	1 month

Azerbaijan

You can enter the Nakhchivan in Azerbaijan with your Iranian passport for 15 days. If it takes longer to get your residence permits, you can either exit and re-enter the country at any border (not only Iran); it's possible that they will tolerate your stay or renew your visa, but ask before doing so.



Foreigners and stateless persons intending to reside temporarily on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan should get a relevant permit for it.

Permit for temporary residence on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan is issued to foreigners and stateless persons by the State Migration Service of Azerbaijan Republic.

Application of foreigners and stateless persons for issuance of permit for temporary residence on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan is processed within 20 business days.

In case temporary residence permit is issued to foreigners and stateless persons, those persons are provided with a permission card for temporary residence in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Foreigners and stateless persons are issued permit for temporary residence in the Republic of Azerbaijan in the following cases:

- In case they are in close relationship with a citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- In case they invest at least 500 000 manats in the economy of the country;
- In case they possess real estate which is worth at least 100 000 manats on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan or funds in the same amount in the banks of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- In case they are highly qualified specialists in the spheres of economy, industry, defense, science, culture, sports, etc;
- Specialists included to the category defined by relevant executive authority who have been invited by the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan or juridical persons established in the Republic of Azerbaijan for the purpose of doing works or rendering services in the activity spheres determined by the relevant executive authority;
- In case they are family members of foreigners and stateless persons temporarily or permanently residing on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- In case they hold positions of head or deputy head in the branch or representation of a foreign juridical person in the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- In case they hold positions of head or deputy head of juridical person established in the Republic of Azerbaijan, the founder or at least one of the founders of which is foreign juridical or physical person;
- In case they engage in entrepreneurship activity in the Republic of Azerbaijan (this case is only considered as a ground for issuance of permit for temporary residence in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan, when those persons work actually by concluding labor contract with at least 5 persons on full time employment or 10 persons on part-time employment. In this case, at least 80 percent of the workers are required to be the citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan);
- In case they obtain work permit in a way defined with this Code to carry out paid labor activity on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- In case they get full-time education at the institutions of higher education and technical schools and in case they get education at secondary schools in the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- In case they are engaged in professional religious activity at officially registered religious institutions;
- In case there are grounds envisaged by the international agreements of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



In case there are grounds for issuance of permit for temporary residence on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan, foreigners and stateless persons should apply to the State Migration Service of Azerbaijan Republic to obtain permit in this regard at least 30 days before the expiry of the temporary staying or temporary residence period.

Permit for temporary residence on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan is issued for the period indicated on the application of an applicant, but for the duration not exceeding 1 year and can be extended each time for the period not exceeding 2 years, if there is a relevant ground.

