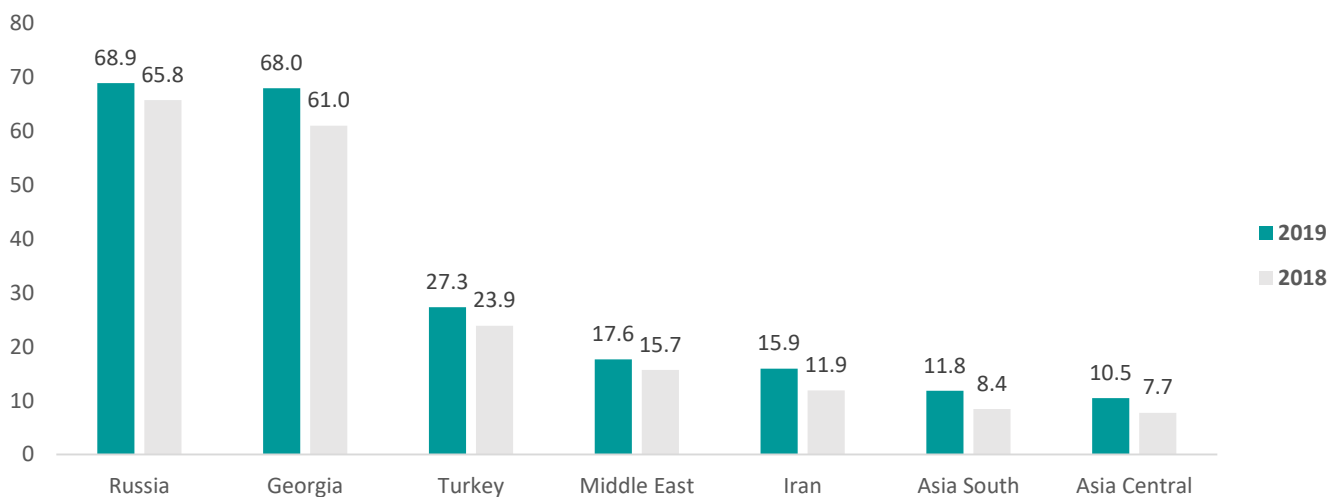




### 13.3% more foreign arrivals in November

In November, the number of foreign travelers increased by 13.3% in comparison with 2018, reaching 241 thousand; this increase is the double of the November increase in 2018 which was 6%. By the number of arrivals, Russia, with 69 thousand, and Georgia, with 68 thousand have the highest rates: remarkably, more than half, namely 56.7% of all guests came from these two countries. The largest growth of 7 thousand or 11.4% can be seen for Georgia. The highest growth rates in percentages are observed for Iran and South and Central Asian countries with 33.5%, 40.1% and 35.5%, respectively. Among South Asian countries, there is a considerable growth of 76.3% for Indian travelers. The number of travelers from Turkey and Middle East increased by 3.4 thousand and 2 thousand and totaled to 27 thousand and 17 thousand, respectively.

