BY ATLANTIS

AZERBAIJAN 7NIGHTS/8DAYS



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL GABALA

DAY 2: GABALA TOUR

DAY 3: SHEKI AND OGHUZ

DAY 4: LAHIJ AND SHAMAKHI

DAY 5: BAKU CITY TOUR

DAY 6: GUBA AND SHAHDAG

DAY 7: ABSHERON TOUR

DAY 8: DEPARTURE

- Arrival in Baku, meeting at the airport. Drive to the Gabala region.
- On the way to Gabala, you will pass the so-called Russian forest, river valleys, the famous Chestnut Forest, and numerous picturesque villages. Stop at an authentic bucket bazaar to buy some fruits and vegetables measured and sold by bucket, not by scale.
- Reaching Gabala.
- Check in to the hotel. Free time. Overnight in Gabala

- ❖ Breakfast at the hotel. Pick-up from the hotel for an excursion around the Gabala region.
- Nohur Lake has a fabulous location with a spectacular view of the Caucasus Mountains.
- In spring and summer, teahouses dot every mountain road, where guests can enjoy tea with traditional types of Gabala jam (for example, walnut or white cherry jam).
- Later we will spend some time in the Tufandag Winter-Summer Tourism Complex. It provides skiing in winter, going up to the mountains by cable cars in summer, and many other types of entertainment like mountain climbing by ATV quad bikes, zip-line, mountain biking, horse riding, etc. Have a breathtaking drive in a cable car: four ropeways extending over 5.5 km will take you for a journey up to a mountain top at 1920 m height, opening spectacular views of Gabala and surrounding mountains.
- At Gabala Shooting Club in the village of Bum, you can improve your aim and enjoy its beautiful natural surroundings (optional). It is a multi-purpose and world-class shooting facility that can serve both as a recreational and entertainment center.
- Return to the hotel. Free time. Overnight in Gabala.

- ❖ Breakfast at the hotel. Pick-up time: 09:00.
- Sheki (1-hour drive from Gabala) is one of the most ancient and majestic cities of Transcaucasia, rich with many historical and architectural monuments, considered the country's capital of handcrafts, and an important stop on the Great Silk Route.
- We will visit several workshops to see how they make "shake" (handmade frescos), "baklava" (a special sweet famous in Azerbaijan), and "tekelduz" (a kind of weaving popular in this area).
- The absolute must-see is Sheki Khan's Summer Palace all covered in amazing miniature paintings from floor to ceiling.
- The next stop will be Karvansaray, a historical complex of two magnificent Caravanserais: "Yukhary" ("Upper") and "Ashaghy" ("Lower"). Castle walls, ethnographic museums, and handicraft shops are also very popular places of attraction.
- Sheki has been a major silk producer over the past four centuries and is famous for its various silk products.
- Lunchtime in the Oghuz region, located in the picturesque and landscape corner of Azerbaijan. About 40% of the Oghuz district is covered by stunning forests, thus it is famous for its amazing wild nature with waterfalls, especially Khal-Khal waterfall, and trout fishing.
- Return to the hotel. Free time. Overnight in Gabala.

- ❖ Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out at 11:00. Transfer to Baku. Passing Ismayilli and Shamakhi regions on the way.
- The road to the beautiful Lahij village built on the canyon of the Girdimanchay River runs through high cliffs. This small village is considered a cultural reserve and a popular touristic destination of the Great Silk Road. It is known for its production of copper items, decorated with carved ornaments. You can buy hand-made copper, knitted and woven goods, wood and leather ware, souvenir knives, and many more in the numerous souvenir shops.
- Shamakhi is an astonishing place with extraordinary nature, incredible architecture, ancient culture, rich history, and interesting customs.
- Shamakhi city is the ancient capital of Shirvanshah's dynasty (9 -15th century). Reaching Baku.
- Check in to the hotel. Free time.
- Overnight

- ❖ Breakfast at the hotel. Pick-up from the hotel for the Baku city tour.
- ❖ WALK ALONG THE ALLEY OF MARTYRS WHICH IS USUALLY INCLUDED IN THE PROTOCOL VISITS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICIALS.
- ❖ WALK DOWN TO BAKU BOULEVARD TO VIEW THE INTERNATIONAL MUGHAM CENTER CREATED TO WIDELY PROMOTE AZERBAIJANI 'MUGHAM' (FOLK MUSICAL COMPOSITION) IN THE WORLD AND SHAPED AS THE NATIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT 'TAR'.
- **LUNCHTIME.**
- AT THE END OF OUR EXCURSION, WE WILL VISIT THE HEYDAR ALIYEV CENTRE DESIGNED BY WORLD-FAMOUS ARCHITECT ZAHA HADID. IT IS A VAST AND JAW-DROPPING MAJESTIC STATEMENT OF FLUID 21ST-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE FORMING ABSTRACT WAVES AND PEAKS THAT SEEM TO MELT TOGETHER. THE REAL DELIGHT IS SIMPLY PONDERING AND PHOTOGRAPHING THE EXTRAORDINARY EXTERIOR FROM EVER-CHANGING ANGLES.

