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## «From Azerbaijan with Love»

Duration: 6 days, 5 nights

Category: Cultural

Period: all year round except blackout dates \*

*In this tour, along with acquaintance with Baku, we invite you to discover Ganja, the second largest city of Azerbaijan and the birthplace of the great Azerbaijani poet Nizami Ganjavi. Nizami Ganjavi became famous in the East for his poem "Leyli and Majnun", which, according to historians, influenced Shakespeare when writing his most famous tragedy "Romeo and Juliet". We will also have the opportunity to visit the treasure of Mount Kapaz - Lake Goygol.*

### Tour program:

#### Day 1. Arrival in Baku, accommodation at the hotel, free time

Arrival in Baku

Meeting at the airport, transfer to the hotel.

Hotel accommodation (from 14:00)

Overnight in Baku

#### Day 2. Baku sightseeing tour, visit to the "Old City" and the Heydar Aliyev Center

09:00 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Departure for Baku city tour

City tour begins with a visit to the **Highland Park**

Upland Park is located on a hill in the western part of the city. This is the best place to see the city itself and the Baku bay.

Further tourists will visit the "**Old City**".

Several dozens of historical and architectural monuments are concentrated on the territory of the "Old City", including the Palace of Shirvanshahs, the symbol of Baku - **the Maiden Tower, the Caravanserai**, the mosque, etc.

For additional fee it's possible to arrange lunch in one of the national restaurants

From 14:00 - 18:00 guests will be getting acquainted with Baku Boulevard and Baku Bay.

Baku Boulevard is a favorite vacation spot of the city residents and guests of the capital and also one of the attractions of the city, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2009.

Our today's tour will end with a visit to the Heydar Aliyev Center.

**The Heydar Aliyev Center** is a cultural center, which includes an auditorium (congress center), a museum, exhibition halls and administrative offices. The project of the center was designed by the famous architect Zaha Hadid.

18:30 Return to the hotel and free time

Overnight in Baku

### Day 3. Departure to Ganja (365 km from Baku, 5 hours on the way)

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and departure to Ganja

Ganja is the second largest city of Azerbaijan, a monument of ancient culture, the industrial center of western Azerbaijan. This city, which played a large role in the history of Azerbaijan, was located at the intersection of caravan roads. The country's history is permeated with the significance of this city, which for centuries was the capital of the country and the trade hub, where merchants from various countries flowed, traded in silk, fur, spices, Damascus steel and other medieval treasures. No wonder that the name of the city in translation means "treasure". At the entrance to the city, travelers are greeted by the mausoleum of the poet Nizami. Ganja is inextricably bounded with the name of this poet. The mausoleum is still a place of pilgrimage for poets from around the world.

Arriving in the city. Check-in at the hotel.

Truly, an unforgettable visit to the architectural ensemble of **Sheikh Bahauddin**. This monument of the XVII century architecture includes a caravanserai, Shah Abbas mosque (Juma mosque), medieval bath (Chekyak-Hamam).

The **Juma mosque** was built during the time of Shah Abbas, its architect Sheikh Bahauddin was an astronomer, so the mosque has one interesting feature. At noon, the shadow falling on the western wall of the building disappears. This means that the time of the midday prayer has come.

"**Cheyak-Hamam**" (bath) consists of two communicating halls. This bath was very popular among the citizens and worked until 1963. Today "Cheyak-Hamam" is a cultural monument. Since 2002 it has been under the protection of UNESCO.

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

In the evening, guests can take a walk in a park in the city center - residents carefully preserve these ancient trees of the 16th century.

Return to the hotel

Overnight in Ganja

### Day 4. Going to Goygol, visiting the Goygol National Park

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for a tour

On the way to the national park, we will visit the **city Goy Gol**, a former German settlement of the 19th century on the territory of Azerbaijan, which during the Russian Empire was called Elenendorf. It is a small area of German architecture in the East with the houses of the early 20th century, built by German architects, as well as the Lutheran Church.

Next we will go to the **Goygol Lake** nature reserve. This lake is relatively young - it was formed in the 12th century as a result of the Kapaz peak destroyed during the earthquake. Located among the forests, the lake was unavailable for a few years to visit. Now the lake again appeared in its full beauty to the visitors.