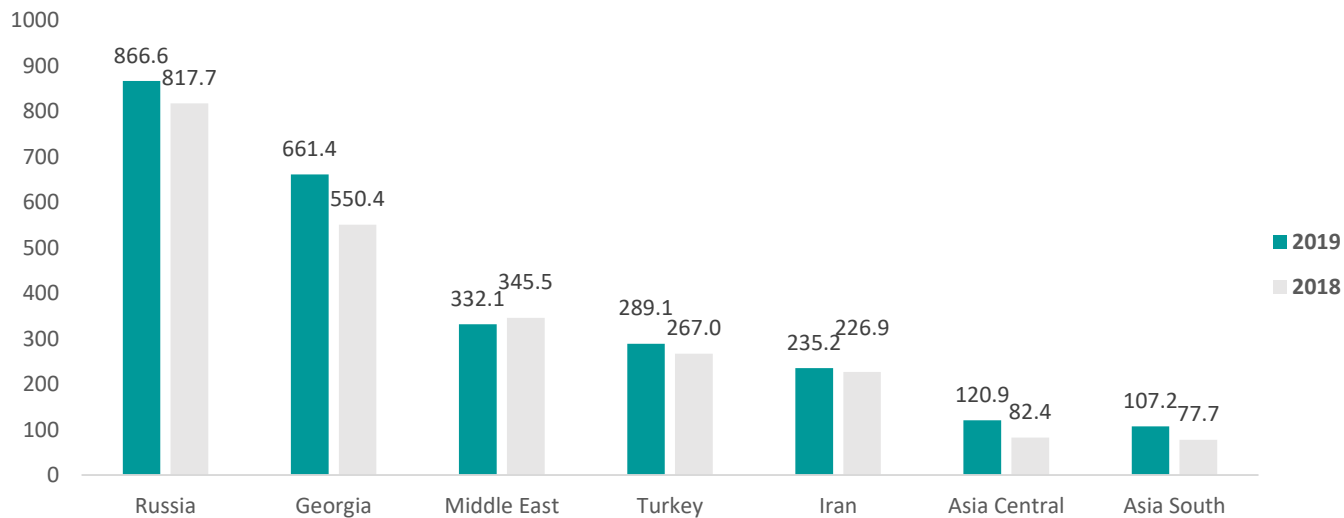
**Figure 1: Foreign travellers (in thousands) from 7 countries/regions in November 2019 and 2018**



In the period January to November 2019, the number of foreign travelers who visited Azerbaijan increased by 11.1% or 292 thousand in comparison to the same period of 2018; this is also nearly the double of the 6% increase in in this period of 2018 over 2017. About one third of international guests came from Russia: 49 thousand or 6% more totaling to 866 thousand compared to January-November 2018. The most remarkable increases are those for Georgia and Central and South Asia: 20.2%, 46.7% and 38% more travelers, in total 661, 120 and 107 thousand, respectively, came from these regions. As in previous months, among Central Asian countries the main contributors are Turkmenistan (49 thousand; substantial growth of 91.9%) and Kazakhstan (43 thousand; 24.5% growth), among South Asian countries are India (59 thousand; substantial growth of 67.7%) and Pakistan (42 thousand; 12.2% growth). The number of foreign guests from Turkey and Iran increased by 8.3% and 3.7% respectively and reached 289 and 235 thousand. 4% decrease is observed for the Middle East region: The number of travelers decreased for almost all Middle East countries except for Israel and Saudi Arabia, with increases of 14.5% and 46.5%, respectively.

In the January to November period, 93 thousand or 9% more travelers arrived from the countries where Rep Offices has been established (China, India, Russia, Germany, Saudi Arabia, UAE). The highest increases were observed for India, China, and Saudi Arabia. The number of guests from UAE decreased by 29.8%.

**Figure 2: Foreign travellers (in thousands) from 7 countries and regions in January-November period of 2019 and 2018**



**Methodological note:** The numbers of foreign travellers are counts of border crossings as registered by the State Border Service. These numbers cover touristic visitors but also other travellers who do not fulfil the definition of being a touristic visitor given by the International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics 2008, such as border workers, long-term workers and students and patients, etc.; hence, the inbound tourism flow is slightly lower than the numbers of travellers provided in this report.

Table 1: Number of foreign travelers from various countries and regions in November 2019 and in January- November 2019, and similar figures for 2018.

Region	2019		2018	
	November	January- November	November	January- November
Russia	68 921	866 556	65 781	817 689
Georgia	67 954	661 430	61 014	550 422
Turkey	27 317	289 145	23 881	266 978
Middle East	17 637	332 119	15 674	345 534
Iran	15 901	235 193	11 907	226 897
Asia South	11 799	107 236	8 419	77 700
Asia Central	10 481	120 855	7 734	82 366
Europe East	8 203	101 969	7 212	92 961
Europe West	7 407	109 548	6 280	91 038
Asia East-North	1 775	39 678	1 359	28 092
America	1 605	27 289	1 641	24 981
Asia East-South	1 221	11 461	847	8 531
Africa	640	9 189	668	7 660
Rest	518	9 643	565	8 056
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>241 379</b>	<b>2 921 311</b>	<b>212 982</b>	<b>2 628 905</b>