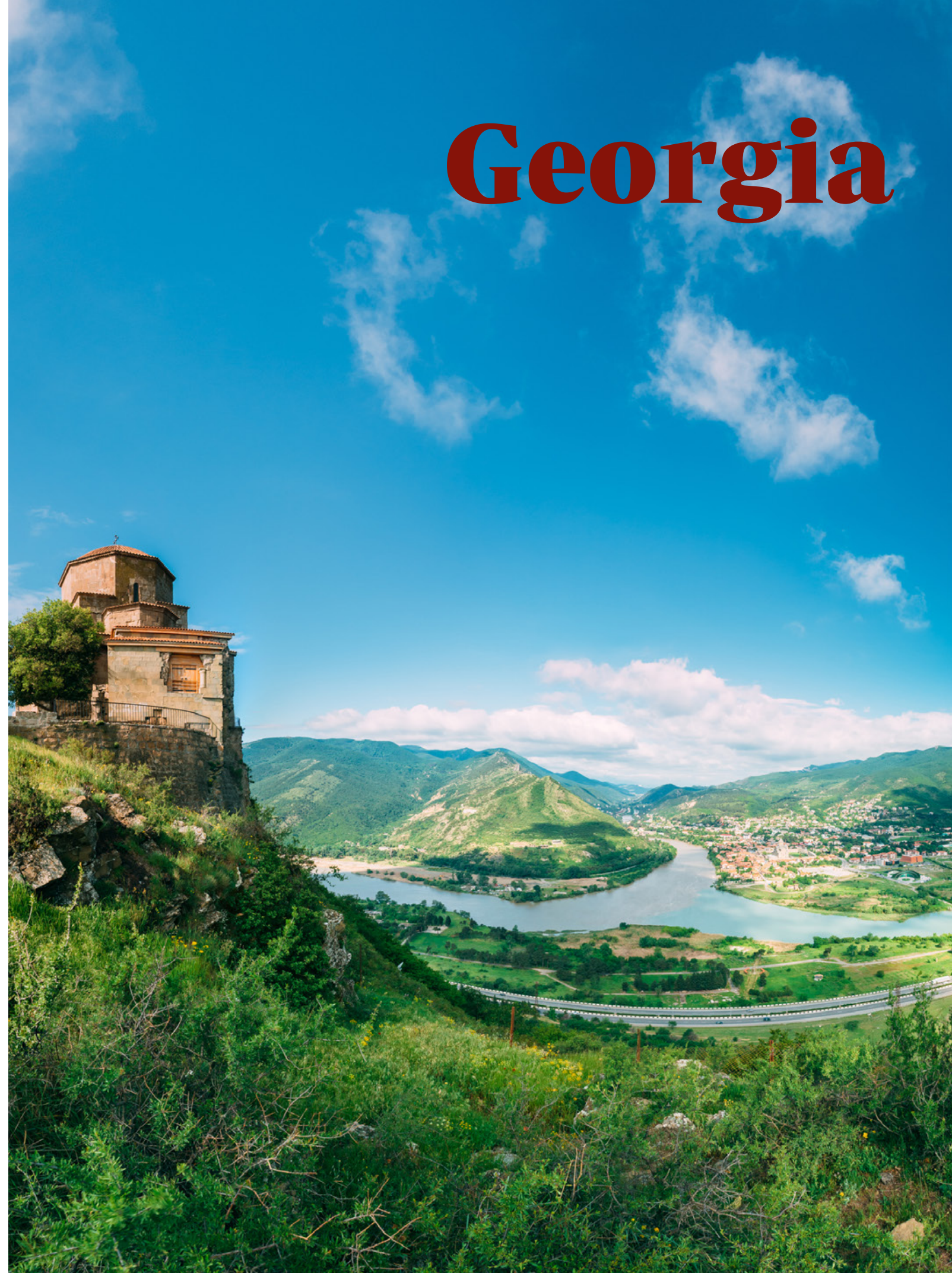
Permit for temporary residence on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan for foreigners and stateless persons, who invest 500.000 manats in country economy is issued for the period indicated on the application of an applicant, but for the duration not exceeding 3 years and can be extended each time for the period not exceeding 3 years, if there is a relevant ground.

Foreigners and stateless persons should submit the following documents for obtaining (extending) permit for temporary residence in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan:

