Azerbaijan The Land of Fire









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National Animal: Karabakh Horse

Welcome to Azerbaijan!

Azerbaijan's ancient historical, cultural heritage and natural landscape attract scholars, art connoisseurs, musicians and tourists from different continents of the globe. Azerbaijan is often dubbed as the "Land of Fire" due to its petroleum reserves and thousands of ground sources of natural gas, many of which have been burning for thousands of years.



Baku is the capital and largest city of Azerbaijan, as well as the largest city on the Caspian Sea and of the Caucasus region. It is also known as "City of Winds" for its romantic climate. According to the Lonely Planet's ranking, Baku is also among the world's top ten destinations for urban nightlife.



Departure Date:

DELUXE PACKAGE Hotel Used: Hotel Atlas/ Similar

Prices start at (in INR):

Per person on Double Occupancy	Per person on Single Occupancy	Child No Bed(2-4 Yrs)	Child(5-11 Yrs)	Infant
				9,999

PREMIUM PACKAGE

Hotel Used: Sapphire Inn/ Similar

Prices start at (in INR):

Per person o	n Per person on	Child No Bed(2-4	Child(5-11 Yrs)	Infant
Double	Single	Yrs)		
Occupancy	Occupancy			
				9,999

LUXURY PACKAGE

Hotel Used: Badamdar Estate (Ex Pullman) Baku/ Similar

Prices start at (in INR):

Per person	on	Per person	on	Child No Bed(2-4	Child(5-11 Yrs)	Infant
Double		Single		Yrs)		
Occupancy		Occupancy				
						9,999

Note: Rates are dynamic and subject to availability

FLIGHT DETAILS

From	То	Day	Flight No	Dep. Time	Arr. Time
Delhi	Baku	Wednesday	6E-1803	19:45 PM	23:30 PM
Baku	Delhi	Monday	6E-1804	01:15 AM	07:00 AM
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Baggage Allowance: 30 Kg per person

INCLUSIONS

- Economy Class Airfare with baggage
- Accommodation in Hotel including breakfast (4 nights)
- Baku City Panoramic Tour on the day of arrival
- Baku City Tour
- Flame Tour
- Gobustan Tour
- 04 Lunches at Indian Restaurant
- O3 Dinners at Indian Restaurant

- O1 Gala Dinner with (2+2 Snacks, 2+2 Main Course, local vodka whisky, beer, DJ, Belly dancer)
- Entrance fees to Fire temple and Fire mountain, Gobustan Museum , Mud Volcano
- English speaking guide during the tour
- 1 Bottle of water per day
- ✤ All tours and transfers on Seat in Coach Sharing basis as per the itinerary
- Visa (standard)
- ✤ GST 5%

Your own alcohol at no corkage at selected Indian restaurants

EXCLUSIONS

- Anything not mentioned in inclusions.
- ✤ Any meals not mentioned in the programme
- Porter service.
- Charges in hotels for additional services.
- Insurance
- Expenses of personal nature, mini bar in the room, laundry, telephone bills, tips, gratuities etc
- TCS 5%

INDICATIVE ITINERARY

DAY – 1 WELCOME TO BAKU

- Arrival at Airport.
- Transfer from Airport to Hotel

DAY – 2 BAKU CITY TOUR + PANAROMIC TOUR

- Breakfast in Hotel
- 10:00 Tour starts with the visit to the charming example of modern architecture The Heydar Aliyev Centera 57,500 m2 building complex in Baku, Azerbaijan designed by Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid and noted for its distinctive architecture and flowing, curved style that eschews sharp angles. The center is named after Heydar Aliyev, the first secretary of Soviet Azerbaijan from 1969 to 1982, and president of Azerbaijan Republic from October 1993 to October 2003. (Photo shoot outside)
- 13:00 lunch
- 17:00Assembly at lobby. Start tour. Visit toHighland Park-Alley of Martyrs, The National Assembly- also transliterated as Milli Majlis, Flame towers-the tallest skyscraper in Baku.
- Walking through Baku Boulevardwhich stretches along a south-facing bay on the Caspian Sea. It traditionally starts at Freedom Square continuing west to the Old City and beyond. Since 2012, the Yeni Bulvar (New Boulevard) has virtually doubled the length to 3.75 km.
- Later experience the happening street of Nizami Street known for Shopping. The Street's history could be traced back to Baku's town-planning project of 1864. The street runs through the city's downtown from west to east. It begins from Abdulla Shaig Street, in mountainous part of the city and ends at railroad bed on Sabit Orujov Street, near a monument to Shah Ismail Khatai in "Black City".
- 20:00 dinner
- Free time can explore night activities at you own

