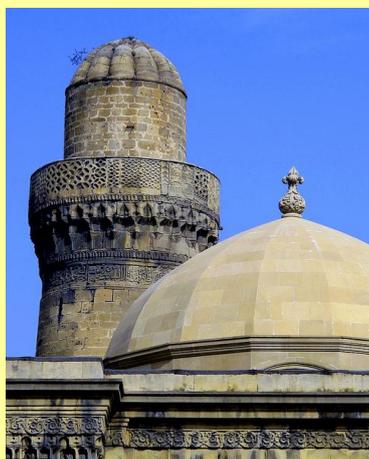




Baku



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

Heydar Aliyev Cultural Center



Heydar Aliyev Center, opened in 2013, is second in Azerbaijan in size and unique construction after the Baku Center. It is a perfect place for holding official events of the highest level, as well as the education and creative work of citizens.

Tour

«In the wakes of Leyli and Majnun»

Duration: 5 days, 4 nights

Dates of tour: From April to September

*Who wanders near that palmy glade,
Where the fresh breeze adds coolness to the shade?
'Tis Majnun – he has left his father's tomb,
Again mid rocks and scorching plains to roam,
Unmindful of the sun's meridian heat,
Or the damp dewy night, with unshod feet;
Unmindful of the forest's savage brood,
Howling on every side in quest of blood;
No dread has he from aught of earth or air,
From den or aerie, calm in his despair:
He seems to court new perils, and can view
With unblench'd visage scenes of darkest hue;
Yet is he gentle, and his gracious mien
Checks the extended claw, where blood has been;
For tiger, wolf, and panther gather round
The maniac as their king ...*

We invite you to discover Ganja – the motherland of the great poet of Azerbaijan – Nizami Ganjavi and also visit the pearl of mount Kapaz – Goygol lake that was newly opened for tourists in recent time.

Program:

Day 1. Baku

Arrival in Baku – check-in

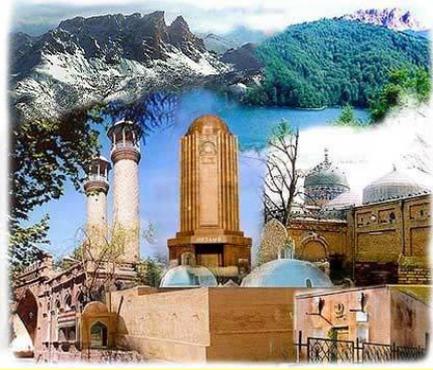
Excursion to the Old City tour begins with a visit to the Upland Park.

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.

Ganja



Ganja is a city with a history that goes back 2,500 years (in 2013 Ganja celebrated the 2507th anniversary), the city is of great interest for tourists. This area is rich with natural, cultural and historical heritage. There are a lot of forests, vineyards, lakes, rivers and mountains. The area is famous for many mineral springs and unique therapeutic oil - naphthalan. This natural oil is used as the most effective treatment for dermatological, rheumatic and neurological diseases. Ganja sanatorium "Naftalan" is located in the historic center of the ancient capital of Azerbaijan. In addition, 48 km south-east (50 minutes by car) from the city of Ganja is located Naftalan where specialized clinics work.

Bottle House



Bottle House - one of the strangest sights of Ganja. This two-story house is decorated with approximately 50,000 glass bottles and stones brought from different parts of the former Soviet Union.

Goygol National Park



As a result of the devastating earthquake that destroyed the mountain Kapaz (XII cent) a large mountain lake Goygol surrounded by

We continue with Cultural Centre named after Heydar Aliyev. Heydar Aliyev Cultural 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 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 these exhibitions for additional payment)

Overnight in Baku

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

Day 2. Baku - Ganja

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

Ganja is the second largest city in Azerbaijan, a monument of the ancient culture, industrial center of Western Azerbaijan. This city played an important role in the history of Azerbaijan, being located at the crossroads of caravan routes, where the travelers and world-name scholars stopped. The history of the country is riddled with significance of this city, which for centuries was the capital of the country and a trading hub, attracted merchants from different countries, who traded silk, fur, spices, Damascus steel and other treasures of the Middle Ages. No wonder that the name of the city means "treasure". At the entrance to the city you are welcomed by poet Nizami's Mausoleum. Ganja is inseparably linked with the name of the poet, so there are a lot of images of this famous man in the city. The mausoleum is a place of pilgrimage for poets from around the world till nowadays.

Arriving in the city. Check in at the hotel.

The visit of Sheikh Bahaaddin architectural ensemble will be truly unforgettable. This monument of architecture of the XVII century includes a caravanserai, Shah Abbas Mosque (Friday Mosque), medieval bath (Cheyak-Hamam).

