

Surrogacy and Donation Processes in Georgia

the Crossroads of Europe & Asia



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Where is Georgia?



In the Caucasus region of Eurasia, at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe

- 3 international airports
Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi
- Population – 3.500 000
- Language – Georgian
- Capital -Tbilisi
- Australians do not require a visa



History/Political Stability/Safety

- A representative democratic parliamentary republic
- Developing country
- Ranks 70th on the Human Development Index
- A member of the United Nation & the Council of Europe
- Rich in history & cultural traditions
- Very safe to travel to Tbilisi & surrounds
- Politically stable



About Georgia



THE HOME OF WINE

Georgia has been producing wine for at least 8,000 years and is considered to be its birthplace.

A LANGUAGE LIKE NO OTHER

The Georgian language among 14 unique languages in the world; has its own alphabet and is not spoken anywhere else in the world.

RECOGNISED BY UNESCO

There are three cultural sites listed on UNESCO's World Heritage list.

YOUR MONEY GOES MUCH FURTHER

According to the money men Georgia is the seventh cheapest country in the world.

CROSS BORDER REPRODUCTION

Cross-Border Reproductive Care is quite developed in Georgia, and legislation on reproductive medicine is lenient, with donation and surrogacy treated as legally acceptable activities, which makes IVF tourism even more attractive to IVF travelers.







How to Travel in Georgia?

From Australia To Georgia:

- Tbilisi (capital) International Airport
- Transit flights from Dubai/Doha
- Airways: Emirates or Qatar

ReproART- International Destination for Fertility Treatment

Patients From 25 Countries



Liberal Regulations

Affordable Prices

Year-Round Tourist Destination

Georgian Surrogacy Law



One of just six nations globally which have a legal framework allowing foreigners to

- Engage in surrogacy
- Be named on the birth certificate
- Be recognised as the legal parent

Georgian Surrogacy Programs

- ✓ **Own egg** all inclusive surrogacy
- ✓ **Donor egg** all inclusive surrogacy
- ✓ **Frozen embryo** shipped surrogacy Program
- ✓ **Guaranteed programs**
- ✓ Surrogacy for People living with **HIV**

Regulation of Donor and Surrogacy

Donation programs available for:

- Heterosexual couples
- Single ladies up to age 55

Surrogacy programs available for:

- Heterosexual couples, at least one of parent should be below age 55
- Limitations: No single parents or same sex couples



Egg Donor Availability

- More than 600 Georgian egg donors
- Open donor profiles
- Access to donors of every nationality

Egg Donor Criteria

Criteria

- Age limitation 18-30
- Screen for Family medical history
- Screen for Infectious diseases

After Selection:

- Genetic Tests: Karyotyping (mandatory);
- Endocrine assays, complete blood work and physical examination
- Carrier Mapping (up to client)



Surrogate Selection in Georgia

- Database of > 200 Georgian surrogates
- 9 month follow up of pregnancy
- Delivery at partner 'maternity houses' under supervision of highly experienced Obstetric Gynecologists

Surrogate Screening Criteria

- Aged 18-35 yrs
- BMI
- Marriage/partner/at least one child
- General health status check
- Reproductive health check
- Infectious diseases check

Surrogate Preparation & Care

After Selection

- Endocrine assays
- Complete blood work
- Physical examination
- Pregnancy supervision
- Delivery

1. Own egg surrogacy process

- Work up (All lab tests)
- Medical stimulation (all medicines)
- One IVF/ICSI cycle
- One sperm freezing
- 3 frozen embryo transfer attempts
- Surrogate Compensation
- 9 months surrogate care (including doctors check up's, home visits)
- ChildBirth / Delivery Charges
- Notary Charges
- Birth certificate listing Intended parents



2. Donor egg surrogacy program process

- Work up (All lab tests)
- Medical stimulation (all medicines)
- One IVF/ICSI cycle
- One sperm freezing
- 3 frozen embryo transfer attempts
- Surrogate Compensation
- Donor Compensation
- 9 months surrogate supervision (including doctors check up's, home visits)
- ChildBirth / Delivery Charges
- Notary Charges
- Birth certificate (naming Intended parents)



3. Frozen Embryo Shipping Surrogacy Program process

- Signed Embryo Creation Letter from the Clinic (signed by Clinic doctor and director, with seals)
- Afterwards, Ministry of Health have to seal and stamp (saying that clinic is certified for IVF treatment where embryos were done)
- Apostle the document (in the relevant institution in the country, it can be ministry of foreign affairs or ministry of justice)
- Apostle may take several days (10 days or in some countries 3-4 days). After that you can bring original document to Georgia.
- An Apostle is simply the name for a specialized certificate, issued by the Secretary of State. The Apostle is attached to your original document to verify it is legitimate and authentic so it will be accepted in one of the other countries who are members of the Hague Apostle Convention.



4. Guaranteed (Live Birth) Surrogacy Program

- Unlimited IVF/ICSI
- Unlimited frozen embryo transfers
- Unlimited medications
- Unlimited lab tests
- Surrogate Compensation
- 9 months surrogate supervision
- ChildBirth /Delivery Charges
- Notary Charges
- Birth certificate where names of Intended parents are indicated



REPROART



- Opened in 2012
- Founded by Lika Chkonia
 - Extensive experience with IVF in Georgia (30 years)
 - 8 years working in US IVF Clinics
- Founded by Nino Okujava M.D.
 - Genetic specialist and clinical director
- David H. McCulloh (PhD/H.C.L.D./C.C.)
 - Scientific Director
 - Author of numerous academic works, professionally involved in IVF since 1978 and with ReproART since inception.



Reproart - **Leader Player** in fertility market of Georgia

- Biggest IVF chain in Georgia
- Multi language team
- 500 + cycles per year
- 4500 babies born



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The ReproART team deserves a lot of credit for its involvement with the following list of “Firsts” for IVF treatment in Georgia:

- first ICSI (intracytoplasmic sperm injection) baby
- first blastocyst transfer baby
- first frozen embryo transfer baby
- first surrogacy program baby
- first pregnancy after TESA, MESA
- first live birth following Preimplantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidy (PGT-A) and Preimplantation Genetic Testing for Monogenic Diseases (PGT-M) *(previously known as PGS/PGD)*







Thank you!

