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«Southern Charm of Azerbaijan»

Tour duration: 6 days, 5 nights

Category: Cultural

Period: all year round except blackout dates*

The southern region of Azerbaijan is one of the brightest and most beautiful regions of the Republic. Exquisite architecture, wonderful climate and magnificent natural landscapes are the hallmarks of this region. Fertile soil contributes to the prosperity of agriculture, the presence of thermal springs attracts tourists and people who want to improve their health.



Tour program:

Day 1. Arrival in Baku, check-in at the hotel and free time

Arrival in Baku, meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel

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

Free day

Overnight at the hotel in Baku

Day 2. Baku sightseeing tour, visiting the "Old City" and the Heydar Aliyev Center

09:00 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Departure for a Baku city tour

The tour starts with a visit to the **Highland Park**. Highland Park is located on a hill in the western part of the city. This is the best place to see the city and Baku bay.

Next, the guests will visit the **Old City** - with its fortified walls, historic buildings and narrow cobbled streets. Guests will appreciate the main attractions of the Old Town, including **the Palace of the Shirvanshahs** and the famous **Maiden Tower**. Guests will also visit the studio of the famous artist Ali Shamsi, located in the Old Town. Just imagine that the stones under your feet keep the history of this ancient city - its honor and glory, misfortunes and sorrows.

During the walk, you will definitely feel that the air here smells like magic - the sea air, smelling of salt and oil, is mixed with the aromas of oriental spices and kebabs, flowing from numerous restaurants. Baku is like a young girl, is full of energy, beautiful, bright and full of life. It is ready to change, but, nevertheless, follows the precepts of the ancestors. Behind the walls the city life rages, and in the Old City everything is quiet and decorous, as it has been for centuries. Baku citizens do not like to live in a hurry.

Lunch (for extra charge)

Later the guests will proceed with Baku Boulevard and Baku Bay. This favorite vacation spot of Baku residents and guests of the capital which celebrated its 110th anniversary this year.

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 at the hotel in Baku

Day 3. Departure to Lankaran (255 km, 3 hours' drive from Baku). Visit to the Shirvan nature reserve and the waterfall in Yardimli village.

Breakfast at the hotel

Check-out from the hotel and departure to **Lankaran**

A trip to Lankaran city in the south of Azerbaijan. Lankaran city is located 255 km from Baku on the shore of the Caspian Sea and is surrounded by the Talysh mountains. On the way to the city we will make several stops. The first one will be in the Shirvan nature reserve, famous for its herds of gazelles (a kind of roe deer). **Shirvan national park** is also famous for its wild boars, nutrias, hares, turtles and other wild animals.

We will continue our tour with a stop at **Yardimli city**, which is famous for its mountain landscapes and waterfalls. (Visiting waterfalls requires good physical preparation, and is not suitable for the elderly).

Arrival in Lankaran and check-in at the hotel

Free time

Overnight in Lankaran

Day 4. Visiting the sights of Lankaran, Hirkan Nature Reserve and the Tea ceremony

Breakfast at the hotel

Today's tour starts with a visit to the historical sites of these places - **Kichik Gala, Khan Evi (Palace of Khan), Balabur fortress**, as well as the monument of a national hero of the Soviet Union, the legendary commander of the tank division Azi Aslanov.

Further, we will continue our trip to the **Hirkan nature reserve**. On the way, we will drive past the relict forests. Lankaran region has a unique flora and fauna. There is a tree called the iron tree and it only could be found in this zone. Lankaran is located in the subtropical climate zone and famous for its citruses and various sorts of tea. Therefore, the tea ceremony with lemon is the most important part of our acquaintance with Lankaran.

Return to the hotel

Overnight at the hotel in Lankaran

Day 5. Drive to the city of long-livers – Lerik and return to Baku.

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

A trip to **Lerik** which is located further from the sea, among the forests and is one of the highland regions of Azerbaijan. Lerik is famous for its long-livers. Our guests will have the opportunity to visit the unique museum of long-livers.

Departure from Lerik to Baku

Arrival in Baku, check-in at the hotel and overnight

Day 6. Check-out from the hotel, visit to the Green 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.

Transfer to the airport

Tour Cost:

Number of Persons		Single	Double\PP
2	Persons	\$724	\$631
4	Persons	\$559	\$466
6	Persons	\$474	\$381
8	Persons	\$454	\$361
10	Persons	\$424	\$331
12	Persons	\$404	\$311
14	Persons	\$389	\$296
16	Persons	\$379	\$286

Price includes:

- Accommodation at 3* hotels: 3 nights in Baku and 2 nights in Lankaran
- Breakfasts at the hotels
- Transfers: Airport - Hotel - Airport
- Bottle of local souvenir wine
- Comfortable transportation during excursions
- Services of an English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to museums
- Water bottle per person / daily

Price does not include:

- Medical insurance
- Lunches and dinners
- Alcoholic beverages
- Additional expenses of the guests
- Fees for photo and video shooting at museums
- Visa fee

***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 at comfortable hotels of 3* category. Accommodation in Baku at Diplomat or Azcot or Qafqaz Park hotels. Accommodation in Lankaran Khan Lankaran or the same category hotel.

Check-in and check-out policy:

* For the tourists' convenience, please inform in advance about 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 one day.

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

Children's policy:

- * Children up to 6 years old are free of charge (without an extra bed with accommodation with two adults). In case of placement of one adult + 1 child under 6 years old, surcharge 40% of the cost of the tour.
- * Children from 6 up to 12 years get discount in the amount 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 21 days prior to arrival is not subject to penalties.
- * If you cancel a confirmed application less than 14 days or more than 10 days before the planned arrival: a penalty of 50% of the total cost of the tour will be applied.
- * If you cancel a confirmed application less than 10 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 \$30 and \$65 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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