- Overnight in hotel
- Meals: Breakfast+ Lunch + Dinner

DAY – 3 FLAME TOUR + OLD CITY TOUR

- Breakfast in Hotel
- 10:00 Assembly at hotel lobby. Tour starts with Ateshgah (Fire Worshippers Temple)
- Based on Persian and Indian inscriptions, the temple was used as a Hindu and Zoroastrian place of worship. "Atash" is the Persian word for fire. The pentagonal complex, which has a courtyard surrounded by cells for monks and a tetra pillar-altar in the middle, was built during the 17th and 18th centuries. It was abandoned in the late 19th century, probably due to the dwindling of the Indian population in the area. The natural "eternal flame" went out in 1969, after nearly a century of exploitation of petroleum and gas in the area, but is now lit by gas piped from the nearby city
- Trip to "Fire Mountain "-"Yanardag" a mountain on Abs heron peninsula, 25 km from north of Baku. Literally, word "Yanardag" means "Blazing Mountain". Blazing bodies of flame dance on stones and floor. Yanar dag is a natural gas fire which blazes continuously on a hillside on the Absheron Peninsula on the Caspian Sea near Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, which itself is known as the "land of fire."
- 13:00 Lunch
- 10:00Our tour program starts with Old City or Inner City is the historical core of Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. The Old City is the most ancient part of Baku, which is surrounded by walls were well protected. In 2007, the Old City had a population of about 3000 people. In December 2000, the Old City of Baku, including the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and Maiden Tower, became the first location in Azerbaijan to be classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO (walking tour)
- 20:00Transfer for dinner at Indian restaurant at 2000 hrs
- Transfer to hotel at 2230 hrs
- Free time can explore night activities at you own
- Overnight in hotel
- Meals: Breakfast+ Lunch + Dinner

DAY – 4 GOBUSTAN + SHOPPING TOUR

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00Tour starts with Qobustan which is best known for being the home to the famous rock petroglyphs. The area has been settled since the 8th millennium BC. It is known for hosting thousands of rock engravings spread over 100 square km depicting hunting scenes, people, ships, constellations and animals. Its oldest petroglyphs date from the 12th century BC. In 2007, UNESCO included the 'Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape' in the World Heritage list.
- Visit to the Bibi Heybat Mosque– historical mosque in Baku, Azerbaijan. The existing structure, built in the 1990s, is a recreation of the mosque with the same name built in the 13th century by Shirvanshah Farrukhzad II Ibn Ahsitan II
- ✤ 14:00 lunch
- 16:00 Start Shopping tour with Local Sweet Shop, Azerbaijan Brand: Aliahmad'S
- Proceed to Local vine and alcoholic drinks shop
- Continue with "Xurcun" dry fruits and sweets shop
- Genclik Mall: located in 10 minutes' distance form city center with taxi. Genclik mall is the biggest Mall in Baku and contains over 80 stores, big bowling halls, the biggest movie halls, 3D cinema, Playground for children, Bravo supermarket, VIP restaurants, food courts
- 20:00 dinner
- Free time can explore night activities at you own
- overnight in hotel
- Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

DAY – 5 DAY AT LEISURE + DEPARTURE

- Breakfast in Hotel
- 12:00 Check out Hotel.
- Day free for shopping
- Meals: Breakfast + Lunch + dinner
- Transfer to airport at 2200hrs to catch flight back home.

