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# Azerbaijan – The Land of Fire





# AZERBAIJAN MAP





## About Azerbaijan



Ancient historical, cultural heritage and natural landscape of Azerbaijan attract scholars, art connoisseurs, musicians and tourists from different continents of the globe. The climate of Azerbaijan creates favorable conditions for summer and winter holidays. Recent number of tourists annually visiting Azerbaijan is 2.5 million. Tourism is fast developing in Azerbaijan.

The tourists enjoy summer resorts at the shores of the Caspian Sea, winter resorts in high mountains, some prefer trekking, horse riding, combined with sightseeing to UNESCO World Heritage sites or do shopping of world-famous carpets or simply enjoy fabulous music or opera-ballet performances. Walled City of Baku offers the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower, Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape, Novruz Holiday, Ashig Art (Folk music played and sung by the bard), Mugham Art (Folk music), Azerbaijani Art of Carpet Weaving, Chovqan, a traditional Karabakh horse riding game. So pack your bags and visit Azerbaijan and let the land of fire take you by surprise.



## Baku, the capital city and a travelers delight!



**Baku**, also known as **Baky**, is the largest city in the Caucasus and the capital of Azerbaijan. The capital of Azerbaijan, where past and present intricately intertwined, have always attracted tourists. Of particular interest to guests of Baku is Old City, enclosed within the fortress walls, or Icheri Sheher (Inner City). This open-air museum, together with famous Maiden Tower (XII c.) located here is listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The architectural appearance of a fortress differs by its unique originality. It contains 44 monuments of medieval architecture, including the unique Palace of the Shirvanshahs, former residence of the rulers of Shirvan (XV c.). Baku is a major scientific and technical, industrial and cultural center of the country.



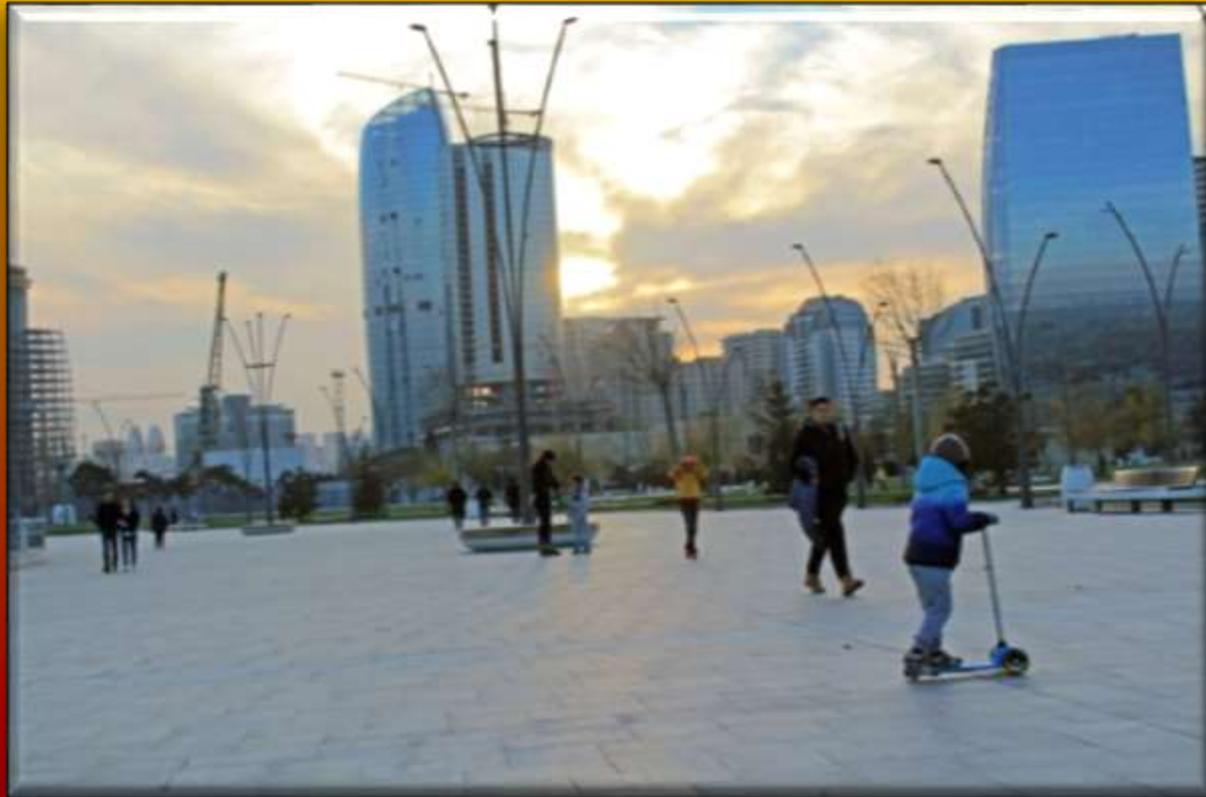
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The modern face of the city is of equal interest for the visitors. The following characters in Baku could be marked out: buildings of Flame Towers, the sport and entertainment complex Crystal Hall which held a Eurovision contest in 2012, the cultural center of Heydar Aliyev Foundation and others. A favorite place for walks for residents and guests of the capital remains transformed and shining by neon lights city Seaside park. There is a great number of modern shopping and entertainment centers (SEC), sports centers, cinemas, concert and exhibition centers, museums, parks, etc.