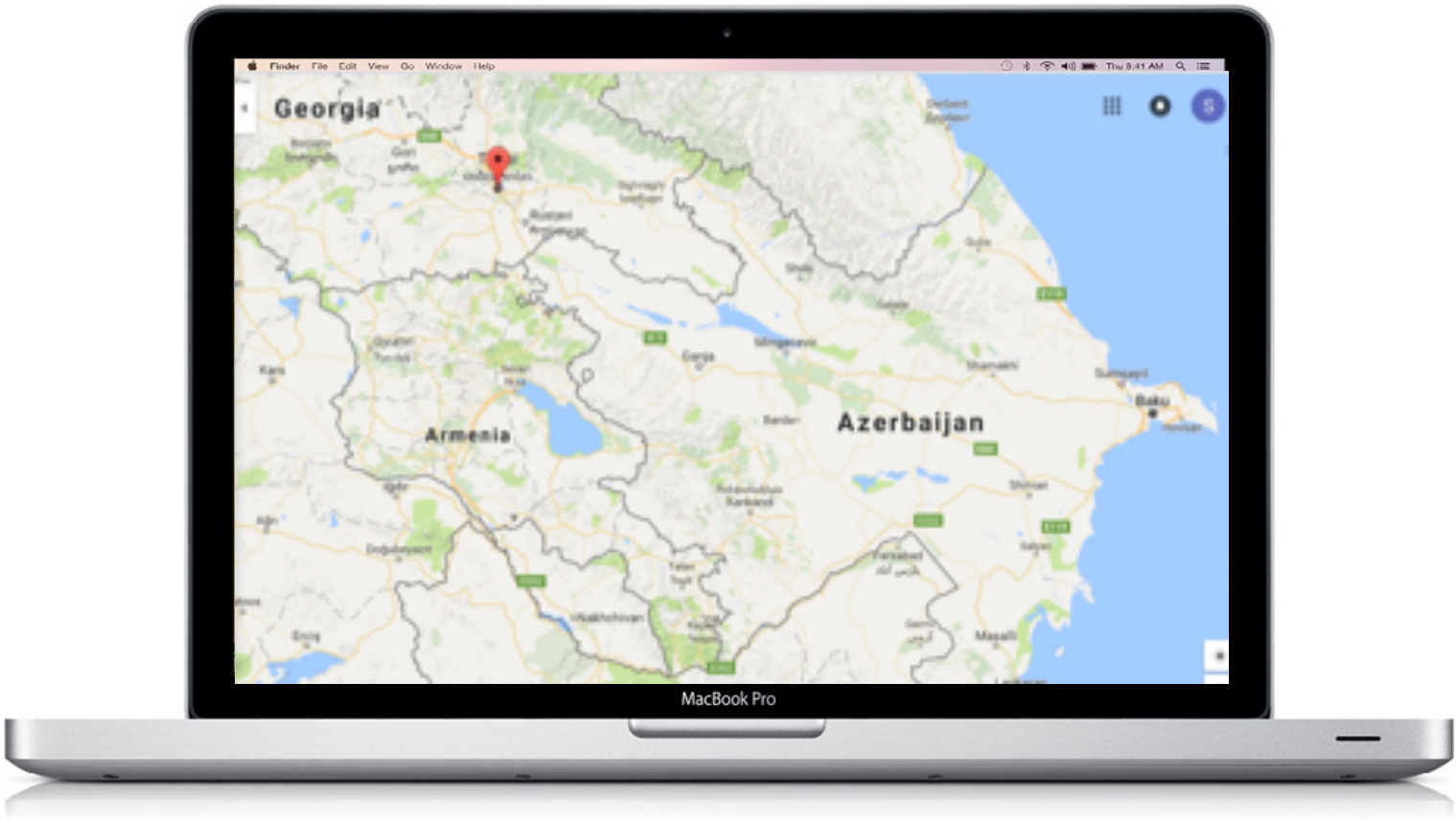
- Application form sample of which approved by the relevant executive authority;
- Copy of the passport or other border crossing document (validity period of passport or other border crossing document should be more than 3 months of the expiry date of the temporary residence permit to be issued);
- Notarized copy of the birth certificate or other document equal to it (for persons under the age of 18, without passport);
- Notarized or equally certified document confirming existence of cases justifying issuance of temporary residence permit;
- Reference certifying that the person is not carrier of a virus of any disease included in the list of dangerous infectious diseases (Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C) approved by the relevant executive authority;
- Copy of the document authorizing to stay or temporarily reside on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Justified application by an authority, enterprise or organization inviting (to the Republic of Azerbaijan) foreigners and stateless persons who are highly qualified specialists in the spheres of economy, industry, defense, science, culture, sports, etc.;
- Two photos sized 3.5 x 4.5 cm;
- The document of a residential area-where the person shall be registered on (extract on the state registration of the property right from state registry of real estate, warrant for accommodation, rent or tenancy agreement or other document set forth in the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan);
- Application of the person providing a foreigner or stateless person with a residential area (except the cases when there is a residential area in possession of the foreigner or stateless person);
- Copy of the identity document of the person providing the foreigner or stateless person with a residential area (except the cases when there is a residential area in possession of the foreigner or stateless person);
- Receipt certifying payment of the state fee.

Receipt certifying payment of the state fee is submitted by foreigners and stateless persons when the permission card for temporary residence on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan is presented to them.

