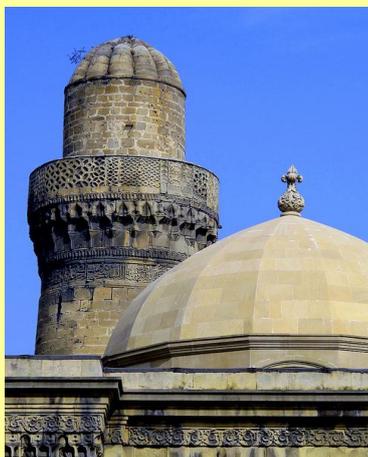




## Baku



Baku is the capital, largest city, and largest port of Azerbaijan and the Caucasus region. It is located on the southern shore of the Absheron Peninsula, that project into the Caspian Sea. The city consists of two principal parts: the downtown and the old Inner City. The Inner City of Baku along with the Shirvanshah Palace and Maiden Tower were inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. The city is the scientific, cultural and industrial center of Azerbaijan

## Guba



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## «Guba - the land of apple flavor» Tour

Duration: 5 days, 4 nights

Tour season: from April till September

*In this tour we invite you to become familiar with Guba - the land of apple flavor. Guba is famous for its apples, which have long become a symbol of the town. Famous French writer Alexandre Dumas, writer Bestuzhev-Marly, the famous Norwegian scientist and explorer Thor Heyerdahl visited Guba. Guba is also recognized as a center for carpet weaving in Azerbaijan.*

### Day 1. Baku

#### Arrival

Check-in at the airport

After a short rest we start our tour.

Excursion to the Old City tour begins with a visit to the Upland Park.

Upland Park is located on a hill in the western part of the city. This is the best place to see the city and the Baku Bay.

The tour proceeds with the visit to the Old City - with its fortress walls, historical buildings and narrow paved streets. The tourists will see and appreciate the main attractions of the Old City, including the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and the famous Maiden Tower. Just imagine that the bricks under your shoes for centuries keep memory of city's history, its fame and glory, its grieves and sufferings. During the walk you will definitely feel that the air smells like a magic – salty and oily odor of the Caspian Sea mixes up with the flavors of Oriental spices and kabab from the numerous restaurants. Baku is a young girl – it is full of energy, beautiful, bright and vivid. It is ready to change but nevertheless follows the traditions of ancestors. Behind the walls the city life sparkles like a melting pot, while in the Old City everything is calm and dutiful as it was for centuries. Baku people do not like to live in hurry.

We continue our city tour showing you the most interesting historical and architectural monuments.

We continue with Cultural Centre named after Heydar Aliyev. Heydar Aliyev Center is a cultural center, projected as a complex structure that includes the Auditorium (convention center), a museum, exhibition halls, administrative offices. The project center has been designed by renowned architect Zaha Hadid. Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre is considered to be one of the symbols of modern Baku.

**!!! !!! In case of late arrival we provide night excursion without museums entry.**

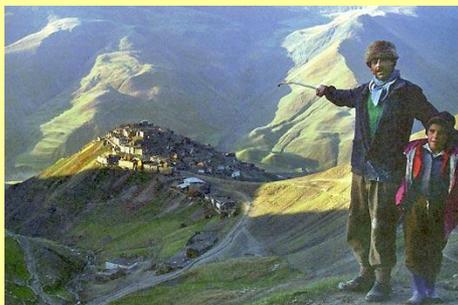
### Day 2. Baku- Guba

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Trip to Guba.

We start a trip to the north of Azerbaijan, to the town of Guba.

On the way to Guba, we will turn from the main road and go to the foot of the mount with a medieval fortress Chirag-Gala at its top. This fortress was built in the IV- VI centuries AD at the height of 1232 meters above sea level. Along with Baku and Derbent Fortresses it was a part of a powerful system of fortifications of the Caspian coast. Under assumptions of experts, the fortress was a patrol observation building. On top of the cliff the main tower of the fortress is located,

## Khynalyq



Everything is peculiar in Khinalig. First of all, here live a very peculiar people. They are direct descendants of the Caucasian Albania, which ceased to exist in the 5th century. They speak a completely original, distinct from the state, and not included in any language family language. There are 77 letters in Khinalig. No one but they speak it or understand it. They are only about 2.5 thousand. There are no hotels and canteens. You can spend the night and have a meal only at local residents'.