## Baku, the capital city and a travelers delight!



There is a large number of high quality brand hotels for the convenience of tourists in the capital: Four Seasons Hotel Baku, Hyatt Regency, JW Marriott Absheron Baku Hotel, Jumeirah Bilgah Beach Hotel, Grand Hotel Europe, Hilton Baku, Kempinski Hotel Badamdar and others. Guests will not face to the problems with accommodation and relaxation.



## Baku, the capital city and a travelers delight!



Among the new hallmarks of Baku one can distinguish the magnificent building complex Flame Towers, the sports and leisure complex Crystal Hall, which held the Eurovision song contest in 2012, the Cultural Center named after Heydar Aliyev and others. A favorite walking place for locals and guests is the City Seaside Park (or Boulevard), shining with neon lights. In Baku there are also many shopping centers, boutiques, movie theaters, concert and exhibition venues, museums, restaurants, and world famous brands hotels.





## Azerbaijan standard itinerary 3 Nights / 4 Days

### Day – 1

- Arrival to Baku.
- Meeting at the international airport and escort local guide to the hotel, including co-sightseeing tour of the city. Guided Tour will be along the central streets, green parks and the main attractions of the city by bus
- Leisure time.
- Dinner (in modern restaurant)
- Return to the hotel or explore nightlife on your own.



## Azerbaijan standard itinerary 3 Nights / 4 Days

Day – 2



- \* Breakfast in the hotel
- Photo Tour to the Old City of Baku (*IcheriSheher*), the largest capital in the Transcaucasian region. Sightseeing tour of the town includes Shamakhy Gates, caravanserai, Maiden's Tower, Palace of the Shirvan Shahs, Mosques, Carpet store. Walking in the streets of city center ("Torgovaya street")
- Lunch (in modern restaurant).



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### Day – 2



- We offer shopping time. Visit the most fashionable shopping centers in Baku. Park Boulevard shopping centre contains about 99 stores, ranging from 50 square meters to 370 meters in size, a large 1207 square meter supermarket, a cinema hall 6, a planetarium and a 3D cinema, "Happy Land" playground, photo studio , VIP dining overlooking the bay of the Caspian Sea Baku, bowling halls, etc. The first and second floors feature luxury shops and cafes. Also in the shopping centre there are restaurants offering different types of cuisine in the style of the local and European cuisine.
- • Dinner at traditional restaurant with national music.
- \* Explore the popular nightlife on your own at one of the numerous nightclubs that wake up by late evening.



