

6 DAYS Hidden Views in Azerbaijan



From the ancient times, Azerbaijan has won the favor of many foreign countries with its beautiful places. We are bringing you to these mysterious places that you have not yet discovered. Get ready to see the breathtaking natural beauty.

This tour offers time to explore Quba-Khinalig, which is the old village of Azerbaijan, relaxing in Baku Boulevard, walk to the famous Icherisheher, be aware of Gobustan's interesting paintings and experience much more.

1ST DAY- ARRIVAL. BAKU CITY TOUR

We plan to devote the first 2 days of travel to Baku, one of the oldest and largest cities in the East due to its ancient history, size and population, to familiarize you with places that you haven't discovered yet. Ancient inscriptions and archaeological findings dating back 12,000 years in Absheron and Gobustan is main proof of being



Baku as antique city. Given these dates, today Baku is more than 5.5 thousand years old.

Traveling to **Baku** will not only be comfortable and safe, but also unforgettable for you. Not only will you visit the ancient places of Baku, you will also explore modern side of this city, because Baku is city of contrasts. There's something incredible about exploring this city's many neighbourhoods, districts, and attractions that you won't find anywhere else in Azerbaijan. One of our destination **Baku Boulevard**, known for its magnificent fountains and greenery, stretches along the coast of the **Caspian Sea**. Known as the most crowded area of Baku in the evenings, you will be surrounded by amazing street music on the boulevard. Thus, a pleasant and warm atmosphere is created in this tourist area of Baku. From the highest spot of the Baku **"Highland Park"**, you will see major buildings of charming Baku, such as **Flame Towers, National Flag Square, Crystall Hall**, etc.

The **Maiden Tower**, also known as "Girl tower" in English, which contains many interesting stories about its history, is the most important historical symbol of Baku. Depending on your interest you can choose to enter the tower or not. From the roof of the tower, which is 29 meters high, you can see the views of Baku, especially the Ichericheher (Old City). On the way to Maiden Tower you will walk through small cafe "Chort Poberi" (in Russian "Damn it!"), which became very popular after a famous Soviet movie "Brilliant Hand".

If we say the **Icherisheher** is heart of Baku, we will be not mistaken. During the tour you will be informed about **Old City**'s history, people and architectures by our professional guides. After entering one of the "must to see" places of Baku Icherisheher, you walk **Shirvanshah Palace Complex**, which is from 15th century. In **Miniature Books Museum**, where you will see collection of miniature books, it will be amazing adventure around the book world.

3RD DAY- GUBA-GUSAR (SHAHDAG) TOUR

On the third day of our journey, we will be on way to enjoyable **Guba**. On this way the journey will be opened with a view of the beautiful Khizi region and its mountains, as well as views. First destination Beshbarmag Mountain, with its vertical peaks, is a



distinctive fragmentary rock that combines phallic rocks. This pir is regarded as one of the most sacred shrines of the Muslim East.

Our visit will continue as we stop on the road to drink tea with local sweets in the Guba region.

After this, we will be due to visit **Qachresh forest**, where the systematic arrangement of the branches of a tree will impress you. One of the Guba's most beautiful nature feature is a unique **Pirbanovsha Waterfall**, where the flowing water creates amazing natural sculptures. Visiting **Mestergah** and **Chanlibel lake**, which is surrounded by outstanding mountains and forests, will become dazzling memories of your life.

After this trip, we will visit **Shahdag Mountain Resort**, which is the first and largest mountain sky resort with picturesque and calm nature.

3RD DAY- GOBUSTAN-ABSHERON PENINSULA TOUR

Second morning of trip is opened with visiting historical Absheron and Gobustan. Exploring natural and architectural sights in Absheron Peninsula and Gobustan, you will gain invaluable information about Azerbaijan's history.

Our first stop will be Bibiheybat Mosque, which is known as one of the most ancient mosques in Baku. After arrival to Gobustan, you will visit **Petroglyphs museum**, **Mud volcanoes and** the **Gobustan National Park** in this area.

The most of Mud volcanoes (350 of 800) is in Azerbaijan, especially in Gobustan area. They began their activity in the territory of Azerbaijan 25 million years ago.

Then we will continue our trip by visiting most famous fire temple - **Temple of the Fire** and **Fire Mountain in Yanardag**, which has a ten meters long wall of fire, that never extinguishes and is burning continuously alongside the edge of the hill. This breathtaking view at the foot of the mountain will definitely amaze you.



4TH DAY- GABALA TOUR

Thereafter, be ready for the exciting trip to the Gabala. On the way to Gabala you will have a short stop near the **Diri Baba Mouseleum**. The monument is one of the most interesting examples of medieval Azerbaijan architecture due to its original architectural form, proportionality, elegance of decorative elements, harmony with natural surroundings and other qualities.

