

Highlights of Azerbaijan - 6 days

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DEPARTURE DATES:

Experience the essence of Azerbaijan on this immersive tour, where the ancient and modern coexist in harmony. Explore Baku's historic Old City with its winding streets and iconic landmarks, marvel at the natural wonders of Gobustan and its ancient petroglyphs, and witness the mystical flames of Yanar Dag. Delve into the cultural treasures of the Absheron Peninsula, from the open-air museum of Gala to the sacred Ateshgah Fire Temple. Complete your journey by discovering modern Baku's dynamic architecture and cosmopolitan flair, creating unforgettable memories in the "Land of Fire."

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Day 1 - Baku

Upon arrival at the international airport of Baku you'll be met by our representative for your transfer to the hotel. After check in there'll be free time. You'll overnight in Baku. (D)

Day 2 - Baku

After breakfast, we begin our exploration of Baku, starting with a sightseeing tour to experience the city's monumental, historical, and architectural landmarks. We'll visit Upland Park, which offers a breathtaking panoramic view of Baku and its bay, from where the city's beauty unfolds before us. Following that, we'll descend to the Old City, known as Icheri Sheher. Once the entire city of Baku until the 19th century, this compact area of just 22 hectares is home to some of the city's most iconic sights. Among these are the Shirvanshahs' Palace, the Maiden Tower, and the Karavansaray, which once served as a resting place for traveling merchants. Despite its size, Icheri Sheher still houses around 1,300 families, making it a living piece of history amidst the modern city. The narrow, charming streets make for a perfect evening stroll, leading to the lively Fountains Square. We return to our hotel for the night in Baku. (B, D)

Day 3 - Baku - Gobustan - Yanar Dag - Baku

Today, after breakfast, our guide will meet you for your included excursion to Gobustan. Gobustan National Park, located in East Azerbaijan, is a stunning archaeological reserve that borders the southern slopes of the Caucasus, the Pirsaat River, the Harami and Mishov Mountains, and the Caspian Sea. This culturally important landscape is home to over 6,000 petroglyphs dating back to the 18th century BC, showcasing scenes of ancient human activities such as mountain goat hunts, maritime imagery, ceremonial dances, and domestic life. The archaeological site also features caves and remnants of early human settlements, offering an incredible glimpse into the past. After exploring the petroglyphs, we will visit the nearby mud volcanoes, one of Azerbaijan's most unique natural wonders. These volcanoes, known for their therapeutic mud and fascinating geological formations, are a must-see attraction in the Gobustan region. On our way back to Baku, we will make a stop at Yanar Dag, the "Burning Mountain," where flames up to three meters high rise from the hillside due to natural gas seepage. This extraordinary phenomenon is one of the reasons Azerbaijan is known as the "Land of Fire." Overnight in Baku. (B, D)

Day 4 - Baku - Gala - Ateshgah - Ramana - Baku

Begin your day by immersing yourself in Azerbaijan's rich history and culture, exploring significant ancient sites and unique landmarks around Baku. Your first stop is Gala, an open-air museum on the Absheron Peninsula. Here, you will discover the life of ancient Azerbaijan through exhibits featuring traditional houses, tools, pottery, and artifacts dating back to the 3rd century BC. Wander through recreated dwellings and gain insights into the customs and lifestyles of early settlers in the region. Next, continue to the Ateshgah Fire Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a symbol of Azerbaijan's "Land of Fire" identity. This 17th-century temple, built by Zoroastrian and Hindu communities, is centered around a natural gas vent that has fueled eternal flames for centuries. Explore the temple complex and learn about its religious significance and history as a sacred site. For lunch, enjoy a traditional Azerbaijani meal at a local restaurant on the Absheron Peninsula. Savor authentic

dishes such as kebabs, plov (rice pilaf), and fresh salads. Afterward, head to the Ramana Fortress, a medieval structure built during the reign of the Shirvanshahs. This stone fortress offers fascinating insights into the region's defensive architecture and provides stunning views of the surrounding landscape. Return to Baku in the evening for an overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 5 - Baku

Today, we will explore the dynamic, modern side of Baku, uncovering the landmarks that reflect its transformation into a vibrant, cosmopolitan city. Our journey begins with a leisurely walk along Baku Boulevard, the scenic waterfront promenade stretching along the Caspian Sea. From here, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the city's stunning skyline, highlighted by the iconic Flame Towers. These impressive skyscrapers stand as symbols of modern Azerbaijan, their LED displays lighting up the night with captivating patterns. Next, we'll visit the Carpet Museum, a striking structure designed to resemble a rolled carpet. Inside, you'll find an exceptional collection of Azerbaijani carpets, each a testament to the country's rich cultural heritage and craftsmanship. Our tour continues to the Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre, designed by the celebrated architect Zaha Hadid. This architectural masterpiece, with its flowing, wave-like curves, hosts a variety of exhibitions and cultural events, showcasing Azerbaijan's forward-thinking vision. For a taste of Baku's contemporary lifestyle, we'll visit two of the city's bustling shopping hubs: Mall 28th May and Park Boulevard. Both are located along the waterfront and offer a mix of retail, cafes, and entertainment options, providing a perfect opportunity to experience Baku's cosmopolitan flair. We will return to our hotel for the night in Baku. (B, D)

Day 6 - Baku

After breakfast you'll transfer to the airport for departure. (B)

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

- Accommodation
- Guided tours & cultural programme
- English - speaking guides
- Half board meals
- Ground transportation
- Airport transfers
- Azerbaijan e-visa

Not included

- Personal travel insurance
- Optional excursions

Practical information

- About Best of Caucasus company
- How our tours are run
- Contact our travel consultants

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Single suppliment
05/09/2025 - 05/14/2025	\$1095	\$125
05/16/2025 - 05/21/2025	\$1095	\$125
05/23/2025 - 05/28/2025	\$1095	\$125
05/30/2025 - 06/04/2025	\$1095	\$125
06/06/2025 - 06/11/2025	\$1095	\$125
06/13/2025 - 06/18/2025	\$1095	\$125
06/20/2025 - 06/25/2025	\$1095	\$125
06/27/2025 - 07/02/2025	\$1095	\$125
07/04/2025 - 07/09/2025	\$1095	\$125
07/11/2025 - 07/16/2025	\$1095	\$125
07/18/2025 - 07/23/2025	\$1095	\$125
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PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

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05/09/2025 - 05/14/2025	\$1195	\$145
05/16/2025 - 05/21/2025	\$1195	\$145
05/23/2025 - 05/28/2025	\$1195	\$145
05/30/2025 - 06/04/2025	\$1195	\$145
06/06/2025 - 06/11/2025	\$1195	\$145
06/13/2025 - 06/18/2025	\$1195	\$145
06/20/2025 - 06/25/2025	\$1195	\$145
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ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Best of Caucasus" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Best of Azerbaijan - 8 days \(AZ-02\)](#), Price from \$1,395, 8 days
- > [Great Azerbaijan Discovery with Jewish Legacy - 13 days \(AZ-06\)](#), Price from \$2,245, 13 days
- > [Best of Georgia - 10 days \(GE-02\)](#), Price from \$1,995, 10 days
- > [Short Break in Istanbul - 3 days \(TR-01\)](#), Price from \$745, 3 days

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Best of Caucasus holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.best-of-caucasus.com and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Best of Caucasus, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@best-of-caucasus.com, or

Phone: call us on **+1 (917) 259 13 33**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum \$250) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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