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### Day – 3

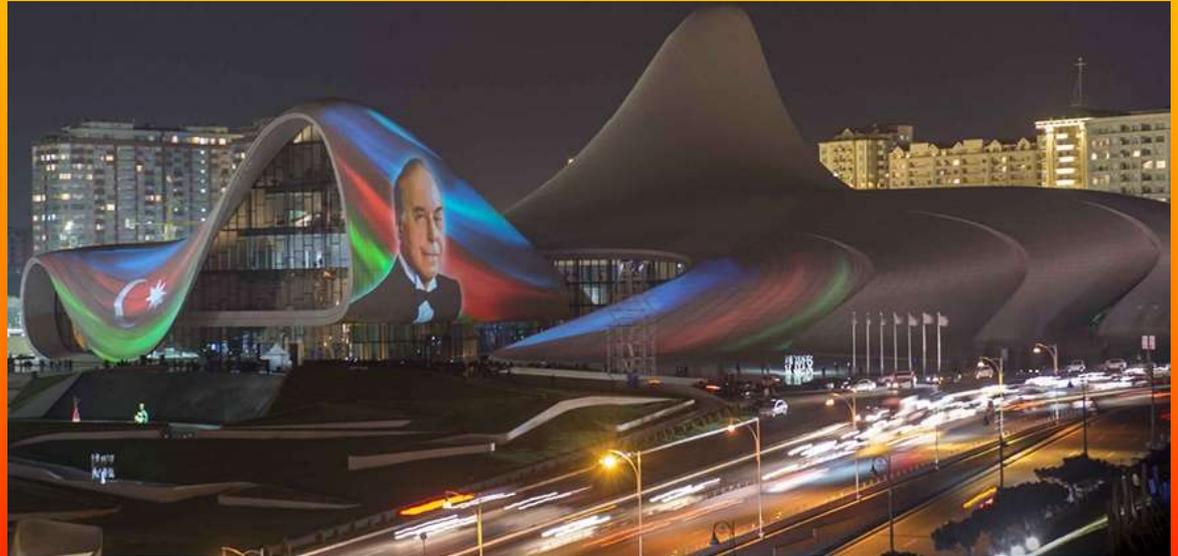


- Breakfast in the hotel.
- • Excursion to Gobustan. *Located west of the settlement of Gobustan, about 40 miles (64 km) southwest of the centre of Baku on the west bank of the Caspian Sea. In 2007 Gobustan was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site considered to be of "outstanding universal value" for the quality and density of its rock art engravings, for the substantial evidence the collection of rock art images presents for hunting, fauna, flora and lifestyles in pre-historic times and for the cultural continuity between prehistoric and medieval times that the site reflects.*
- Lunch (in traditional restaurant).



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Day – 3



- Photo Excursion to the Museum of Heydar Aliyev Center. *The building complex in Baku on the draft Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid, and are known for its distinctive architecture. Center named after Heydar Aliyev, the Azerbaijani leader. In the center there are meeting rooms (auditorium), galleries and museums. The project will play an important role in the intellectual life of the city.*
- • Ferris wheel ride to get a stunning view of Baku city and the Caspian Sea
- • Dinner at the restaurant and explore nightlife on your own.



## Azerbaijan standard itinerary 3 Nights / 4 Days

### Day – 4



- Breakfast at hotel
- Some local shopping if time permits
- Transfer to Airport for return flight.



## Flights to Baku, Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Visa  
process takes 5  
working days.



### Baku, Azerbaijan Flight Connections –

- \* Air Arabia has flights to Baku twice a week from 13 ports in India.
- \* Uzbekistan Airways has flights from Delhi to Baku via Tashkent.
- \* Fly Dubai has daily flights from 8 airports in India.