 MAKE A STOP NEXT TO THE POPULAR "I LOVE BAKU" SIGN TO TAKE SOME PHOTOS.
- * RETURN TO THE HOTEL. FREE TIME. OVERNIGHT IN BAKU.

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick-up at 08:00 for a one-day tour in the Guba region.

OUR FIRST STOP ON THE WAY TO GUBA WILL BE BESHBARMAG (FIVE-FINGER) MOUNTAIN KNOWN FOR ITS MYTHICAL STORIES WHERE LOCALS COME TO PRAY FOR STRENGTH AND GOOD FORTUNE.

JUMA (FRIDAY) MOSQUE IS ONE OF THE OLDEST MOSQUES IN GUBA, BUILT FROM THE RED BRICKS IN 1802.

AND, OF COURSE, AN EXCURSION TO GUBA IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT VISITING A CARPET WEAVING FACTORY! GUBA CARPETS FEATURE INTRICATE DESIGNS THAT TAKE INSPIRATION FROM NATURE AND GEOMETRIC PATTERNS, PLUS A VARIETY OF VIVID COLORS.

LUNCHTIME.

SPEND TIME IN SHAHDAG MOUNTAIN RESORT COMPLEX, THE FIRST SKI RESORT IN AZERBAIJAN. THIS IS THE

PLACE TO ENJOY AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.

Shahdag Coaster, is a new addition to the collection of activities. The route is 2590 m (920 m for climbing lanes and 1670 m for descending lanes). The speed of the sledge can reach 42 km/h and the route consists of 9 sharp turns.

RETURN TO BAKU. OVERNIGHT.

- ❖ Breakfast at the hotel. The pick-up time is 10:00.
- LET'S BEGIN OUR INTERESTING TOUR AROUND "LAND OF FIRE"! OUR EXCURSION WILL START WITH VISITING GALA VILLAGE (40 MIN DRIVE FROM BAKU).
- ❖ OUR NEXT STOP IS ATESHGAH FIRE TEMPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF SURACHAI WHICH FOR CENTURIES HAS BEEN ATTRACTING CROWDS OF THRILL SEEKERS.
- THE FINAL STOP OF OUR "FIERY TOUR" IS STATE HISTORICAL, CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESERVE YANARDAG (LITERARY "BURNING MOUNTAIN"), A COMPLEX BUILT AROUND THE HILL LOCATED ON THE TOP OF THE NATURAL GAS POCKET CAUSING A CONTINUOUS FLAME ERUPTION.
- RETURN TO BAKU. FREE TIME. OVERNIGHT.

- **❖** DEPARTURE
- ❖ Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Transfer to the airport.

Tour calculation (AED) / minimum 2 persons /			
Group size/number of tourists	2 pax	4 pax	6 pax
accommodation in 4* hotel			
Per person in SGL room	2570	2095	1835
Per person in the DBL room	2410	1600	1350
Per person in Triple	1950	1470	1215

PACKAGE INCLUDE

- ✓ ACCOMMODATION IN YEDDI GOZEL 3* HOTEL OR LAKESIDE HOTEL & SPA 4* IN GABALA 3 NIGHT ON BB BASIS
- ✓ ACCOMMODATION IN PARKWAY INN HOTEL & SPA 4* HOTEL IN BAKU 4 NIGHTS ON BB BASIS
- ✓ AIRPORT-HOTEL-AIRPORT AND INTERCITY TRANSFERS
- ✓ GABALA TOUR WITH CAR AND ENGLISH/ARABIC-SPEAKING DRIVER
- ✓ SHEKI AND OGHUZ TOUR WITH CAR AND ENGLISH/ARABIC SPEAKING DRIVER
- ✓ ISMAYILLI AND SHAMAKHI TOUR WITH CAR AND ENGLISH/ARABIC SPEAKING DRIVER
- ✓ BAKU CITY TOUR WITH CAR AND ENGLISH/ARABIC SPEAKING DRIVER
- ✓ Guba and Shahdag tour with car and English/Arabic-speaking driver
- ✓ ABSHERON TOUR WITH CAR AND ENGLISH/ARABIC-SPEAKING DRIVER
- ✓ 1 BOTTLE OF WATER PER EXCURSION DAY