NOTE:

- The Hotel check-in time 14:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 PM.
- Transfer Guide service working time is 10:00 am 10:00 pm
- In the restaurants duration for having meals is 1,5 Hours normal dinner and lunches
- Meals should be eaten at the restaurant; we are not responsible for take always.
- The vehicle will move accordingly to time schedule mentioned on program. All group members should leave Hotel on given time in the program for starting tour in the morning and moving for dinners in the evenings.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:

Expire date of passport must be minimum 6 months

PAYMENT TERMS:

- 50% Advance at the time of holding
- 25 % 21 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE,
- 25% 14 Days before departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

NON REFUNDABLE ON CANCELLATION ONCE BOOKED.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All local taxes and services are calculated as prevailing today. We charge<u>https://www.xe.com/</u>rate plus 1 rupee. The actual rate charged would be as per the USD/Euro to INR conversion rate on the day of final payment.
- Please expect to receive your vouchers 72 hours before your departure date (subject to full payment of your package cost)
- Rooms are subject to availability at the time of booking confirmation.

- Rooms offered are the base category rooms in the hotel unless otherwise mentioned above in the hotel details.
- To travel to any international destination, your passport must have a minimum validity of 06 months from your planned date of return.
- As per RBI guidelines, collection of PAN card details for all the adult travelers is mandatory for all international bookings.
- No refund will be made for any unused accommodation, missed meals, transportation, or any other service.
- Kindly check and hold valid travel documents like passport and Visa till the end of the tour. In case any travel document like visa is refused, expires or is cancelled by the authorities, the tour participants will have to meet all the contingencies arising there from and to meet all expenses consequential thereto. The travel agency will have no responsibility whatsoever in respect of the above matters.
- Please check all the details on the Visa including the validity, Name spelling, Date of Birth etc and notify us immediately if any discrepancy is noticed so that we can try to get it corrected.
- Room Allocation is usually done by the hotel or resort at the time of check-in.
- The travel company is not liable to any passenger for refund, compensation or claim for shortage of tour days or for cancellation, postponement, or re-routing of any scheduled transport service due to any reasons including fog. The rules in respect of cancellation charges or refund will be applicable.
- It is recommended to reconfirm your flight timings directly with the airlines to avoid any issues due to schedule change done by the airlines.
- Flight Tickets are handed over within 72 hours of departure as it is a group booking
- Visa Disclaimer: Please note that the final decision regarding a visa application rests solely with the respective Embassy/Consulate
- Early check-in or late check-out is subject to availability and the hotel may charge extra for the same.
- The travel agency is only responsible for booking the rooms, transfers, and sightseeing. It does not have any control on the resort's facilities, amenities and complimentary services offered by the hotel/resort. We try our best to share the information pertaining to such services as we receive through our destination partners and the hotel/ resort, but we disown any responsibility if any amenities or services are not provided by the resort to the guests due to any reason including bad weather conditions, flight delay or resort's management decision etc.
- The company reserves the right to amend the itinerary. However, all the services will remain the same.
- If the group size is 3 or less than 3 persons there may be an English Speaking Driver Cum Guide and not a separate guide.
- The company reserves the right to change Gala Dinner to Normal Dinner and there will be no refund offered for the same
- The agency will not be responsible if the flights booked do not operate or if there is any schedule change. The Travel agency will try to offer the best possible available options and any supplement cost due to this has to be borne by the client.
- The package does not include charges for optional services and facilities (such as room service, mini bar, snacks or telephone calls unless specified as included in the quote). These will be charged directly from the guest at the time of check-out from the respective hotel.
- The travel agency would not be responsible for any refund or compensation if any booked activities are missed out during the tour for being non-operational due to any reason including adverse weather conditions, technical snag etc.
- Physical print out of the visa is required. Soft copy will not be acceptable

Essential Phrases You'll Need in Azerbaijan

Most people in Azerbaijan can't speak English, which means you'll need to know a phrase or two if you want to get away from the touristy areas. Russian is the second language and speaking a few

words will go a long way when travelling in the Caucasus and Eastern Europe.

