

**6 DAYS**

## **Wine tour**



Winery has historically played an important role in the development of the Azerbaijani economy and has been one of the leading industries. In general, Azerbaijani wines have always been famous for their beautiful, unique fragrance and quality. Therefore, wine is of great importance as one of the most important sectors of the food industry in Azerbaijan.

### **1ST DAY- ARRIVAL. BAKU CITY TOUR & GOBUSTAN TOUR**

The mysterious city of **Baku**, which combines the unity of ancient and modernity, has become an area of interest for many tourists. Our first destination will be the sights of the attractive city of Baku, which is of interest to both local and international community.

The 15th Century **Shirvanshahs Palace**, registered in UNESCO in 2000 and recognized as one of the masterpieces of world architecture, is considered one of Baku's oldest attributes.

One of the most beautiful tourist attractions in Baku is the **Maiden Tower**. This castle gives the city special beauty and grandeur. The 29 meter-high tower was built in the 12th century architectural style. There are various stories about the castle on which the ancient paintings are carved on the walls. These stories you will learn from our guide.

One of the sights that attracts tourists to Azerbaijan is the **History Museum**. Here is a piece of the main history of Azerbaijan. The museum consists of 3 parts. Part 1 preserves human bones and tombs with medieval items. The second part presents personal belongings of famous people of the country, and the third part presents items belonging to the Nagiyev family.

Exploring natural and architectural sights in 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.

### **3RD DAY- SHAMAKHI - LAHIJ - GABALA TOUR**

On the way to Shamakhi you will have a short stop near the **Diri Baba Mauseleum**. 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.

Shamakhi **Juma Mosque**, one of the oldest Muslim temples in the South Caucasus and the Middle East, was built in 743 in honor of the arrival of his brother Muslim ibn Valiyad to Azerbaijan during the reign of Khalifa Khalid ibn Valiyad. The domes are decorated with ornaments in ancient architectural style. The corridor of the mosque is

remarkable for its unique design. With your guide informing you in detail, you will be left with a pleasant and unforgettable experience from this place.

Only four of the tombs in the **Seven Dome Tombs (Yeddigumbez Kompleksi)**, where Shirvan khans and their families are buried, have reached us today (XVIII century).

**Lahij** village is located in Ismayilli, on the southern slopes of the Greater Caucasus Mountain Range at a height of 1211 meters above sea level. Lahij is a notable place with its beautiful handicrafts traditions, particularly related to copper. The village's carpet and rug crafts are very popular in the South Caucasus. Lahij has an old sewage system (built 1000 – 1500 years ago).

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.

### 3RD DAY- "SAVALAN" WINE TOUR

Ideal geographical and climatic conditions of the plant are a key factor in popularizing **Savalan wines**.

The wines are stored in oak barrels in the basement, complying with all established norms, which gives it an extra flavor. The wine is exported to Russia. It is also planned to export wines to such countries as Ukraine, Italy and Sweden.

The enterprise incorporates a complete production process, from the cultivation of grapes to the production of high quality wines and cognac products, based on the use of modern technology and the traditions of Azerbaijani winemakers.

You will tour through our vineyards with unique terroir, walk through the vinery with the most advanced wine-making technology. Learning about wine from the experts, discover the history of wine making in **Gabala** region in the museum and visiting our cellars, taste delicious wines with snacks, buy wines with discounts will give you a great experience and unforgettable memories

## 4TH 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 Sheki are preserved by the government. Speaking of historical monuments in Sheki, 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 magnificent 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.

Sheki 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.

## 5TH DAY- AGSU AZGRANATA WINE TASTING TOUR

The fact that **pomegranate wine** has strong antioxidant properties compared to grape wine has a positive effect on a number of properties.

**The AzGranata** factory has a tasting room for local and foreign winemakers and tourists.

Guests will get acquainted with wine filtration technology. Those who join the tour will be invited to a tasting table after tasting all these processes.

Lastly, guests will be given the opportunity to buy their favorite wines from the shops located in the factory.

You will enjoy our wines with snacks and you will leave the factory with wonderful weather.

Additionally, in **Aghsu** you will not only get acquainted with wines, but also visit the **Agsu Ethnographic Museum** and discover the history of Aghsu.

## 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

Old city Baku tour and Gobustan tour

**DAY 2:** Shamakhi – Gabala – Lahij tour

**DAY 3:** “Savalan” Wine tour

**DAY 4:** Sheki tour

**DAY 5:** Aghsu - “Azgranata” Wine tour

**DAY 6:** Departure

## 1<sup>ST</sup> OPTION

Central Baku Hotel, Baku, **Standard Double Room** (2 Nights)

Karvansaray Hotel, Gabala, **Standard Double Room** (1 Night)

Sheki Olimpiya Hotel, Sheki, **Standard Double Room** (2 Nights)

<u>No OF PEOPLE</u>	<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>
<u>PP PRICE IN USD</u>	<u>1483</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>761</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>594</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>491</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>456</u>

**Single Supplement: 108 \$**

## 2ND OPTION

Rich Hotel, Baku, **Standard Double Room** (2 Nights)

Karvansaray Hotel, Gabala, **Standard Double Room** (1 Night)

Sheki Palace Hotel, Sheki, **Standard Double Room** (2 Nights)

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<u>PP PRICE IN USD</u>	<u>1516</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>489</u>

**Single Supplement: 158 \$**

## 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
- Entrance Fees (Shirvanshah Palace, Gobustan Museum, Sheki Khan Palace, Kish Albanian Temple)
- Wine tasting with snacks

## EXCLUSIONS

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

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