

Natural Azerbaijan
6 days – 5 nights
Baku, Qobustan, Gebele, Talistan, Qaranohur Lake
Nature, Discovery, Culture, History

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

Located on the borders of Asia, on the extreme border of Europe, between the Caucasus and Iran, Azerbaijan is the country of all paradoxes. Visiting Azerbaijan is not a trivial act. Whether in Baku, or towards Qobustan, you will be surprised, amazed or even taken aback by what you will see, visit and experience as you travel through Azerbaijan.

Day 1: Baku

Arrival at the airport, transfer to Baku and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

Day 2: Baku

This morning start your guided tour of Baku at the Coastal Park located on the hill in the western part of town. It is the best place to enjoy the panoramic view of the city. Take the cable car and descend to Baku Boulevard and continue to Republic Flag Square, famous Crystal Hall, Mugam center and the Carpet Museum. From here we go to the Old Town, Icheri Sheher, home to a few dozen historical and architectural monuments, including the Palace of Shirvanshahs, a symbol of Baku, the Maiden's Tower, caravanserais, mosques and others. In the afternoon continue your visit starting with Yashyl Bazaar (green bazaar) where you find spices, fruits, vegetables, groceries, specialties and souvenirs. Then continue to the modern city with shopping centers (Park Boulevard shopping center, 28 Mall) and movie theaters, walk through Fountains Square and Nizami Street known for its cafes, restaurants, boutiques and souvenir shops. Dinner at downtown restaurant and overnighnt. [B/D]

Day 3: Baku (Qobustan)

After breakfast, a short drive to Qobustan, a reserve park widely known for its petroglyphs, a kind of record of human evolution. The rocks of Qobustan are witness to the prehistoric era of human existence. They reflect the history of this region for more than 15 thousand years - from the end of the Upper Paleolithic era until the Middle Ages. Currently, the scholars of Azerbaijan have discovered, described and studied over 4,000 petroglyphs (cave paintings carved on stone), and continue this important work. Before starting the Qobustan tour visit the interactive museum where, with the help of special multimedia programs and touch screens, you can get information about Qobustan's flora and fauna. Return to Baku with free time. In the evening your guide will take you to a restaurant for a typical Azerbaijani dinner. Overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

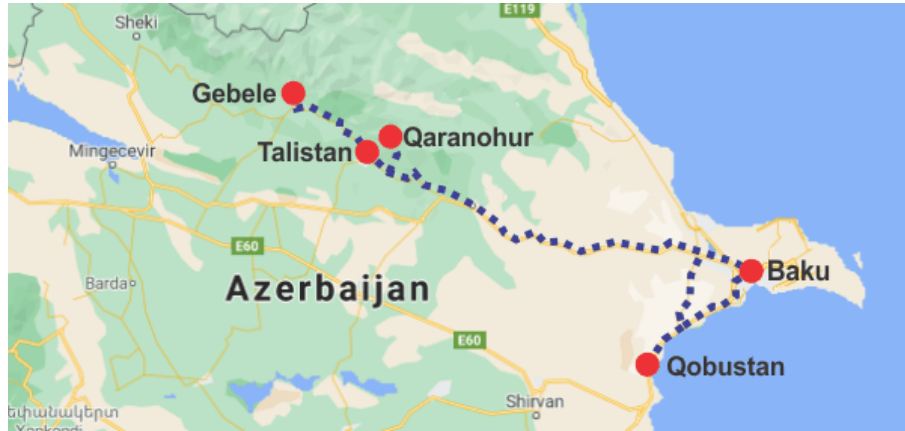
Day 4: Baku, Gebele

After breakfast we head to Gebele, a 2000-year old city located in one of the most picturesque areas of the country. This ancient city of Azerbaijan was the capital of ancient Caucasian Albania for 600 years. Gebele attractions include forests, river valleys, famous chestnut woods and many picturesque villages like Vandam, Qamarvan and Yengija. The region is extremely rich in flora and fauna. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, tour around Gebele including a visit to the famous Nohur lake, the Yeddi Gozel or Seven Beauties waterfall which is part of the natural heritage of the country. The Nohur lake and the waterfall are surrounded by emerald woods. Take a moment to walk around in freedom and enjoy beautiful views. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Gebele (Talistan, Qaranohur Lake)

After breakfast we drive through the Ismaili mountains to Qaranohur lake. During this trip explore the lake and, on the way back, get acquainted with the history of Azerbaijan as the route passes through the ruins of the Javanshir Galasi fortress. Our journey begins in the village Talistan, whose

name takes its origins from "Tala", which means open sections in the forest and "Stan", which means place, country. After about 2 miles the road ends and the forest begins. It will take around 2 hours to reach the altitude of more than 2,625 feet. Once we have reached the highest point we start to descend towards the lake and here is the long-awaited moment: You'll find yourself at the Qaranohur Lake illuminated by light! This climb was definitely worth it. After settling by the lake, time to have our picnic lunch and enjoy nature. Here you can forget about all the problems and enjoy life, the indescribable beauty of this place gives the feeling of calm and serenity. After lunch, we continue a few miles to the fortress of Javanshir Galasi located on the other side of the lake. The fortress was built on the hill by a medieval ruler of Albania, Javanchir for defensive purposes. After admiring the fortress, it is time to return to the hotel in Gebele to freshen-up and relax before dinner. Overnight in Gebele. [B/P/D]



Day 6: Gebele, Baku, USA

Breakfast at the hotel. Considering the 2.5-hour drive to Baku you have 2 options: Either stay at the Lake and drive directly to the airport to board your flight back home or leave for Baku for a few hours for lunch and a few hours for shopping or sightseeing before your transfer to Heydar Aliyev International Airport to board your flight. [B/L]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/P/L] = Breakfast, Picnic Lunch and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 5 nights' accommodation:
 - Baku 3 nights
 - Gebele 2 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 2. lunches
 - 1 picnic lunch
 - 5 dinners
- Sightseeing of Baku
- Qobustan. Petroglyphs Reserve
- Excursion to Nohur Lake
- Visit to Javanshir Galasi fortress
- Entrances to sites and monuments

- English-speaking driver-guide for the tour
- English-speaking local guides where required
- A/C. vehicle for the tour
- All taxes

Tour does not include:

- International airfares
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Deluxe		
Baku	Fairmont Baku Flame Towers	5
Gebele	Ismayilli Resort Hotel	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.