## Atashgakh



Atashgakh Fire Temple is a real Azerbaijani exotic. People all around the world know about this temple. It is located 30 km from the center of Baku, on the outskirts of the village of Surakhani. This area is known for such unique natural phenomenon as burning natural gas outlets (gas, bursting outward in contact with oxygen, lights up). In the modern form of the temple built in the XVII-XVIII centuries. It was built based in Baku Hindu community related to Sikhs caste

allowing surveying the neighborhood for tens of kilometers. According to the legend the fire was lit on top Chirag-Gala in order to warn of approaching enemies. Probably, hence the name of is Chiraggala – “Fortress-lamp”.  
**!!! Depending on weather conditions a trip to the fortress can be canceled.**

We continue our journey to the city of carpets and apples - Guba. Guba is located in the North-Eastern slopes of Mount Shahdag in Greater Caucasus, at an altitude of 600 m above sea level, on the banks of the river Gudial tea, in 168 km from Baku. Thanks to the successful location and rich infrastructure, Guba district is one of the favorite tourist destinations. The tourists usually choose for their rest Gyachresh area where you can relax in the shady woods, at Tangaalti gorge, where the river carries turbulent waters of Velvelichai river, it is also famous with Afurdzha waterfall, which is included in the list of "Monuments of Azerbaijani Nature".

We will stroll through the city. Despite the fact that now Guba is a small town, in the Middle Ages it was the capital of Guba Khanate. The most interesting places - Juma Mosque and a carpet factory where locals weave carpets with characteristic patterns that are common in this region. Check in at the hotel.

Overnight in Guba.

### Day 3. Guba – Krasnaya Sloboda - Khynalyq

Breakfast at the hotel. Start of the excursion

Krasnaya Sloboda is a unique place in the Caucasus, densely populated with 3,000 mountain Jews. Jewish people live here since the 13th century. In 1742, the local governor Fatalihan gave permission to the Jews persecuted by Islamic fundamentalists, to settle on the left bank of the mountain river Kudiyalchai in front of the city. In the village still are left seven synagogues. They are all built of brick, and the largest ones are decorated with domes. Red roofs, carved limestone panel, steep cliffs near the village - these are the distinctive features of the settlement.

Lunch in the village, consisting of traditional dishes (extra charge).

Not far from the village of Krasnaya Sloboda Khinalig village is situated where live 2000 Khynalygs - small ethnic group, who preserve its own language, customs and traditions. Small, magical Khinalig is located high in the Caucasus mountains, at an altitude of 2350 m above sea level in the Guba region. Khynalygs have been living in the Caucasus for thousands of years. Until 2006, due to the bad roads Khinalig was beyond the reach of the first nine months of the year. However, the situation has changed in recent years, and now more and more local and foreign tourists visit this remote village.

The village is inhabited by 2,000 light-skinned, blue-eyed people who consider themselves to be descendants of the Prophet Noah. Guests can take a short walk around the village. In good weather, the slopes offer a view of the snow-capped peaks of the Caucasus.

Return to Guba.

Overnight at hotel.

### Day 4. Guba –Baku – Excursion to the fire temple Atashgakh and Yanardag hill

Breakfast.

Checkout

Trip to Baku

Check in at the hotel

After a short break the group goes on the next tour.

Azerbaijan is one of the few places on earth, where even today one can observe elements of preserved fire cult and the ancient Zoroastrianism religion. These places where oil oozes from the earth, and natural gas breaks out like flaming torches have always attracted fire worshipers from around the world. Baku, its oil, its "burning earth" have been known far beyond its borders since ancient times. The official religion of the ancient states that emerged in the VII century BC, such as Mann and Midia was Zoroastrianism. The spread of Zoroastrianism in the territory of the modern Azerbaijan was due to spontaneously flammable sources of oil and gas. Therefore, in this area such a monument as the temple

## Yanardag



One of the most famous and popular tourist sites of the "eternal flame" in Azerbaijan is a mountain Yanardag. However, this is more a hill than a mountain, on a slope which from ancient times natural gas burns. Meter flames lick layered ground about 10 meters wide, searing those who approached too close. People take the bench in the evening to look at the burning hill, where the most spectacular sight. Yanardag is located 25 kilometers north of Baku in the village Mehemmedi. Since 2007 Yanardag declared nature reserve, is under state protection.

Ateshgah has survived.

Fire Temple Ateshgah (literally Fire House) is located in 30 kilometers from the center of Baku, in the south-eastern outskirts of the Absheron Peninsula. Coming up next on the program guests will visit the village Mehemmedli. Next to this small village in the Absheron peninsula Mount Yanardagh is situated. The word "Yanar" in Azeri language means "burning", and "Dagh" - "mountain". And this is real a burning mountain - not metaphorically, but literally. Once in Absheron it had been a lot of places where natural gas coming out from the earth to the surface ignited spontaneously, but with the start of mass extraction of oil and gas in Absheron these places started to disappear. At present, it is the only place of this unique natural phenomenon - the output of natural gas to the surface.

Night in Baku

### Day 5. Baku

Breakfast in the hotel.

12:00 Check-out

End of the tour.

