

9 Days Adventure Trip to Azerbaijan



1ST DAY- ARRIVAL. BAKU CITY 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.

Baku Boulevard (Seaside National Park), 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.

"Little Venice" is one of the most beautiful parts of the Seaside National Park in Baku. This town, reminiscent of the Italian city of Venice, gives the capital a special beauty with its charming scenery.



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 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.

2ND DAY- GUBA-GUSAR (SHAHDAG) TOUR

Our next destination will be **Guba** region, which has beautiful and charming nature. This fascinating region always attracts tourists. For this reason, excursion routes have been organized in order to visit the sights of the region. Guba is a vivid example of respect and reverence for different religions. There are many nationalities in the region, including Lezgins, flavors, Russians, Turks, Jews and others, that they live kindly.

Due to its convenient location and rich infrastructure, Guba district is one of the preferred tourist destinations.

Tourists are mostly interested in the symbol of our region, the dense forests, the ancient history of Guba, and the waterfalls which reminds the world of fairy tales.

The famous **Afurja Waterfall** on Valvalachay is included in the list of natural monuments in Azerbaijan and is protected by the state. There are also other



waterfalls that attract the attention of tourists and travelers due to their uniqueness and originality. It's a pleasure to visit these sightseeing tourist trails

According to numerous historical sources and descriptions of European travellers, Azerbaijan in the Middle Ages was one of the outstanding centres of carpet-making in the whole Orient. Each region of Azerbaijan is famous for its original carpets and carpet-ware being quite peculiar to each place, but the Guba region is **the biggest carpet centre** in Azerbaijan. The carpets woven in this area are the decoration of a number of museums and private collections around the world. You will visit the huge carpet manufacturing centre in Guba.

Our next destination will be **Gusar** village. Known as the **Northern Gates**, Gusar is the largest settlement in northern Azerbaijan.

Gusar is an excellent staging point for several challenging hikes and day trips. In Gusar district, where is combined 4 out of 9 climate zones, The Shahdag tourist center is very popular. **Shahdag Mountain Resort**, which is the first and largest mountain sky resort with picturesque and calm nature, has become very popular with its seasonal cable cars, luxurious hotels and gourmet restaurants.

3RD DAY- GOBUSTAN-ABSHERON TOUR

Third morning of trip will be 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- which is known as a museum in the open air, 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 (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. This mountain, which represents the Zoroastrianism, was a Zoroastrian worship of during the 17th and 18th centuries.

4TH DAY- SHAMAKHI-LAHIJ TOUR

On the way to Shamakhi you will have a 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.

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).

5TH DAY- GABALA TOUR

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.

6TH 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 magnificient buildings is **Sheki Carvansarai**, which is one of the most historic buildings in Sheki 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.

7TH DAY- GAKH TOUR

Located 1494 square kilometers in the north-west of the Republic, **Gakh** is bordered by Russia in the north.

The Gakh region is one of the oldest and rich historic regions of Azerbaijan, and its population was one of the main cultural centers in Azerbaijan, where the primitive tribes inhabited agriculture, livestock and crafts.

Early Christianity began the process of spreading Christianity in the Caucasus Albania. During this period a number of **Christian temples** were built in the Gakh region.

One of the charming corners of Gakh is **Ilisu**. This ancient settlement, located on the southern slope of the main Caucasus ridge, along the **Kurmuk River**, is inhabited by Sakhur refugees from the Sakhur region of Dagestan, along with local Azerbaijanis.



Ilisu is a place where all the elements of nature combine - rivers, mountains, valleys, meadows, rocks. And most importantly, the man who lives here has preserved the village's antiquity with its most beautiful examples and has done it as a civic duty. Every street and every penny of Ilisu can be traced back to the fact of history and the ancient history.

The Icheri bazaar, as a historical monument, can be considered one of the most attractive and interesting tourism centers in Azerbaijan. Traveling the **"Icheribazar Gala Complex"** - it is possible to feel the architecture of the past centuries in new ideas and content, to feel the modern reality.

8TH DAY- SHOPPING TOUR IN BAKU

Now, it is time to update your wardrobe, but new clothes and relax. You will firstly visit the biggest mall in Baku- **Ganjlik Mall**.

It contains over 80 stores, big bowling hall, 3D cinema, playground area for children, supermarket, VIP restaurants, etc. You will have an opportunity to see nation's largest Cinema Plus movie theater, Dolby Atmos, is located on the 3rd floor of the mall.

Then you will continue your shopping in **Park Boulevard** which is a multi-stores shopping mall located on Baku Seaside Park (Baku Boulevard), downtown Baku. The mall is located 5 minutes of walking distance from Sahil Metro station of Baku Subway and Baku Government House. The building has all architectural attributes of the East and modern art of the West. It consists of six floors, including two underground floors. The general area of the mall is 17,000 square meters.

If you want to experience the local Azerbaijan culture without travelling too far from the centre, head to **Taza Bazaar.** The largest market in Baku sits halfway between Nizami and 28 May Metro Station. Photogenic sites capture the essence of ordinary life, and the smells of exotic spices and fish linger in the air.

"Green Market", offers an authentic local experience when you travel to Baku. People from around Azerbaijan sell organic vegetables and fruits at Yasil



Bazaar. Lower prices and making a direct contribution to the local economy makes this bazaar a win-win for everyone.

9TH 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: Guba-Gusar (Shahdag) tour
- DAY 3: Gobustan-Absheron tour
- DAY 4: Shamakhi-Lahij tour
- DAY 5: Gabala tour
- DAY 6: Sheki tour
- DAY 7: Gakh tour
- DAY 8: Shopping tour
- Day 9: Departure



1ST OPTION

Ariva Hotel, Baku, Standard Double Room (5 Nights) Kaspia City Hotel, Gabala, Standard Double Room (2 Nights) Sheki Olimpiya Hotel, Sheki, Standard Double Room (1 Night)

<u>Nº of</u> <u>PEOPLE</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</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</u> <u>USD</u>	<u>1634</u>	11	<u>81</u>	<u>1059</u>	914	<u>827</u>	<u>769</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>682</u>	<u>663</u>
<u>Nº of</u> <u>PEOPLE</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>						
<u>PP Price in</u> <u>USD</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>606</u>						

Single Supplement: 116 \$



2ND OPTION

Metrocity Hotel, Baku, Standard Double Room (5 Nights) Qafqaz Riverside Hotel, Gabala, Standard Double Room (2 Nights) Sheki Palace, Sheki, Standard Double Room (1 Night)

<u>Nº of</u> <u>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</u> <u>USD</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1032</u>	1160	<u>1015</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>764</u>
<u>№ of</u> <u>people</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>					
<u>PP Price in</u> <u>USD</u>	<u>749</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>715</u>	<u>707</u>					

Single Supplement: 211 \$

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), Shaki Khan Palace, Kish Albanian Temple)



EXCLUSIONS

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

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