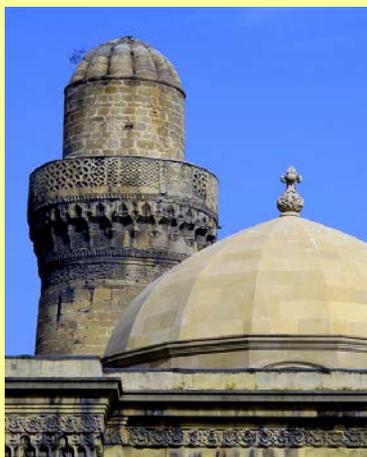




Baku



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.

Shirvan national park



Shirvan State Nature Reserve was established in 1969. In 2003, on the basis of the Shirvan State Nature Reserve and surrounding areas was laid Shirvan National Park. The main purpose of the reserve is to preserve and restore listed in the "Red Book" of Azerbaijan a symbol of beauty - gazelles and other species of fauna typical of this area.

Tour «Southern Charm of Azerbaijan»

Duration: 5 days, 4 nights

Season: From April to September

Southern region of Azerbaijan is one of the brightest and most beautiful regions of the Republic. Exquisite architecture, a wonderful climate and magnificent landscapes are the hallmarks of this region. Fertile soil contributes to the prosperity of agriculture, the presence of thermal springs attracts tourists and people who want to improve their health, and a long history and an abundance of historical and cultural attractions do not leave indifferent fans of antiquities.

Immerse yourself in the fabulous world of the East, visiting the pearl of Azerbaijan, Baku city! Its colorful restaurants will surprise you and you will be pleased with the variety of delicious local food, and the warm sun and the hospitality of the local people will make your holiday unforgettable!

Program:

Day 1. Baku

Arrival in Baku – check-in.

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.

On the first floor of the Centre the exhibition "Masterpieces of Azerbaijan" is presented. It demonstrates unique exhibits reflecting the inexhaustible natural wealth, long history of the country and its cultural heritage. This exhibition draws attention as a modern interactive means to study the

Hirkan National Park



Hirkan National park was established in 2004 on the territory of Lankaran and Astara regions. The area is 42.797 hectares. The main purpose of the park is protection of subtropical climate flora and fauna as well as protection and endemic relict plant species. To enable Hirkan forests in the list of natural and cultural heritage of UNESCO, the documents were handed to the Secretariat of UNESCO. Also, the flora of the park consists of 1,900 species, including 162 endemic, 95 rare and 38 endangered species.

Lankaran tea



Lankaran tea is becoming more famous and competes in quality with world tea brands. Development of tea-growing is mainly excreted in Lankaran-Astara economic region. Tea factories are located in Lankaran, Astara, Masalli, in villages Pensar and Mashkhan.

Shirali Muslumov



history and culture of Azerbaijan. One of the main features of the exhibition is that it presents all periods of the history of Azerbaijan, demonstrates exhibits relating to different areas of Azerbaijani culture. Thus, the exhibition includes unique examples of ancient crafts; in particular the Azerbaijani carpet weaving school, a special interest is the demonstration of copper products. Ancient Azerbaijani musical instruments are presented in the original - the sound form.

The exhibition presents traditional clothes and old coins. The attention of visitors attracted to the holy books of different religions, representatives of which live in Azerbaijan, the exhibit is known as the space tolerance.(you can visit any of this exhibitions for additional payment).

Overnight in Baku.

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

Day 2. Baku - Lankaran

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

A trip to the South of Azerbaijan, Lankaran city. Lankaran city is located 270 km from Baku on the shore of Caspian Sea and surrounded by mountains. On the way we will make several stops. The first will be in the Shirvan reserve, famous for its herds of gazelles (kind of deer). Also you may see wild boar, nutria, rabbits, turtles - the inhabitants of the steppes of Shirvan lowlands.

We continue our tour and will stop in the town of Masalli. Masalli is famous for its hot springs and medicinal baths based on them. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the springs on the territory of the sanatorium Istisu, visit the spring - Yanar Bulag (fiery power), Vilyash Lake and famous Yardimli waterfalls.

Arrival in Lankaran. Hotel accommodation

Recreation.

Overnight in Lankaran.

Day 3 Lankaran Hirkan Reserve

Breakfast in the hotel. Excursion.

In the morning we will start a city tour and visit important historical sites of these places - Kichik Gala; Khan Evi (Khan Palace); Ballabyur fortress and a monument to the twice Hero of the Soviet Union, a legendary commander of a tank division Hazi Aslanov.

Next, we will continue our journey in Hirkan Reserve. On the way we will be surrounded by the relict forests of the place. Lankaran region is unique for its flora and fauna - iron tree, found only in this area, there are also cheetahs, which are listed in the Red Book of Azerbaijan. Did you know that the Lankaran, located in the subtropical climate zone, is a country of tea and citrus? Therefore, the tea ceremony with the same lemon - the most important part of our acquaintance with Lenkoran.

Overnight in Lankaran.

Day 4 Lerik

Breakfast. Chek-out

Today we will have a trip to Lerik. The city is located farther from the sea, surrounded by forests and is one of the mountainous regions of Azerbaijan. Lerik is famous for its centenarians - a resident of Shirali Myuslimov hit the Guinness Book of Records because of his age- 168 years! You will have the opportunity to visit a unique museum of centenarians, which has no analogues in the world. The city is famous for its longevity, and together we will try to find out their secret!

Trip to Baku

Check in hotel

Overnight at hotel

Here, surrounded by the Talysh Mountains a shepherd Shirali Muslimov lived till 168 years, eating cheese, fruits, vegetables and honey, and drinking only spring water and herbal tea, spent every day at work, never sat idle. As a single document that confirms his age says he was born ... in 1805. He had more than 200 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. He personally talked that his parents were long-lived - father lived more than 110 years old, and his mother - more than 90 years. Third wife of Shirali Muslimov also lived more than 100 years old, having survived her husband by 15 years. Shirali Muslimov became world-wide famous after an article about centenarians by photojournalist Kelman Kaspieva. And the survivor became a symbol of Azerbaijan. He gained international respect

Day 5. Baku
Breakfast in the hotel.
End of tour.

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Tour Price:

Number of Persons	Single	Double
6	\$511	\$457
8	\$435	\$381
10	\$390	\$336
12	\$359	\$305
14	\$356	\$302
16	\$338	\$284
18	\$323	\$269
20	\$312	\$258

Tour cost includes:

Accommodation at the hotel 3* and in the village house
Comfortable transport during the tour
Entry fees
English speaking guide
Breakfasts
One bottle of water per person per day

Cost of tour doesn't include:

Visa
Transfer from the airport and from the hotel
Air tickets
Lunches and dinners
Extra costs
Alcoholic drinks

Hotel in Baku 3*:

[Diplomat Hotel](#)

Hotel in Lenkoran 3*

[Xan Lenkoran](#)

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, and 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 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