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### Tour price:

Number of pax	SGL	DBL/PP
6	\$543	\$486
8	\$468	\$411
10	\$423	\$366
12	\$392	\$336
14	\$400	\$343
18	\$365	\$308
20	\$352	\$296

### Price includes:

Accommodation at the hotel 3\* and in the village house (Diplomat hotel in Baku, Retro hotel in Guba)

Comfortable transport during the tour

Entry fees

English speaking guide

Breakfasts

One bottle of water per person per day

### Price excludes:

Visa

Transfer from the airport and from the hotel

Air tickets

Lunches and dinners

Extra costs

Alcoholic drinks

**Notes:** The cost of the tour includes accommodation in comfortable hotels of 3\*category. With additional payment, depending on customer, hotel can be changed to a higher category.

### Visa:

Visa on arrival at the international airports of Azerbaijan can only be obtained by the citizens of Turkey, Israel, UAE, Japan. For the citizens of Russia and CIS countries (except Turkmenistan) visa to Azerbaijan is not

required. Citizens of other countries must obtain a visa prior to arrival via the Azerbaijani consulate in their home country or to issue electronic visas through our travel agency. To obtain a visa, please contact our managers at least 4 weeks prior to arrival to Azerbaijan.

#### **Practical Information:**

Foreign exchange market information is the exchange rates can be obtained by clicking the following link:  
<http://www.cbar.az/>

Local currency: Manat

Recommended currency for exchange: USD or EURO.

Where to exchange currency: at the airport guide will give exact information on where and how to exchange cash in the local currency.

Availability of ATMs: only in major cities.

Accepting Credit Cards: only in major cities.

#### **Climate:**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 Avg. temperature	6	5	8	15	18	30	32	30	20	17	12	8
 Avg. Max. temperature	10	8	12	19	22	30	35	37	25	21	16	12
 Avg. Min. Temperature	3	2	4	10	13	25	30	33	16	13	8	6
 Avg. Rainy days	4	5	3	3	4	3	5	4	3	4	2	5
 Avg. Snowy days	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Vaccinations & Protection:**

Not necessarily

#### **Power Supply and Plugs:**

For more information about the voltage and type of outlets used in Azerbaijan, see ref.

<Http://www.kropla.com/electric2.htm>

#### **Travel insurance:**

Travel insurance is compulsory for all our customers. You should make sure that your policy covers all medical expenses.

#### **Baggage:**

Remember that you have to carry your own luggage, and do not trust him unfamiliar people.

Permitted weight: 20 kg.

#### **Clothing:**

Weather is changeable in Azerbaijan. In the north and the highlands can be cool, especially at night, so bring warm clothes. During the summer, hot, hats and cream for sun protection is required. You must also carry a handkerchief to visit churches and mosques.

#### **Footwear:**

It is advisable to bring your most comfortable shoes. Be sure to have shoes or sneakers, to visit the rocky terrain.

#### **Comments:**

Azerbaijan is a secular country, in spite of the strong Muslim and Caucasian traditions. In Baku and other large cities, most of the population speaks Russian, young people also speak English. For tourists are here, as elsewhere in the East and the Caucasus, friendly and hospitable. The country is safe and crime low.

Please note that the tourism infrastructure continues to be on the stage of development and a program to be changed if necessary. You will need some extra money to cover meals, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry, etc. which are not included in the tour price. The approximate cost of USD 30 per day

per person. Local food is not expensive. You can choose the national restaurants and small cafes to eat. Estimated price menu per person is 10 USD.

**Hotel check-out and check-in rules:**

\* For the convenience of the tourists it is kindly asked to inform about the early check-in or late check-out of your guests.

\* Depending on the hotel additional price can be charged for early check-in or late check-out.

Check-in earlier than at 06:00 am: a surcharge of 100% of the daily rate.

Check-in after 06:00 am but before 14:00: a surcharge of 50% of the daily rate.

\* All reservations must be made in written form, with the exact spelling of guests' name and dates of their births.

\* Payment of all confirmed orders must be made at least 10 days before the planned date of arrival of tourists to the hotel.

**Children policy:**

\*Children under 2 years old participate in tour for free.

\*Children from 2 till 12 participate in tour with 30% discount of the tour's price.

**Cancellation and penalties:**

\* All modifications and cancellations of confirmed orders must be made in written form.

\* Cancellation of confirmed applications earlier than 7 days prior to arrival is not subject to penalties.

\* Cancellation of confirmed applications later than 7 days and more than 3 days before the planned arrival: a penalty of 50% of the total cost of the tour.

\* Cancellation of confirmed applications later than 3 days, or after the date of the planned arrival: penalty is 100% of the full cost of the tour.

**Transfers and additional services:**

Price for transfer Airport- Hotel: 35 USD / one way /for a car up to 3 seats.

The cultural life of Baku is very diverse.

Our consultants and guides are always happy to provide a wide range of cultural programs to brighten up leisure activities.

For information about events and concerts visit the website: [www.citylife.az](http://www.citylife.az)