

ABOUT BATUMI BOULEVARD

Boasting a 7-km walking promenade, 4 historical alleys, a far stretching bike path, 40 thousand pieces of plants and flowers, Batumi Boulevard is the main landmark and the most visited tourist attraction in Batumi. Having been granted the status of cultural heritage, Batumi Boulevard has undergone several stages of development becoming an iconic symbol of Batumi where everyone can find his/her place.

[1] MICHAEL D'ALFONS

The foundation of the Batumi Boulevard is associated with the French Gardener Michael D'alfons. In 1885 he has assigned on the post of the main gardener of Batumi and he is the one who started to develop the boulevard in the French style. To celebrate his contribution to the development not only of the boulevard but also Batumi botanical gardens, he was often referred to as the kind genius of the Batumi seaside area. In 2012 the bronze sculpture of Michael D'alfons was installed in the boulevard. Facing the eucalyptus planed by himself, Michael's sculpture features a satisfied expression on his face.

[2] THE SCULPTURE OF IASON GORDEZIAN

The gardener, decorator, Iason Gordezian has played a key role in development of Batumi Boulevard. Under his management, new species of plants were introduced and planted. After his success, he went abroad to continue his education. In 1911 he graduated from the Versailles national institute of agriculture. He gained experience of working in gardens in France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Holland. He also held a position of the gardener-decorator in the royal botanical garden in London. After returning to Georgia he brought extensive knowledge and expertise back to the country that he used in implementing number of large-scale projects. In 2012 the sculpture of Iason Gordezian was set up in Batumi Boulevard.

[3] ANTIQUE STYLE COLONNADES

For over decades as the Batumi Boulevard has been growing, new sculptures and landmarks have been added. However, the importance and the value of the colonnades have remained timeless making them one of the iconic symbols of Batumi. The local doctor Ivane Mtchedlidze is believed to bring the project from Italy in 1930 with the help of Maksim Gorki. The construction works were supervised by the chief architect of the town Pavle Nadareishvili while the works were executed by the honorable architect in Georgia Bogdan Kirakosyan. As the mosaic inscription on the colonnades says the construction processes were completed in 1934.

[4] SUMMER THEATER

In 1948-1949 a unique wooden building was constructed in Batumi without a single nail. This was the summer theater hosting concerts, events and celebrations. In 1998 a devastating fire destroyed the building. In 2013 the exact replica of Batumi Summer Theater was constructed which continues to host events.

[5] JAPANESE GARDEN

The Japanese garden is set up stretching over 1020 sq.m. nearby the university building. The garden features a miniature lake, decorative bridge and plants typical for the Eastern culture. Finding the Japanese garden is quite easy thanks to red Japanese style entrance gates.

[6] CENTRAL DANCING FOUNTAINS

Thanks to joint efforts of the prominent Georgian architect Giorgi Erkomaishvili and the Armenian engineers, three colorful fountains were installed in the central entrance of Batumi Boulevard in 1977 bringing vibrancy and a new splash of life to the area. In 2007, the fountains underwent large-scale renovations as a result of which music was added to them. Nowadays these musical fountains dancing with rhythm and surrounded by lovely wax sculptures of the boys with pipes, represent the major attraction for tourists.

[7] CAFÉ FANTASY OCTOPUS

The café fantasy, also known as Octopus is a truly beautiful and magnificent sample of the mosaic art preserved till nowadays in Batumi Boulevard. Designed by the Georgian painter Zurab Kapanadze, the open air café fantasy was opened in 1981 and was functioning for 37 years. Currently it is undergoing major renovation works and a reopening is expected in the near future. The cafe fantasy is one of the symbols of Batumi.

[8] ALLEY OF MAGNOLIAS

The first alley of the Old Boulevard is known as the Alley of Magnolias. Stretching over a kilometer and boasting Magnolias of different sizes, it is the first alley after Ninoshvili Street. For over three centuries, Magnolias have been planting on the territory of the boulevard enchanting the visitors with its mind blowing scent. Magnolia is one of the unofficial symbols of Batumi.

