

*The 64th General Assembly Meeting
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Save the Date:

The IEA General Assembly schedule:

- **28–29 September, Standing Committee Meeting**
- **30 September–2 October, General Assembly Meeting**
- **3 October, School visit and cultural exchange**

Minister's Welcome!

We are highly pleased that you have chosen Georgia for IEA's 65th General Assembly Meeting. We are grateful to IEA enabling us ample opportunity for international collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Even though we are a small country, Georgia has many unique characteristics that you will be able to explore during your visit along with educational agenda.

We look forward to hosting you in Georgia and sharing our culture, diverse landscape, and unique wine-making practice and local cuisine. I personally extend a very warm welcome to each and every one of you.



Giorgi Amilakhvari
Minister of Education and Science of Georgia

Welcome to *Georgia* (საქართველო)





What do you know about Georgia?

Tbilisi then...

საქართველოს
ფოტოგრაფია



Tbilisi now...



Interesting facts about Georgia

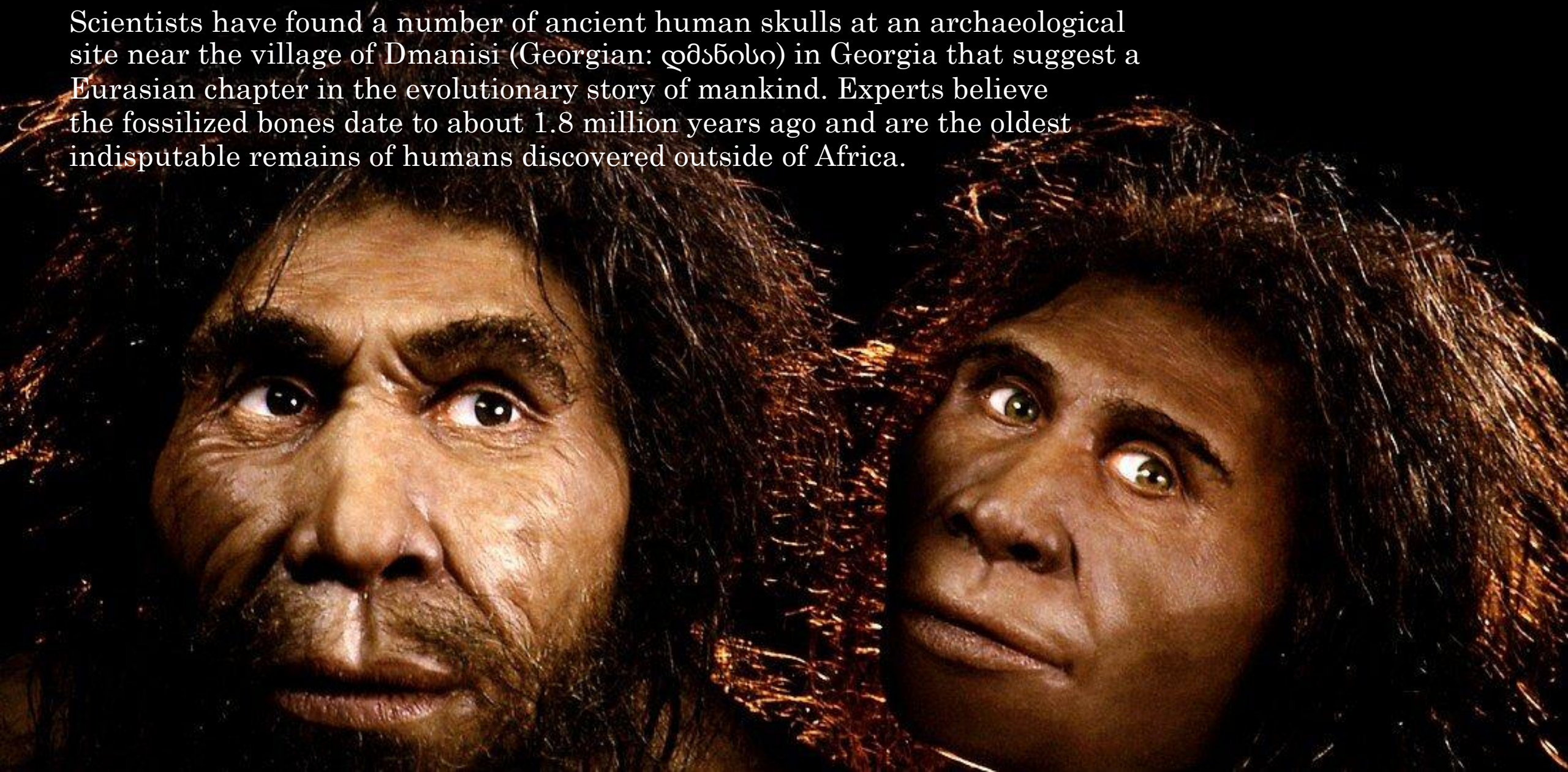
Handwritten text in Georgian script, likely a manuscript, overlaid on the mountain background.

- Home for the first Europeans
- Mountains & Landscape diversity with 12 climate zones
- A birthplace of wine
- A unique alphabet and manuscripts



The oldest Europeans, Zezva & Mzia

Scientists have found a number of ancient human skulls at an archaeological site near the village of Dmanisi (Georgian: დმანისი) in Georgia that suggest a Eurasian chapter in the evolutionary story of mankind. Experts believe the fossilized bones date to about 1.8 million years ago and are the oldest indisputable remains of humans discovered outside of Africa.



Svanetian Mountains

The Caucasus region is peculiar by high diversity of landscapes and biological species, compared with other non-tropical regions of the northern Hemisphere.





Batumi, Georgia

IUCN included the Caucasus in the list of the planet's 34 most diverse and endangered hotspots (and one of the four hotspots of the Europe and Central Asia).

The oldest winemakers

Georgia is generally considered the 'cradle of wine', as archaeologists have traced the world's first known wine creation back to the people of the South Caucasus in 6,000BC. These early Georgians discovered grape juice could be turned into wine by burying it underground for the winter. Some of the qvevris (ქვევრი) they were buried in could remain underground for up to 50 years.



Georgian Unique Alphabet (VII Century BC)

ა ბ გ დ ე ვ ზ თ ი
კ ლ მ ნ თ პ რ ს
ტ უ ფ ქ ჟ ყ რ ხ
ც ძ წ ჭ ს ჯ

What awaits you in Georgia?

Pullman Hotel

Pullman Hotels and Resorts is a French multinational upscale hotel brand owned by the world leader in the hotel industry Accor. Ideally located, it offers easy access to much of what the city has to offer, including parks, shops, pedestrian avenues, embassies, cafes, bars and restaurants, an open-air museum and the city stadium.



Sukhishvili National Ballet

Sukhishvili is a legendary ensemble that has retained the traditions of authentic Georgian dance for over 75 years. Impressive choreography, bright costumes, hot passion, and an orchestra with unique instruments, whose sounds tell the musical history of Georgia on the stage.



Georgian Traditional Feast Sufra (სუფრა)



Thank you for your attention!