## Interesting Facts about Azerbaijan

- The most well-known of Azerbaijan's volcanoes is Yanar Dag, also known as 'Burning Mountain'. It burns all year round due to natural gas escaping from the ground.
- Gary Kasparov, a former world chess champion, was born in Azerbaijan's capital, Baku, and attended chess school there.
- The public transport is presented by Baku (Azerbaijan) metro and numerous minibuses. At any time of the day, you can use the services of private taxis, which will take you to the needed point in Azerbaijan.
- The first medical aid is usually free. There are also private paid medical clinics and services, doctors that can speak a foreign language. In the chemists' there is a big choice of medicaments and most of them are open 24 hours.
- The Gobustan Nature Park has been declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations. As well as half the mud volcanoes in the world, it is also home to well preserved ancient rock art and carvings, and the unique "musical stones" known as Gaval Dashgot that gives a peek into the lives of the pre-historic inhabitants of Azerbaijan.
- Selfies Issue. Azeri people love taking pictures of their selves and love when you take pictures of them, especially men!
- People in Azerbaijan are genuinely surprised when you are trying to take pictures of something ugly, unfinished or poor. Seriously they can't understand why don't you shoot nice and shiny new government buildings?!
- Azerbaijan is home to half of the world's population of mud volcanoes, over 400 in fact.



## Top Hotels in Baku City

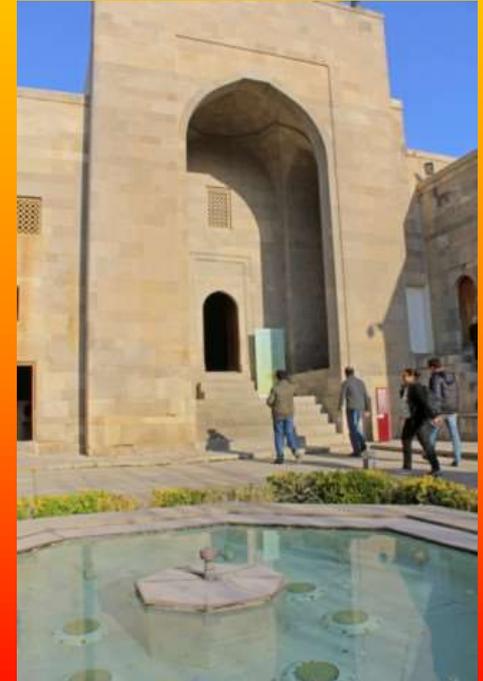
- JW Marriot Absheron
- Boulevard Hotel
- Intourist Hotel
- Fairmont Hotel
- Hyatt Regency
- Holiday Inn





## Tourist Attractions

### Shirvanshah's Palace



**Shirvanshahs Palace:** The Palace of the Shirvanshahs is a 15th-century palace built by the Shirvanshahs and described by UNESCO as "one of the pearls of Azerbaijan's architecture". It is located in the Inner City of Baku, Azerbaijan and, together with the Maiden Tower, forms an ensemble of historic monuments inscribed under the UNESCO World Heritage List of Historical Monuments. The complex contains the main building of the palace, Divanhane, the burial-vaults, the shah's mosque with a minaret, Seyid Yahya Bakuvi's mausoleum, a portal in the east, Murad's gate, a reservoir and the remnants of a bath house. The palace is depicted on the obverse of the Azerbaijani 10,000 manat banknote of 1994-2006 and of the 10 new manat banknote issued since 2006.



## Tourist Attractions

### Caravanserai



**Caravanserai:** Caravanserai literally means “palace for caravans” or “palace on a trade route”. In the Middle East and Central Asia it was often a place of rest, located in unpopulated areas, to house animals and people. All caravanserais were divided into two types: open and closed. Closed caravanserais were small fortresses to repel the attack in case of danger. They were one or two storey buildings, surrounded by fortified walls. Inside, there were warehouses, stables and corrals for animals, as well as living premises. Open caravanserais were typical for cities. They were more like hotels with stables and corrals for animals. In addition there were teahouses, bathhouses, and many other buildings and facilities for Travelers.