After the reaching Gabala, you will enjoy the panoramic view of this village. One of the scenic lakes **Nohurgol**, surrounded by the magnificent mountains and the woods that lay like a carpet on these mountains, will definitely admire you. And of course it wouldn't be the lake without a good long hike – so to walk off lunch you will follow our professional guide, by which time the mist has cleared to reveal breath-taking views.

Yeddi Gozel Waterfall (Seven beauties waterfall) are in Vandam settlement of Gabala. "Seven beautiful" waterfalls are located at the foot of the mountain, in a dense forest with seven stairs, which tourists can climb the stairs to reach the waterfall.

Nij, the largest village in Gabala, known for its elegance, charming homes and large courtyards, is 100 square kilometers and is known for its productive gardens. Most of the products, including fruits and nuts grown here, are marketed. There are ancient Albanian churches with inscriptions on the buildings in Udinese, which were built in the 17th century. We will not forget to visit the **local market (bazaar)**, where the all blessings of the fertile land are sold.

The **Tufandag Mountain Resort** has all the facilities for winter and summer tourism. You can go to the ski center via the wing line and enjoy a relaxing stay in the gorgeous views of nature. You can see via cable car the whole city of Gabala on the mountain slopes, 2.5 km long and 1660 m above sea level.

One of the eye-catching destinations **Gabaland Entertainment Center** (Caucasus Park) is the largest entertainment center not only in Gabala, but also in the region. With a total area of 16 hectares, this huge amusement park consists of more than 40 recreational facilities - attractions, carousels, catamaran artificial lakes, pools, water parks, football, basketball, volleyball courts, and carting.



5TH DAY- SHEKI TOUR

The ancient city of Sheki, ranked among the 18 attractions of the world, is located on the Silk Road, and will impress you with its charming nature.

More than a hundred historical sites in Shaki are preserved by the government. Speaking of historical monuments in Shaki, it is impossible not to mention the **Sheki Khan Palace** here. The main facade of the building consists of a network of windows and doors, which are divided into small, geometric figures that have no analogues in the world, and are decorated with different colored glass. Most interestingly, no adhesive was used in the interior decorations of the building. One of the magnificient buildings is **Sheki Carvansarai**, which is one of the most historic buildings in Shaki that attracts tourists' attention. In ancient times, traders from the Middle East were mainly engaged in caravan trading.

Shaki is considered to be the center of Greater Caucasus Albania, and the famous **Kish Alban Temple** (Church) is one of the immemorial monuments that can become your object of interest.

The House Shekikhanovs, a historical building aged about 300, is considered one of the unique pearls of Sheki. The most of the room, except the exterior wall, is decorated with a "network" of ornaments.

When you travel to Shaki, it is impossible to end your journey without tasting the famous **Piti dish**. With its original cooking and eating method, Piti will lead you to the heights of gastronomic bliss. It takes approximately 7-8 hours to prepare this dish and the taste of Piti you can not be found in the cuisine of any other country in the world.

Shaki is also famous of its own sweet **Pakhlava**. This tasty sweet is attracted tourists to this area. Make sure to try the Pakhlava sweet in Sheki (also called as Sheki Halva). It would be a sin to go back without tasting Pakhlava.

6TH DAY- DEPARTURE

After having breakfast at the hotel in Baku and free time about 2 or 3 hours, you will be transferred to the airport.



HIGHLIGHT

DAY 1: Transfer from Airport to hotel

Accommodation in the hotel

Baku city tour

DAY 2: Transfer from Baku to Guba

Accomodation in the hotel

Guba-Gusar city tour

DAY 3: Gobustan Absheron tour

DAY 4: Gabala tour

DAY 5: Shaki tour

DAY 6: Departure

1ST OPTION

Kaspia Park Hotel, Baku, Standard Double Room (4 Nights)
Kaspia Yeddi Gozal Hotel, Gabala, Standard Double Room (1 Night)

Nº of PEOPLE	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>
PP PRICE IN USD	<u>1266</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>491</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>443</u>

Single Supplement: 118 \$



2ND OPTION

Qafqaz Point Hotel, Baku, Standard Double Room (4 Nights)
Qafqaz Resort Hotel, Gabala, Standard Double Room (1 Night)

Nº OF PEOPLE	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	10
PP PRICE IN USD	<u>1354</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>531</u>

Single Supplement: 186 \$

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in twin rooms
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Transportation in a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking vehicle
- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- Taxi Fees to Mud Volcanoes, Kish Albanian Temple and Yeddi Gozel Waterfall
- Entrance Fees (Shirvanshah Palace, Gobustan Museum, Fire Temple (Ateshgah), Fire Mountain (Yanardag), Sheki Khan Palace, Kish Albanian Temple)

EXCLUSIONS

- Personal expenses
- Single room supplement
- Optional activities
- Lunch and dinner during the tour

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