

## Guaranteed tour " Salam Azerbaijan" - 573 USD

Countries: Baku-Gabala-Sheki



**Period from: All year round with tour date start on Thursdays**

**Duration: 6 days / 5 nights**

**Price: 573 \$**

Azerbaijan – the amazing country. Everything in her is unique – the nature and culture, history and customs and traditions, architecture and many other things. Azerbaijan is often called "the country of fires" (from "Azeri" - fire).

Since old times for territories of the country, the most ancient certificates of that era remained rock paintings, statues of deities and ancient temples.

### **Program of a tour:**

**Day 1:** Arrival to Baku, Transfer and accommodation in hotel

Check-in at the hotel (from 14:00). Free day.

Overnight in the hotel.

**Day 2:** Sightseeing tour around Baku

09:00 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Departure for excursion in Baku.

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

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. Later the tour proceeds along the waterfront promenade and a visit to the "Old City", which is also a fortress. Tourists will see the main attractions of the "Old City", including the "Palace of the Shirvan Shahs", "Maiden Tower", "Karvansaray" etc.

After lunch we are acquainted with the Baku Boulevard. This favorite vacation spot of locals and guests of the capital is also one of the attractions of the city, which in 2009 celebrated its 100 anniversary.

Our today's tour ended with a visit of the Center named after Heydar Aliyev. Heydar Aliyev Center - a cultural center, is a complex structure that includes the Auditorium (convention center), a museum, exhibition halls, administrative offices. Renowned architect Zaha Hadid has designed the project center.

Free time

Overnight in the hotel.

### **Day 3: Sightseeing tour around Absheron Peninsula**

09:00 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Departure for excursion to the nature reserve "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 until the Middle Ages.

After lunch we have an excursion to the Temple of Fire Worshipers - "Ateshgah" and the fiery mountain "Yanardagh"

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 "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.

15:30 – 18:30 Ethnographic Open-Air Museum "Gala" is about a 40-minute drive from Baku. The museum was created on an archaeological site.

The village is five thousand years; nevertheless, there are still some neighborhoods that have survived to the present day.

During the tour, you will be acquainted with the ancient dwellings, with the life of that time, traditions, with methods of farming.

Participants will be told about the way of living of people who lived here many centuries ago, you will see the real objects of that time.

17:00 - 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.

19:00 Transfer to the hotel Free time.

Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 4:** Departure to mountain regions the Azerbaijan/stop in the city of Gabala. Two-thousand-year old Gabala

08:00 Breakfast in Hotel

Now time for acquaintance to regions of Azerbaijan which are remembered to guests by the originality and authenticity came. After a breakfast the group leaves to mountain regions in the northwest direction. The road lies on picturesque vicinities of the Big Caucasian Ridge.

Arrival to Gabala. Visit of the Tufandag complex. The new ropeway of the Tufandag complex - one more sight of Gabala. Everyone can admire the city from height of bird's flight: in good weather from cars panoramas of the foothills of Greater Caucasus open. The modern restaurants of a complex located at mountain top will offer guests the refined dishes, the Azerbaijan and European cuisine.

Accommodation and overnight in the hotel.

**Day 5.** Excursion in Sheki / Return to Baku.

Breakfast in hotel. Sheki - Ancient City of Caucasus

Departure on an excursion to the city of Sheki (2 hours from Gabala).

Sheki - one of the most ancient and most beautiful cities of Azerbaijan is located on picturesque southern slopes of the Big Caucasian ridge.

Long time this ancient city was considered as the center of silkworm breeding and was an important node on the Silk way. The excursion program begins with visit of the Palace of the Sheki khans, known for the amazing frescos.

Also tourists will visit workshop on production of the Shaki baklava, well-known to all Azerbaijan, and the Albanian church in the settlement of Kish.

The church in the settlement of Kish has a special status among the Albanian monuments. She has value not only as the architectural monument, but also has outstanding historical value. The church in Keesha is the remarkable historical monument symbolizing the beginnings of Christianity not only in the Caucasian Albania (Azerbaijan) but also in the Caucasus in general 2000 years ago.

Return to Baku.

Small stop on a tea drinking. Tea in Azerbaijan — a symbol of hospitable hospitality. Usually to tea serve different jam from a quince, a fig, watermelon, apricots, sweet cherries, cherries, peaches, plums, a cornel, walnuts, strawberry, blackberry, grapes, etc.

For aroma, add such herbs to tea as thyme, carnation, cardamom, cinnamon and ginger. Arrival in Baku.

Settling in hotel. Night in hotel in Baku.

**Day 6.** Transfer to the Airport

Breakfast. Free time.

12:00 releases of numbers, the statement from hotel.

(In case of a late departure, it is possible to leave suitcases in hotel)

End of a tour.

**Tour price: 573 USD per person with accommodation in double room**

**Price includes:**

- Accommodation for 5 nights in hotel
- Transfer Airport – Hotel – Airport
- Comfortable transport during the excursions
- English -speaking guide
- Tickets to museums
- Water bottle on the person / daily

**Price does not include:**

- Health insurance
- Lunches and dinners & alcoholic beverages
- Additional expenses of guests in hotel of the Payment for a photo and video filming in the museums
- Entrance on the ropeway

**Notes:**

The tour requires a minimum number of 4 participants to avoid cancellation.

Upon receipt of an application for a tour, please, inform your customers that the final confirmation of the tour will be announce 30 days prior to arrival.

All purchases are subject to re-confirmation within 30-business day after purchase, customers will be fully refund if the orders cannot be confirmed.

We reserve the right to cancel the tour to fully refund affected customers although tour companies will make every effort to maintain the normal operation.

In case of insufficient number of tourists (a group considered cost-effective with a number of four people), the tour agency has the right to cancel the tour no later than prior 30 days.

Payment for the tour is carried out after the final confirmation of the tour and not later than 15 days before the planned arrival.

For convenience of tourists a request to notify on early arrivals or late check-outs of your guests in advance.

Depending on hotel at guest's payment for early arrival or a late check-out can be collected. Arrival until 06:00 in the morning: surcharge of 100% of the cost of daily accommodation.

Arrival after 06:00 in the morning, but until 14:00: surcharge of 50% of the cost of daily accommodation.

Rules on booking and payment:

\* Payment of all confirmed requests has to be made at least in 40 days prior to the planned date of arrival of tourists in hotel.

Children's policy:

\* Children up to 6 years free of charge.

\* Children from 6 years – until 12-and years a discount of 30% of tour cost.

**Cancellation and penalties:**

- \* All modifications and cancellations of confirmed orders had be made in written form.
- \* Cancellation of confirmed applications earlier than 21 days prior to arrival is not subject to penalties (except visa fee).
- \* Cancellation of confirmed applications later than 14 days and more than 10 days before the planned arrival: a penalty of 50% of the total cost of the tour.
- \* Cancellation of confirmed applications later than 10 days, or after the date of the planned arrival: penalty is 100% of the full cost of the tour.

The program of a tour is calculate taking into account accommodation in hotels:

Diplomat Hotel Baku 3 \*, Azcot Hotel Baku 3 \*, and Qafqaz Karvansaray Gabala 4 \* (or Qafqaz Termal Hotel)

The exact name of hotel is reported in day of booking of a tour.

For additional payment, the category of hotel and type of accommodation can be changed. The offered list of hotels for an upgrade:

Surcharge for the single room: 90 USD