

10 DAYS AZERBAIJAN

Baku, Absheron Peninsula, Shamakha, Lahij, Sheki, Kish, Ganja, Naftalan, Gobustan

Valid Till : November 2017

Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Baku – arrival

Arrival in Baku. You will be met by our driver and transferred to hotel. Check-in at noon. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2: Baku – Absheron Peninsula – Baku

Today you will visit the Old Town of Baku “Icheri Sheher” and Absheron peninsula.

Start sightseeing tour in Icheri Sheher. Visit Maiden Tower, Shirvan Shahs’ Palace, Caravanserai, and market square with numerous art studios and souvenirs stalls. An excellent round-up to the city tour will be visit to the richest bank of Azeri carpets – National Carpets Museum.

Later drive to Ateshgah – temple of fire worshippers located in Surakhany village. Zoroastrians from India travelled thousands of kilometers to Ateshgah to worship fire coming out of the earth. Continue to Yanardag Mountain with natural gas burning for several thousands of years. Return to Baku for overnight.

Day 3: Baku – Xinaliq – Quba – Baku

In the morning depart north-west of Baku. Drive through Red Town (Krasnaya Sloboda), the biggest settlement of Mountain Jews in Azerbaijan. The road to Xinaliq lies through picturesque mountain road on the altitude of 2,000 m. Enjoy breathtaking views of the landscape. Xinaliq It is one of most ancient settlements in the country where people have been continuously living for more than 5,000 years. Return to Baku. On the way back stop at Quba mass grave. Arrive in Baku for overnight.

Day 4: Baku – Shamakha – Lahij – Gabala

In the morning, departure from your hotel to Gabala. On the way, visit Diri Baba mausoleum in Maraza village. Continue to Shamakha and have a sightseeing of historical Juma Mosque, Yeddi Gumbaz Mausoleum, and the Shirvan Shah's family grave yard. Drive the Girdimanchay River’s canyon to visit Lahij, the 5th century place rich in its historic and architectural values. Lahij is mostly famous for magnificent ancient mosques and bath-houses. But it is also a place to learn more about medieval water supply and sewage systems, as well as a chance to purchase artifacts such as jewelry, copperware, carpets, pottery, daggers and iron tools in a number of traditional workshops.

In the afternoon, continue driving to our final destination for the evening the city of Gabala. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5: Gabala – Kish – Sheki

In the morning, check-out from hotel and drive to Sheki. On the way, visit the first Albanian church in Caucasus dating back to the 1st century AD. Have sightseeing tour around Sheki. Visit stunning Sheki Khans’ Palace, a medieval fortress, and local History Museum. Continue to local mosque, handicrafts workshop, madrasah, and bazaar. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6: Sheki – Ganja (150 km, 2.5 hours)

In the morning, depart Sheki and drive to Ganja, the second biggest city in Azerbaijan.

Start sightseeing tour on arrival. Visit the Mosque of Shah Abbas, medieval Ganja caravansary and Chokek Hammam (medieval bathes), the Museum of Miniature, and unique Bottle house decorated with thousands of bottles. Pay a visit to the Mausoleum of famous Azerbaijan poet Nizami Gyanjavi and continue to local bazaar. Drive out of the city to a small town of Goygol to visit village Helenendorf that was settled in the winter of 1818–1819 by 194 Swabian German families. German architecture of local buildings will surprise you. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7: Ganja – Naftalan (60 km, 1 hour)

In the morning, depart Ganja and drive to Naftalan, the center of medical tourism in Azerbaijan. This day we explore Naftalan, the city famous for naphthalane oil and its medical effect. Visit Museum of Cruthes. You can take an oil bath or any other recreational procedure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 8: Naftalan – Gobustan – Baku

In the morning, we depart Naftalan and drive to UNESCO site Gobustan National Park (275 km, 4-5 hours). Pay a visit to the Petroglyphs Museum and explore petroglyphs dating back to 10,000 BC. Continue to mud volcanoes in Gobustan Reserve. Gobustan is home to almost half of world’s mud volcanoes. Reach Baku for overnight.

Day 9: Baku

Continue exploring the city with visit to Memory Alley – “Shehidler Khiyabany”, from where you can have a great panoramic view of Baku city. Continue touring new Baku and exploring architecture of XIX- XX centuries: Nizami Street, Fountain Square, Nizami Ganjavi monument, Rasul-Zade Street. Pay a visit to Azerbaijan History National Museum. Free time in the afternoon. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10: Baku – departure

Check-out from the hotel till noon. Transfer to Baku International Airport. Departure.

Prices in USD per person

| Hotels | Intourist/Qafqaz Karvansaray/Marxal/Ramada/Garabag | Central Park/Yeddi Gozel/Sheki Saray/Vego/Chinar |
|-------------|---|--|
| | Option 1 | Option 2 |
| 1 | 3770 | 3480 |
| 2 | 2150 | 2000 |
| 3 | 1785 | 1635 |
| 4 | 1555 | 1405 |
| 5 | 1450 | 1305 |
| 6 | 1355 | 1205 |
| 7 | 1285 | 1135 |
| 8 | 1230 | 1085 |
| 9 | 1220 | 1075 |
| 10 | 1185 | 1040 |
| Single Supp | 467 | 350 |

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| Half board | 147 | |
| Full board | 290 | 290 |

| City | OPTION 1 – Comfort | OPTION 2 – Economy | Nights |
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| Baku | Intourist | Central Park, Diplomat | 5 |
| Qabala | Qafkaz Caravan Serai | Yeddi Gozel | 1 |
| Sheki | Marxal | Sheki Saray | 1 |
| Ganja | Ramada | Vego | 1 |
| Naftalan | Qarabakh | Chinar | 1 |

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| Price includes: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All transfers; 2. Accommodation based on double/twin room sharing, breakfasts included; 3. Sightseeing tour program with local guide; 4. Entrance fees to sights as per itinerary; 5. E-visa / Air Ticket (Recommended Airline : Turkish Airlines) |
| Price does not include: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Half / Full board (lunches and dinners); 2. Hotel charges for additional services; 3. Personal travel insurance. |

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