[9] ALLEY OF PALMS

In Batumi you can easily find a subtropical ever-green palm trees. The development of a dedicated palm alley in the Batumi Boulevard started in 2003 and was finalized in 2006. The palm alley stretches along the coastline for over 4.7 kilometers.

[10] TENNIS COURTS

An open air tennis court of European standards has been functioning in the boulevard already for years. The tennis court hosts international tournaments. Therefore, you can often watch sportsmen training. If you want to engage into some physical activities while in Batumi, we advise you to visit tennis court and try your hand at tennis being surrounded by a beautiful scenery.

[11] LIGHTHOUSE

The first building of the lighthouse was built in 1863, before the Batumi Boulevard was developed. In 1882 it was redesigned according to the project of the French engineers and since then already for 155 it has been guiding the ships entering the Black sea. The light coming from the lighthouse stretches far away for 14 sea miles. In addition, the lighthouse is located in a unique spot, where 41 degree parallels of the longitude and the latitude coincide with each other. The lighthouse also performs the function of a hydrographic center, where weather forecasters observe weather conditions for 24/7. Being an innovative sample of the engineering of that time, the lighthouse has become one of the symbols of Batumi.

[12] YACHT CLUB

A yacht club is located nearby a panoramic wheel. Fans of extreme activities can rent a paraglide here and enjoy stunning views of the Black sea from the above. In addition, here you can rent small cozy yachts to have a nice trip on the black sea.

[13] DOLPHIN OR WHALE?

A building featuring a peculiar and extraordinary design in the central entrance of Batumi Boulevard is often resembled to a dolphin or a whale sometimes, depending on a person's imagination. In reality it is a marriage registration point. If after a romantic evening walk you decide to tie the knot, you won't have to go too far.

[14] ALPHABET TOWER

A 130-meter Alphabet Tower is located in the Boulevard right in the Miracle Park. The architecture of the Alphabet Tower was inspired by the Georgian alphabet which is performed in the shape of DNA alluding to the special importance the Georgian people adhere to the Georgian Alphabet. Two spiral lines go up to the tower carrying 33 Georgian letters 4 meters each. The Spanish architect Alberto Domingo Cabo designed the project celebrating the Georgian alphabet in a unique way. Guests of the Alphabet Tower can enjoy breathtaking views on the Black sea from the watching platform (called Panorama bar) which also serves snacks and beverages. The building also houses a rotating restaurant offering wide range of delicious Georgian and European dishes. One turn takes 60 minutes enabling you to have 360 degree views while having your meal.



BATUMI BOULEVARD QUEST

If tourist guides and maps told you about everything, travelling would be really boring. We invite you to co-create your unique tourist route and immerse in adventure. Just follow the hints in the quest and find lesser-known tourist attractions hidden in the greenery of Batumi Boulevard. Uncover the unknown side of the boulevard with us.

Note: Search the answers to the quests within the yellow circles.

[1] QUEST

A middle-aged man sitting in front of the eucalyptus planted by himself with a cane in his hand wearing a hat. It is not hard to find him nearby the central entrance of the boulevard greeting guests and sharing interesting details from the history of the boulevard.

[2] QUEST

What is freedom? Where can we find it? The mankind has been trying to figure out these questions for too long. We can't really promise you will find it, but its French variation in New Boulevard looks very interesting.

[3] QUEST

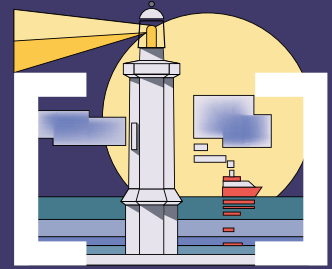
Dreams come true in Batumi Boulevard- this ambitious statement is backed up by so called Dream Column in New Boulevard located in the end of 150 meters labyrinth. The rule says whoever can find a way out of the labyrinth to reach the column, his/her dream will come true!

[4] QUEST

Sometimes people lose and find belongings in Batumi Boulevard. However, the abandoned shoes near Alphabet Tower are still waiting for their owner. Meanwhile, they have become a popular tourist attraction and a must-have photo spot.