Basic greetings from saying hello to expressing gratitude are essential phrases in any language. Here are the most important ones in Azerbaijani.

Salam (Sah-lahm) / Hello

Every Azerbaijani will use Salam as a greeting from meeting friends to getting a ticket at the bus station.

He / Yox (Ha/Yok) – Yes / No

Informal ways to say yes and no. Or use the Russian Da or Nyet.

Sag ol (Sa-ol) / Thank You

No explanation needed here.

Buyur (Bu-yur) / You're welcome

An informal way to say you're welcome. You'll hear this a lot after saying Sag ol.

Helekik (He-le-lich) / Goodbye

It's always polite to say goodbye.

Directions

Tualet haradad0r (Tua-let ha-rad-da-dor) / Where's the toilet?

What can be worse than not knowing tualet haradador when you need to use it really badly?

Duz gedin (duz ge-din) / Go Straight

You may hear this as you're asking for directions or guiding the taxi driver back to your hotel.

Sola don (so-la don) / Saga don (Sa-ha don) – Turn left / Turn right

When combined with gestures, these are the most common phrases you'll hear when asking for or giving directions.

Avtobus va qatar (Auto-Buss va Ga-tar) / Bus and Train

At the restaurant/bar

Dadlidir (Dod-lu-dur) / It's delicious

Food in Azerbaijan mixes Caucasus, Persian, Turkish, and Russian flavours. The local cuisine is delicious and telling your friends, host or waiter their food tastes dadlidir will make their day.

Pivo (Pee-Vo) / Beer

The most important word you can learn for the bar!

At the market

Bu neceyedir? (Bu Neh-Cha-Ya-Dir) / How much is this?

Always ask the price of something before buying. If you're not confident with numbers, bring a pen and paper. Ask the vendor to write the price.

Numbers

Knowing the basic numbers up to 10 will be useful in lots of situations from asking the price to trying to find out what time the bus leaves.

Sifir (See-fir) / 0 Bir (Bi-er) / 1 Iki (i-chi) / 2 Uc (U-ch) / 3 Dord (Dir-d) / 4 Bes (Besh) / 5 Alti (Al-t) / 6 Yeddi (Yeh-de) / 7 Sekkiz (Sah-kiz) / 8

Doqquz (Doh-Kuz) / 9

On (on) / 10

Larger numbers

For 11 to 20, simply say 10 plus the number. For example, 17 is On yeddi. The same works for multiples of 10. Simply say the multiple followed by the single digit.

Making friends

Senin adin nedir? (Se-nin a-dun ne-dir) / What's your name?

Azerbaijanis are some of the friendliest and most hospitable people in the world. And being a tourist in Baku, you're likely to get curious looks. Meeting new people and making friends with a local is easy. Knowing how to ask their name should be a priority.

Menin adim Samdur (Me-nim A-dim Sam dur) / My name is Sam

Remember to substitute my name, Sam, for yourself and add the dur at the end.

Cox Sadam (Chuk sha-dam) / Nice to meet you.

This one is self-explanatory.

Necesen? Yaxsiyam (Na-tar-san / Yok-She arm) - How are you? / I'm Fine

Local people tend to be polite and well-mannered. You'll almost always be asked how you're doing if you know the person.

For everything else

Ingilisce / Rusca (In-gil-lis-ca/ Rus-ca) - English / Russian

Good to know how to say the name of these languages. Russian is the lingua franca, English is slowly becoming more popular.

Ingilisce danisa bilirsiniz? (In-gil-lis-ca dan-sha bil-ish-in-iz) / Do you speak English?

It's good manners to ask in the local language if someone speaks English before diving into a conversation assuming they do. Most people outside the tourist industry won't.

Buna basa dusmurem (Buna basha dush-mu-ram) / I don't understand

This phrases will be invaluable. When you're dealing with someone speaking endless streams of Azerbaijani or Russian, give a blank look and say buna basa dusmurem.

Men Azerbaycanca/ Rusca danisa bilmirem (Man ... dan-sha bil-mir-am) – I can't speak Azerbaijani / Russian well