## Major Tourist Attractions

- ❖ Baku:
  - Old city (Maiden Tower, Palace of the Shirvanshahs)
  - Carpet Museum
  - The national Museum of History
  - Bibi-Heybat Mosque
  - Gobustan National Park
  - Mud Volcanoes
  - Ateshgah
  - Yanar dag
  - Gala
  - Beaches
- ❖ Gabala
- ❖ Guba
- ❖ Gusar
- ❖ Shahdag
- ❖ Shaki
- ❖ Gandja
- ❖ Naftalan
- ❖ Lankaran
- ❖ Masalli
- ❖ Nakhchivan





## AZERBAIJAN TOURISM

# Why Azerbaijan?

- ❖ A country with unique climatic conditions and great variety of landscapes
- ❖ Azerbaijani people famous for their hospitality
- ❖ Secure Country
- ❖ National music and dances
- ❖ Ancient art of carpet-weaving
- ❖ Very delicious cuisine
- ❖ A lot of historical monuments and attractions
- ❖ Modern touristic infrastructure



## General Information

- ❖ Azerbaijan is the largest state of the Southern Caucasus region.
- ❖ The capital is Baku
- ❖ Currency – Azerbaijani Manat, AZN
- ❖ Government: Democratic Republic
- ❖ Population: 90% - Azeri. 95% are Shia Muslims, but Azerbaijan is officially a strictly secular state and mostly agnostic and non-religious nation
- ❖ People speak Azeri, Russian, English and Turkish

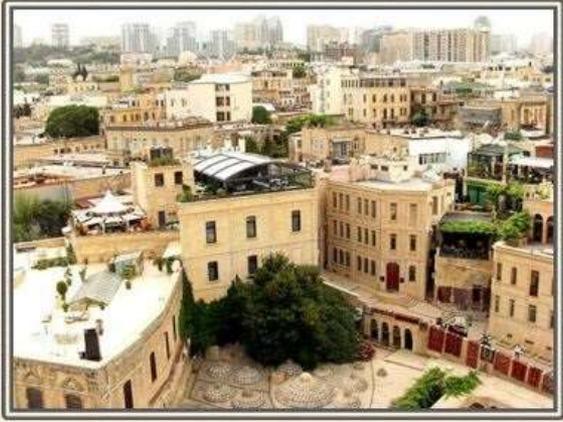
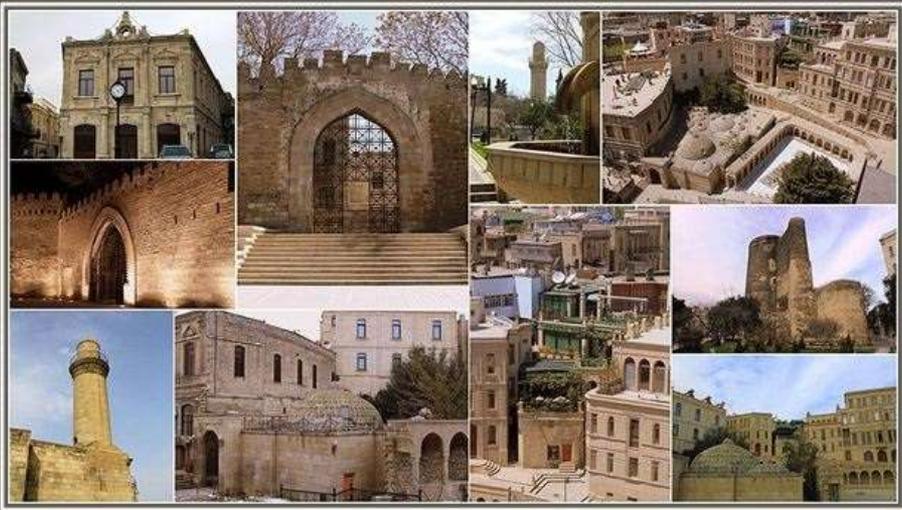




# Major Tourist Attractions

## Old city

Old City or Inner City is the historical core of Baku. In December 2000, the Old City of Baku, including the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and Maiden Tower, became classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO





## Major Tourist Attractions

### Enjoy the beaches of the Caspian

- ❖ The Caspian sea is the largest lake on the Earth. The water is salty, the average temperature in summertime is 24-26C. The temperature in Baku averages at 30-35C. The beaches of Absheron peninsula are rich with golden sand and picturesque views.
- ❖ Jumeirah Bilgah Beach Hotel (35 km from the city, rooms with panoramic view, Waterpark, Talise spa and hammam)
- ❖ Sea Breeze (Premium class village in 30 min from Baku, 80 residences, 40 townhouses, private apartments in a white Apart Hotel, private beach, pier for yachts, sports center)
- ❖ Crescent Beach Hotel 4\*
- ❖ Hotel Ramada Baku
- ❖ AF Hotel Aqua-Park 4\*





## Major Tourist Attractions

# Mud volcanoes



Azerbaijan is home to nearly 400 mud volcanoes, more than half the total throughout the world. The appearance of the Zoroastrian religion in Azerbaijan almost 2,000 years ago is closely connected with these geological phenomena, and Azerbaijan's etymology - *Land of the Eternal Fire* derives from its Zoroastrian history.





## Major Tourist Attractions

# Yanar Dag

Yanar Dag (translated as "burning mountain"), is a natural gas fire which blazes continuously on a hillside on the Absheron Peninsula near Baku. Flames jet out into the air 3 metres (9.8 ft) from a thin, porous sandstone layer. Unlike mud volcanoes, the Yanar Dag flame burns fairly steadily, as it is not a periodic eruption, but a steady seep of gas from the subsurface.





## Major Tourist Attractions

# GABALA

- ❖ Gabala was once the capital of Caucasian Albania.
- ❖ There are a lot of historical and cultural monuments: the remains of the ancient city and the main gates, the Albanian church (IV-VIII), and etc.
- ❖ Tourists may visit the Nij village where the Udins (the descendants of ancient Caucasian Albanians) live.
- ❖ The town hosts an annual international music festival of classical music, jazz and mugham.





## Major Tourist Attractions

# Shahdag ski resort

- ❖ Located in 25 km from Gusar
- ❖ Accommodation ranges from luxury hotels, individual chalets and cottages through to camping (in the summer)
- ❖ 19 ski slopes, a professional ski school and a ski hire shop
- ❖ Brand new ski station
- ❖ Snowmobiles, horse riding, snow sliding, tubing and a snow park for children





## Major Tourist Attractions

# Naftalan

It is a well known spa resort and the center of medical tourism of Azerbaijan. The main treasure of the resort is a unique Naftalan oilfield. Its high efficiency is confirmed by numerous scientific studies and by more than 100 years of experience in the treatment of psoriasis, arthritis and rheumatism.





## Tourist Attractions

### Ateshgah Temple of Fire



The Baku **Ateshgah**, often called the "**Fire Temple of Baku**" is a castle-like religious temple in Surakhani, a suburb in Baku. Based on Persian and Indian inscriptions, temple was used as a Hindu and Zoroastrian place of worship. "Atash" is the Persian word for fire. It was abandoned after 1883 when oil and gas plants were established in the vicinity, ending the flow of natural gas to the temple and extinguishing the holy fire. The complex was turned into a museum in 1975. The Temple of Fire "Ateshgah" was nominated for List of World Heritage Sites, UNESCO in 1998.



## Tourist Attractions

### Petro glyphs Museum in Gobustan National Park



Petro glyphs Museum in **Gobustan National Park**: The Petroglyph Museum is a museum in Gobustan, Azerbaijan. Gobustan National Park (Azerbaijani: Qobustan Milli Parkı) officially Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape is a hill and mountain site occupying the southeast end of the Greater Caucasus mountain ridge in Azerbaijan, mainly in the basin of Jeyrankechmaz River, between the rivers Pirsagat and Sumgait. It is located west of the settlement of Gobustan, about 40 miles (64 km) southwest of the centre of Baku on the west bank of the Caspian Sea.



**Thanks for your time!**

**Let us help you to plan your vacation in Azerbaijan.**

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