Georgia



To get to Georgia, you can drive to Tbilisi by going through Armenia. Armenia will grant you a visa on arrival at the border for 120 days, whereas Georgia can be entered visa-free for 45 days. Enough for you to get your resident permit.



Investment residence permit

Investment residence permit, which is issued to an alien who has made at least 300 000 Georgia Lari worth of investment in “Investment Activity Promotion and Guarantees,” according to the law, and his family. For the purposes of this paragraph, the family members of the alien’s spouse, minor child, and his dependents incapable or disabled.

Investment residence permit, foreigners must submit to the Agency:

- A) established application form;
- B) a copy of the alien’s travel document;
- C) A copy of legal in Georgia;
- D) in Georgia at least 300 000 worth of investment certificate (audit report);
- E) a member of the Government or the Georgia-based business entity authorized to represent the citizens of 3 written references;
- F) photos, size 3/4;
- G) the payment receipt.

2.sainvestitsio residence permit of an alien family member of the same kind of residence permit, the agency should be submitted to:

- A) established application form;
- B) a copy of the alien’s travel document;
- C) A copy of legal in Georgia;
- D) investment residence permit of an alien holding a residence permit for a copy;
- E) residence permit for foreign investment relative document;
- F) photos, size 3/4;
- G) the payment receipt.

Time and Cost

Service period	Cost
30th calendar day	180 GEL
20 th calendar day	300 gel

Real Estate

Short-term residence permit is issued to the person – and his/her family members – who, according to the rule established by Georgian legislation have the right to immovable property (except for agricultural land), with the market price above uSd 35 000 equivalent in GeL.

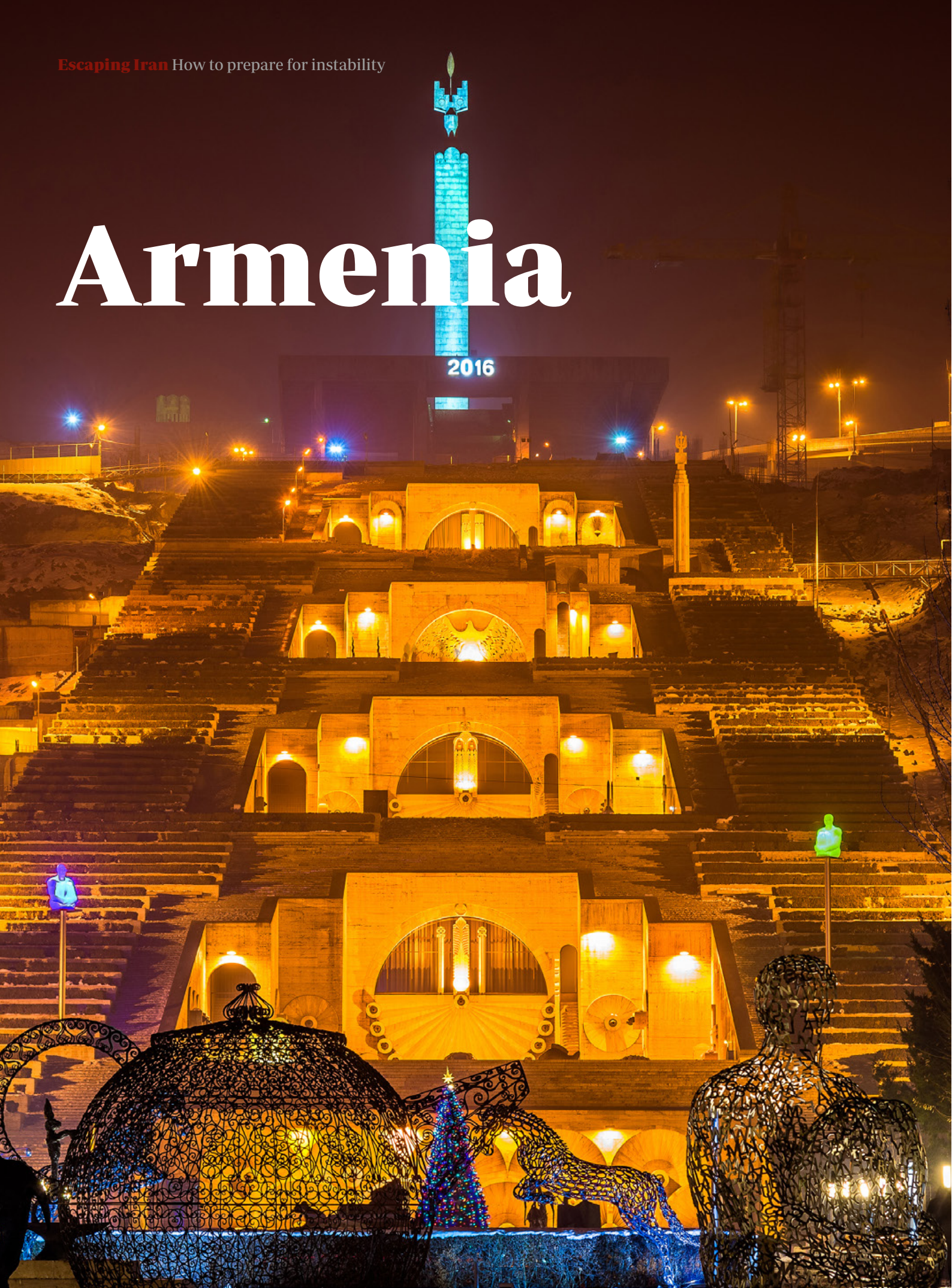
Aliens who are coming to visit Georgia for immigration purposes must apply for an immigration visa. Above mentioned visa shall be issued to persons arriving in Georgia to conduct labour activities; to persons arriving in Georgia on scientific, sports, cultural or educational mission; to persons arriving in Georgia for family reunification.