Return to Ganja city and overnight

### Day 5. Return to Baku, visit to the historical and archaeological reserve of Gobustan

Breakfast. Check-out from the hotel

Departure from Ganja

On the way to Baku, we will stop at the **Gobustan Historical and Archeological Museum**. The reserve is widely known for the well-preserved rock paintings - petroglyphs - a kind of artistic archive of human evolution on planet Earth. The rocks of Gobustan are not only the brightest witnesses of the prehistoric period of human existence. They reflect the history of this region for almost 15 thousand years - from the end of the Upper Paleolithic age to the Middle Ages. Today, Azerbaijani scientists have identified, described and studied more than 4,000 petroglyphs (rock paintings in stone carving techniques) and this important work still continues. Before starting a Gobustan tour, guests will visit the interactive museum, where they can get information about the history and nature of Gobustan using special multimedia programs and touch screens.

Arrival in Baku and accommodation at the hotel

Free time

Overnight in Baku

### Day 6. Check-out from the hotel, visit to East Bazaar and transfer to the airport

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

On the way to the airport, we will visit the Green Bazar market.

After visiting this market once, it is impossible to forget it. Here you can enjoy Azerbaijani snacks, which are difficult to find in stores and supermarkets. People come to Green Bazar not only to buy fresh products, but also to get to know with the culture and identity of the local population. Vegetables and fruits are brought to the market from all regions of the country: tomatoes, peaches, pomegranates, different types of nuts, etc. have their own taste depending on their region of origin! We strongly recommend to buy Azerbaijani tea in the market.

Airport transfer

#### Tour cost

Number of Persons		Single	Double\PP
2	Persons	\$808	\$697
4	Persons	\$604	\$493
6	Persons	\$516	\$405
8	Persons	\$502	\$391
10	Persons	\$469	\$358
12	Persons	\$448	\$337
14	Persons	\$432	\$321
16	Persons	\$421	\$310

#### The price includes:

- Transfers: Airport - Hotel - Airport
- Accommodation 3 nights in Baku and 2 nights in Ganja
- Breakfasts at the hotels
- Comfortable transportation during excursions
- Services of English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to museums
- Bottle of water per person per day

#### The price does not include:

- Medical insurance
- Lunches and dinners
- Alcoholic beverages
- Additional expenses for hotel guests
- Fees for photo and video shooting in museums
- Visa (Citizens of Russia and the CIS, with the exception of Turkmenistan do not need a visa)

**\*Blackout dates changeable and will be provided by additional request at the end of the year**

#### Accommodation and upgrade:

The cost of the tour provides accommodation in comfortable hotels of 3 \* category. Accommodation in Baku at hotels Diplomat or Accent or Auroom Hotel. The exact name of the hotel is informed on the day of booking the tour. At additional payment on request, depending on the wishes of the client, the category of hotel in Baku can be changed to a higher one. Accommodation in Ganja is provided at hotel Baku Ganja or its alternative option.

**Check-in and check-out policy:**

\* For the convenience of tourists, please inform in advance about the early arrivals or late departures of your guests.

\* Depending on the hotel, guests may be charged for early check-in or late check-out.

Check in until 06:00 am: surcharge of 100% of the cost of daily living.

Check in after 06:00 am, but before 14:00: surcharge of 50% of the cost of daily living.

**Rules for booking and payment:**

\* All reservations must be made in writing form, with exact names of the guests and their dates of birth.

\* Payment of all confirmed applications must be made at least 10 days before the planned arrival of tourists to the hotel.

**Children's policy:**

\* Children under 2 years old are free of charge.

\* Children from 2 to 12 years get discount of 30% of the cost of the tour.

**Cancellation and penalties:**

\* All changes and cancellations of already confirmed applications must be made in writing form.

\* Cancellation of a confirmed application more than 7 days prior to arrival is not subject to penalties.

\* If you cancel a confirmed application less than 7 days or more than 3 days before the planned arrival: a penalty of 50% of the full cost of the tour will be applied

\* If you cancel a confirmed application less than 3 days or after the date of the planned arrival: a penalty of 100% of the full cost of the tour will be applied

**Visa:**

Citizens of Turkey, Israel, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, UAE, Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia and Singapore can obtain visa upon arrival to Baku International Airport. However, for more convenient passport control and to save time, citizens of above mentioned countries might obtain e-visas from our managers.

E-visa is issued within 3-5 working days. The procedure of registration takes 3-5 business days in the regular mode of \$ 35 and \$ 75 for 1 working day in case of urgent visa.

The procedure of registration begins after all documents are submitted and payment is confirmed.

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