Juma Mosque was built in the time of Shah Abbas, its architect Sheikh Bahaaddin was an astronomer, so the mosque has an interesting feature. At noon the shadow falling on the western wall of the building disappears. This means that it is time to midday prayer.

Cheyak-Hamam (bath) consists of two interconnected rooms. This room is particularly popular among residents and worked until 1963. Today Cheyak Hamam is primarily a cultural monument, since 2002 is under the protection of UNESCO.

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In the evening, guests can take a stroll in the park in the center of the city - the residents cherish these ancient trees from the 16th century.

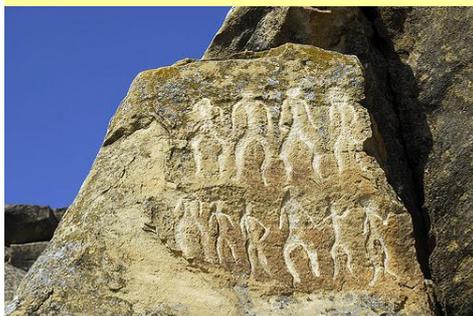
Return to the hotel. Overnight in Ganja

Day 3. Ganja - Khanlar (Goygol) - Goygol National Park

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion.

mountains of the Lesser Caucasus was formed. The waters of the lake, which is located at an altitude of 1600 meters above sea level in the picturesque ravine of the river Aghsu - a large aquarium with a magnificent fish fauna. For example, here lives a rare lake trout. Color and purity of water are striking: it is the purest among the many mountain water reservoirs in Caucasus. From January to March it is frozen. Steep banks are covered with dense oak and hornbeam forests; there are also lots of fruit trees such as apple, pear, cherry and plum. In the rainy season on the shores of the lake you can pick berries and mushrooms. This area is an ideal place for swimming, walking, traveling, family picnics.

Gobustan



Gobustan - one of the world's most famous historical and archaeological reserves, open-air museum with a huge collection of priceless historical artifacts. Also there found ancient primitive dwelling - the cave and parking, over 100 thousand artifacts. Gobustan petroglyphs belong to different epochs. They are made in the period between X - XVIII th century BC. to the Middle Ages of our era

On the way to the national park, we will visit the city of the same name Goy Gel a former German settlement of the 19th century on the territory of Azerbaijan - during the times of the Russian Empire it was called Elenendorf. It is a small island in the East German architecture - houses from the early 20th century built by German architects are still preserved here, as well as the Lutheran Church. Next we will go to Goygol Lake Nature Reserve. This lake is relatively young - it was formed in the 12th century as a result of the fall of the mount Kapaz summit during the earthquake. However, the lake is most beautiful in whole Azerbaijan. Situated around the woods, the lake was not available to visit for several years – there were arrangement works in the park. Now, this oriental beauty reappeared in full glory In front of the tourists.

Return to Ganja

Overnight in Ganja

Day 4. Ganja - Gobustan - Baku

Breakfast. Extract from the hotel.

Departure from Ganja.

On his way to Baku, we will make a stop in the historical and archaeological museum in Gobustan. The reserve is well known with its perfectly preserved rock paintings - petroglyphs - a kind of artistic "archive" of human evolution on the Earth.

"Documents" of such archives is the first human's presentation of his/her "I" to the outside world.

Gobustan Rocks are not just the brightest witnesses of the prehistoric period of human existence. They reflect the history of this region for nearly 15,000 years - since the end of the era of the Upper Paleolithic till the Middle Ages. Of particular interest are the images multi-oar boats, with a light source at the stern. They were drown above the level at which people had been portrayed, and this phenomenon set up a lot different interpretations. Today Azerbaijani scientists found, described and studied more than 4,000 petroglyphs (rock painting in the stone carving art) and this important work continues.

Before the start of the tour around Gobustan guests will visit the interactive museum with the same name, where with the help of special programs and multimedia touch screens you will get information about the nature, the flora of Gobustan.

Arrive in Baku. Hotel accommodation. Free time.

Overnight in Baku

Day 5. Baku

Breakfast in the hotel.

End of tour.

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Tour Price:

Number of Persons	Single	Double/PP
6	\$543	\$472
8	\$475	\$403
10	\$428	\$356
12	\$397	\$325
14	\$375	\$303
16	\$385	\$314
18	\$369	\$298
20	\$356	\$285

Tour cost includes:

Accommodation at the hotel 3* and in the village house (Diplomat hotel in Baku, Deluxe hotel in Ganja)

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

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](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