An alien must be able to present the following documents at Georgian state border, if it is requested by the MIA Border Police of Georgia:

- 1) Travel Document / Passport;
- 2) Document proving purpose of travel;
- 3) Proof of accommodation;
- 4) Travel and health insurance;
- 5) Document proving sufficient financial means.

The service tariff is 40 GEL.

Armenia



Obtaining a residence permit in Armenia is relatively easy as there are no requirements to make an investment, buy or rent property, prove annual income, deposit money within a bank, obtain insurance, provide character references, etc.

Term	Official fee
Temporary (1 year, renewable)	\$258
Permanent (5 years, renewable)	\$344
Special (10 years, renewable)	\$369

Temporary and permanent residence permits are issued by the passport and visa department of the Police within 30 days after the application is filed.

Applicants for temporary residence permits shall demonstrate that there are circumstances justifying their stay in Armenia for one year or more. In particular, the applicant shall fall under one of the following categories:

- Entrepreneur conducting business in Armenia
- Employee
- Student
- Spouse/parent/child/sibling/grandparent/grandchild of an Armenian citizen or holder of a permanent residence permit
- Spouse/parent/child of a holder of a temporary residence permit
- Ethnic Armenian

The status of entrepreneur can be proved by any document showing the existence of economic activities in Armenia, including a company registration certificate, contracts for bank accounts, invoice for rental of office space, invoice for equipment bought for business, etc.

Permanent residence permits are available for foreigners who fall under one of the following categories:

- Entrepreneur conducting business in Armenia
- Ethnic Armenian
- Spouse/parent/child/sibling/grandparent/grandchild of an Armenian citizen or holder of a permanent residence permit with sufficient financial resources and housing, who has resided in Armenia for at least three years

The applicants shall undergo a medical screening at a healthcare institution in Armenia and attach the medical certificate to their applications.

Special residence permits may be granted by the President of Armenia to individuals of Armenian descent and to foreigners involved in economic or cultural activities in Armenia.

Tajikistan

Tajikistan is the only other country that speaks a sort of Farsi, but it can only be accessed by air. You can stay 45 days with a visa on arrival at the airport in the country.

Resident Visa

Visa can be obtained either at the Embassy, Consular of the Republic of Tajikistan abroad or upon arrival at the Dushanbe Airport (conditions apply).

Effective since April 27th, 2009. is the Governmental Order of Republic of Tajikistan on “Rules about the order of processing and issuing of visas of Republic of Tajikistan to foreign citizens and persons without citizenship”.