[5] QUEST

The concept behind the logo of Batumi Boulevard is very interesting that can be hard to understand from the beginning. Here is the hint: the logo was inspired by one of the major attractions of Batumi Boulevard that according to the mosaic inscription was built in 1934 giving an antique feeling to the seaside boulevard.



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TOURIST MAP

[15] A SCULPTURE A WOMAN ON A BIKE

The peaceful and romantic environment characteristic to the Boulevard has been formed over the years. Abundance of fountains definitely contributes to the creation of this mood. In 2012 the sculpture a woman on a bike was set up according to the Georgian architect, Irakli Zhvania's project. The sculpture is beautifully located in a fountain making it even more peculiar.

[16] VETERANS' CLUB

In 2004 the Veteran's club was opened in Batumi named after Nona Gaprindashvili, the world five-time champion in chess from Georgia. It is a gathering place for the veterans of Batumi who regardless the weather play chess, backgammon and discuss important matters here. The positive vibes coming from the experienced veterans, their vintage style of dressing and abundance of canes will definitely put a smile on your face. Maybe they will even challenge you to try some games.

[17] ZOO CORNER

Batumi Boulevard boasts diversity of flora and fauna. A zoo corner located in the heart of the boulevard houses more than 140 species. Let us introduce you to the real star of the zoo corner, a 15-year-old pelican called #Bebero (old) who is always ready to interact with guests and pose for photos. Just call his name Bebero.

[18] ALI AND NINO

Created by the USA-based Georgian sculptor, Tamar Kvesitadze, a kinetic sculpture of Ali and Nino is undoubtedly one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Boulevard. 7-meter constructions of a man and a woman perform a circular motions for 8-10 minutes eventually merging into each other. The sculpture was inspired by the Azerbaijani novelist Kurban Said's eponymous novel. The sculpture symbolizes eternal motion, love and convergence of cultures. However, each visitor can have his/her unique emotions and associations after attending this performance.

[19] UKRAINIAN SQUARE

In 1970-ies the writer from Batumi Amiran Shervashidze had an idea to set up a square of prominent poets and novelists in Batumi Boulevard. With this intent, he brought the busts of Lesya Ukrainka and Taras Shevchenko from Ukraine. The busts were located nearby the colonnades leading to the creation of the Ukrainian square. Ukrainian literature's foremost woman writer, Lesya Ukrainka had special ties with Georgia spending last years of her life here. As it is known, she also visited Batumi few times.

[20] DANCING FOUNTAINS IN THE LAKE ARDAGANI

Similar to Old Boulevard, New Boulevard houses number of tourist attractions. One of them is the French dancing fountains attracting visitors with its hologram shows. You can watch this beautiful show from a specially arranged platform.

[21] CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

As we have already mentioned, everyone can find his/her place in the boulevard. The smallest and the dearest guests of the boulevard can have lots of fun on a children's playground arranged just in front of the colonnades. A children's playground is also arranged on the territory of the New Boulevard.

ARCHITECTURE

Batumi Boulevard has undergone several stages of development throughout three centuries of its history. Different styles, architecture and culture characteristic to different time periods, have left their traces on the Boulevard. Therefore, you can find antique colonnades, classical sculptures and examples of modern art.

EXERCISING FACILITIES

Batumi Boulevard tries to promote healthy lifestyle. After indulging yourself into Georgian cuisine if you decide to burn calories, you can have some exercises on the fresh air on an open air exercising facilities set up throughout the boulevard.



BIKE STATIONS

BIKE LINE



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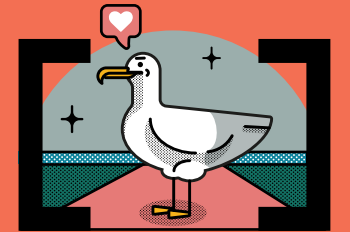
If you have some additional questions that we did not manage to include in this map, you can always refer to the tourism information center located in the central entrance of Batumi Boulevard.

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