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

FLIGHT TICKET, INSURANCE, VISA, EXTRAS IN THE HOTEL, TICKETS TO MUSEUMS, LUNCHES AND DINNERS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- CAR TYPES: 2-3 PAX SEDAN (HYUNDAI, KIA, HONDA CRV); 4-6 PAX MINIVAN (MERCEDES VITO/VIANO)
- THE PACKAGE IS VALID TILL 25/12/2024. BLACKOUT PERIODS: 18-25 MARCH, 12-17 SEPTEMBER, 7-26 NOVEMBER.
- THE ORGANIZER DOES NOT HOLD ANY HOTEL ROOMS; THUS, THE ROOMS AND PRICES ARE UPON AVAILABILITY.
- THE PRICES MAY NOT BE VALID DURING THE FESTIVE AND HOLIDAY PERIOD, PLEASE ALWAYS RECONFIRM WITH THE ORGANIZER.
- THE ORGANIZER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE HOTEL TO A DIFFERENT ONE OF THE SAME CATEGORIES.
- THE ORGANIZER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF EXCURSIONS IN CASE OF NECESSITY.
- CHECK-IN TO THE HOTELS: 14:00 (CAN BE 15:00 SOMETIMES).
- EARLY CHECK-IN BEFORE 06:00 IN THE MORNING IS SUBJECT TO 100% OF THE ROOM RATE, EARLY CHECK-IN BETWEEN 06:00 AND 14:00 IS SUBJECT TO 50% OF THE ROOM RATE (PLEASE CONFIRM WITH OUR RESERVATION MANAGERS BEFORE BOOKING).
- YOU CAN EXTEND YOUR STAY, ADD MORE EXCURSIONS, AND/OR CHANGE THE HOTEL CATEGORY FOR ADDITIONAL PAYMENT (PLEASE CONFIRM WITH OUR RESERVATION MANAGERS BEFORE BOOKING).

TICKETS FOR THE MUSEUM MENTIONED IN THE PROGRAM

Maiden tower - 55 aed

SHIRVANSHAH PALACE - 55 AED

HEYDAR ALIYEV CENTER - 55 AED

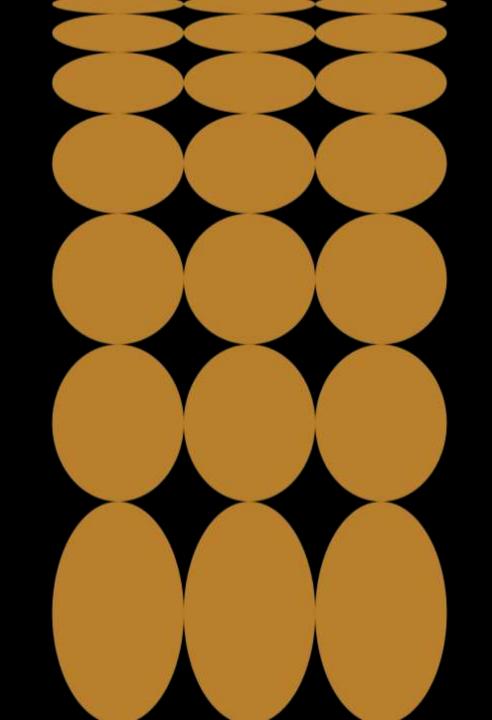
AZERBAIJAN CARPET MUSEUM - 35 AED

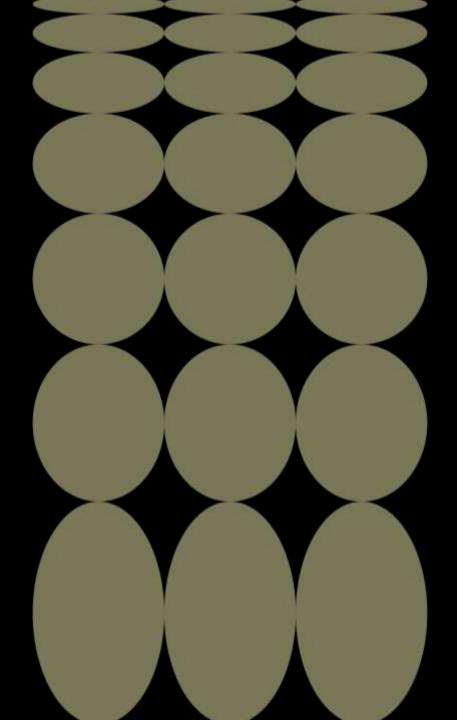
Cable car in Tufandag resort - 60 aed

CABLE CAR IN SHAHDAG RESORT - 55 AED

GALA ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM - 35 AED

ATESHGAH AND YANARDAG - 55 AED





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THANK YOU