In accordance with the Governmental Order, the powers of Diplomatic representatives and Consular Establishments abroad regarding issue of visas are expanded. The Consular representatives of the Republic of Tajikistan have been authorized to issue multiple and long-term visas, depending on the purpose of visit.

According to the above mentioned Governmental Order, the quantity of categories of visas depending on the purpose of stay of foreign citizens has been increased. The visa types (T) Tourism visas, (C) “Investments”, (O-1) “Educational academic”, (O-2) “Educational”, (H) “Drivers”, (MO) “Free economic zone”, (W) “Immigrants”, (V) “Pilots”, (J) “Journalists”, (S) “Spouse of Tajikistan citizen”, (R) “Religious occupations” and (U) “Humanitarian” are entered in addition.

The order of obtaining of tourist visas is simplified as much as possible. It will be necessary for tourists to fill out only the visa application form and transfer it to the travel agencies for organizing their trip. Individual tourists also can get a visa on the basis of the visa application form and their travel itineraries.

Consular fee for urgent services is equal to 100% of the original price of visa.

Tourist’s visa fee is €20.

The following documents should be submitted in order to obtain visa:

1. Two fully completed visa application forms (one per person).
- Application Form in English

Please, note that the full answers to all questions on the visa application will be reflected in the issued visa.

Note: Make sure that you put entry and exit date!

2. Two passport size photos.
 3. Valid passport. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of departure which should have at least two blank pages for a visa. .
 4. Photocopy of the first page of the passport.
 5. Invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan or Ministry of Interior Affairs (If the purpose is private)
 6. Cover letter of request from your organization or travel agency. Embassy reserves the right to request for additional documents.
 7. For the children under 16 y.o. the parents should submit a notarized letter stating that the children will be accompanied by parents.
- Please note that issued visas are not refundable.

Validities of Visa

Depending on the purposes of stay of foreign citizens, the Consular Section of the Embassy of Tajikistan in Iran issues visas for different duration of stay.

-Work visas (M) - for the duration of no more than three months. These types of visas will be extended on the basis of the work permit, given out by the Migratory service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan.

- Free economic zone visas (MM) - for the period of not exceeding 3 months with its subsequent extension.

- Visas for the commercial activities (M) - for the period not exceeding 3 months with the subsequent extension in Tajikistan.

- Immigrant visas (M) - for the period not exceeding 3 months with the subsequent extension in Tajikistan.

Work visas (M) will be issued to the following applicants:

To the foreign citizens who are going to the Republic of Tajikistan for work, including, according to the international contracts and agreements.

To members of families of above listed persons.

Tourism visas (T) will be issued to the following applicants:

To the foreign citizen traveling to the Republic of Tajikistan as a tourist or a group of foreign citizens who are going to Tajikistan for the purpose of tourism, by the organized tourist group.

Free economic zone visas (MM) will be issued to the following applicants:

To the foreign citizens-investors who are going to Tajikistan for the realization of labour and enterprise activity in the territory of Free Economic Zones

Immigrant visas (M) will be issued to the following applicants:

For those foreigners who come to Tajikistan for constant residing till the reception of a residence permit.

Visas for the commercial activities (M) will be issued to the following applicants:

To the foreign citizens who are engaged in commercial activities. It is necessary to know that under “family members” are understood: The spouse, Children, Children adopted by foreign citizen.

Document Requested:

It is necessary to note that according to the new Rules, except for the above stated documents, depending on a category of visa, it is necessary for the applicants to submit other documents in addition.

-For the work visas - the petition of the inviting organization or the citizen of Tajikistan requesting the issuance of a visa and the labour or civil contract.

-For the free economic zone visas - the letter-petition of the Administration of free economic zones and the work permit authorizations.

-For the immigrant visas - the letter-petition of the law-enforcement bodies of the Republic of Tajikistan with a place of further residing of the foreign citizen.

-The foreign citizens who are going to stay in Tajikistan for more than three months except for the visa categories; “diplomatic”, “official”, “investment” and “humanitarian” require a certificate from the medical institutions to prove that they are not infected with HIV/AIDS.

Registration in tajikistan

Registration with the consular department of the ministry of foreign affairs of tajikistan

-Head of foreign diplomatic representatives and consular establishments, members of the diplomatic personnel, consular officials, administrative technical and the attendants of diplomatic representatives and consular establishments, workers of the device of military attaches and the trade missions and their dependents.

- Employees of the departments of foreign affairs of the foreign states who arrived to Tajikistan on service affairs and having diplomatic or official passports and members of their families.

- Officials of the international organizations, employees of representatives of the specified organizations in the Republic of Tajikistan, and also employees of representatives of the international organizations having headquarters in the Republic of Tajikistan and members of their families.

- The foreign journalists accredited at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan and members of their families.

Registration with OVIR

OVIR is the office for registration of foreign citizens. If your stay in Tajikistan is longer than 72 hours, you must be registered with OVIR. Registration with Republican OVIR must be carried out on your behalf by the organization who invited you, e.g. the company who provided your letter of invitation. Tourists are released from the registration in OVIR if their stay does not exceed 30 days. You need to provide the following:

-A passport photograph

-Your address in Tajikistan (e.g. address of your hotel or home stay in Dushanbe)

-The registration fee (check with your organization how much this should be)

-Your passport

For any additional information about the visa procedure please contact the Mission.

Turkey

SHORT-TERM RESIDENCE PERMIT

These; to submit information and documents regarding the purpose of your stay in Turkey's foreign, the law specified in Article 7 of the absence of foreigners will not be allowed to enter Turkey, general health and have the appropriate housing conditions with safety standards, is a citizen of the requested or lawful residence is authorized in the country to provide proof of the criminal record of the address information held by the authorities and is not to remain in Turkey. conditions can be placed anywhere on short-term residence permit are listed below:

1. Foreigners who immovable property in Turkey
2. Foreigners who work or to establish trade links
3. Tourism will remain for foreigners (primarily by what it allows foreigners to stay with tourism amavi stating how their livelihoods as where it is necessary to clarify the issues to reside.)

Short-term residence permit; It is found to be used outside the administration purposes, the total of foreign persons in the past year one hundred and twenty days to deport about or foreign stay outside more country or not in cases where the presence of prohibited entry to Turkey, will be canceled if the given time is over, who can not be extended while.

- Declarations of Residence Permit Form (The form must be typed in computer and color printed)
- 4 Pieces of Passport Photo
- Original Passport (The validity date of the passport should be at least 60 days more than the validity date of the applied residence permit)
- The copy of the passport (The page with the photo , the page showing the last entrance to Turkey , the page showing the validity date of the passport)
- 2 copies of your title deed (TAPU)
- Turkish tax number
- The bank statement or foreign exchange receipt for the amount of 300 USD for every month.(for ex : 3.600 USD for 1 year)
- If the residence permit was granted before (in renewing of the residence permit) the original residence permit and the photocopy of each issued documents.
- The original power of attorney from the notary and the ID photocopy of that person if the application is done by authorized person who has the power of attorney.

Lebanon

Arab immigrants that are businessman or investors

Fee: 300 000 L.P.

- An application form (that is filled out)
- A passport valid for at least three years, as well as two photocopies of the latter
- Three recent 3.5 x 4.5 photos
- A document that highlights the profession of this immigrant, delivered by the authorized authorities in his country of origin
- A document that highlights the investments projects of this immigrant, delivered by the authorized authorities in his country of origin

An applicant that has a monthly income or the owner of a blocked bank account

Fee: 300 000 L.P.

- An application form (that is filled out)
- A passport valid for at least three years, as well as two photocopies of the latter
- Three recent 3.5 x 4.5 photos
- A certification of a monthly income that is estimated to more than five million Lebanese pounds or its equivalent in foreign currency originating from financial transfers or retirement funds from abroad, or any other legal funds
- A saving passbook that proves that he is the owner of an account estimated at not less than one hundred million Lebanese pounds in one of the active Lebanese banks, frozen for more than three months. The applicant should also procure a photocopy of this passbook signed and ratified by the chief of department in the general security
- An attestation of non-activity
- A lease / property title

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