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## «WINTER HOLIDAYS IN AZERBAIJAN»

Ski resort tour

**6 Days / 5 Nights**

Validity: December, 1 to March 15  
(except New Year December, 30 – January, 4)

*Azerbaijan is an amazing country. Everything here is unique: nature and culture, history and customs, traditions and architecture, and much more.*

*Enjoy the magic of snowy winter, the beauty of the Caucasus mountains and comfortable vacation at the modern ski resort Tufandag, located in Gabala region.*

*Gabala is one of the ancient cities in Azerbaijan, a former capital of Caucasian Albania for 600 years. It is famous for its rich history, green forests, crystal clear lakes and exciting mountain peaks.*

*Start your adventure from Baku to the mountains!*



### Tour program:

#### Day #1 / Arrival in Baku

- Greeting guests at the airport
- Transfer to the hotel and accommodation
- Leisure time and overnight



## Day #2 / Sightseeing tour in Baku / Highland Park, Old City and Heydar Aliyev Center

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Excursion to the Highland Park and Old City
- Excursion to Heydar Aliyev Center

**09:00** Breakfast at the hotel

**10:00** Visiting the Highland Park and Old City. The history of the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku, goes back to the antiquity, although the precise date of its origin is still unknown. The territory of the Absheron Peninsula, where the city is located on, has a favorable geographical position: a calm bay, a warm dry climate, fertile soil and natural resources. Therefore, the emergence of the ancient settlements here was quite natural. **The Highland Park** is located on a hill in the Western part of the city. This is the best spot to overview the city itself, along with the **Baku Bay** and the **Seaside Boulevard**, which celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2019. Further, the guests will get acquainted with the **Old City**, which is called **«Icheri Sheher»**. Many historical and architectural monuments are concentrated on its territory, including the **Palace of the Shirvanshahs**, the symbol of the city of Baku - **Maiden Tower**, Caravanserais, mosques, etc.





**14:00** Our tour goes on with a visit to the **Heydar Aliyev Center**. The Heydar Aliyev Center was built by world-famous architect Zaha Hadid. An internationally recognized architectural work, the building of the Heydar Aliyev Center has become a signature landmark of modern Baku due to its innovative and cutting-edge design. The Center achieved a famous **«Design of the Year Award» back in 2014**. Extending on eight floor levels, the center accommodates a 1000-seat auditorium, temporary exhibition spaces, a conference center, workshops, and a museum.



**18:00** Return to the hotel and leisure time

### **Day #3 / Journey to Gabala region / Leisure at Tufandag Mountain Resort**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Trip to Gabala region to the Great Caucasus Mountains
- Accommodation at the hotel / Riverside or Tufandag
- Leisure time at ski resort

**10:00** Departure for a trip to **Gabala region**. Gabala is located on historical **«Silk Way»**, distinguishing with its unique natural-climatic conditions, mountain air, mineral resources, rough waterfalls, rapid mountain rivers, dark blue landscape and famous with the remnants of ancient Caucasus Albania capital - Gabala city. The way to Gabala takes about 3 hours' comfortable drive through Shamakhi region.

**13:00** Arrival in Gabala and accommodation at the hotel

After lunch, leisure time at **Tufandag mountain resort**, taking cable car to the top of resort with nice restaurant, the terrace and breathtaking view over the mountains.







### **Day #4 and Day #5 / Vacation at Tufandag Mountain Resort / Cable car / Skiing and snowboarding**

- Breakfasts at the hotel
- Leisure time

**Ski-pass** / entrance to the cable cars of Tufandag Mountain resort per person **during Days 3-4-5**

**Ski equipment** (ski or snowboard + basic equipment) at Tufandag Mountain resort included into the tour price per person **during Days 4-5**

**Ski equipment is available till 17:00**

Overnights at the hotels

### **Day #6 / Return to Baku / Transfer to the airport**

- Breakfasts at the hotel
- Check-out from the hotel and return to Baku
- Transfer to the airport

**09:00** Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast, there is check-out from the hotel and way back to Baku.

On the way to the airport (depending on the flight time) our guests visit the authentic **Eastern market** called «**Yashil Bazar**». It is the biggest and most colorful market in the city where you may find various fruits, vegetables, aromatic spices, sweets and the original Azerbaijani tea.



#### **Hotels:**

**Baku – Shah Palace 4\*** or similar category hotel

**Gabala – Riverside Hotel 5\*** (distance to Tufandag Mountain Resort – 3,5 km)

### **Tour price includes:**

- Meeting at the airport
- Full transportation services within the tour including airport-hotel-airport transfers
- Accommodation: 2 nights at 4-star hotel in Baku and 3 nights at 5-star hotel in Gabala
- Breakfasts at the hotels
- Comfortable transport during excursions and trip to Gabala
- Professional English-speaking guide service
- Excursion to Highland Park, Old City and Heydar Aliyev Center in Baku
- Entrance tickets to the museums: Shirvanshah Palace and Heydar Aliyev Center
- Ski-pass to Tufandag Mountain Resort (Days 3-4-5)
- Ski equipment at Tufandag Mountain Resort (Days 4-5)
- Access to SPA, pool and fitness center at the hotels in Gabala
- Water bottle per person per day

### **Upgrade for 5-star hotels:**

**Baku – Theatrum Hotel, Promenade Hotel** or similar category hotel

**Gabala – Tufandag Hotel** (Tufandag ski resort)

### **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 12:00: surcharge of 50% of the cost of one day.

### **Children policy:**

\* Children up to 6 years old are free of charge (without an extra bed with accommodation with two adults).

\* Children from 6 up to 12 years - 30% of the cost of the tour.

### **Cancellation and penalties:**

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

\* Cancellation of a confirmed application more than 14 days prior to arrival is not subject to penalties.

\* If you cancel a confirmed application less than 14 days or more than 7 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 7 days or after the date of the planned arrival: a penalty of 100% of the full cost of the tour will be applied.

### **E-Visa to Azerbaijan:**

E-visa is issued **within 3-5 working days** and requires scan copies of the guests' valid passports (6 months to expire date). **E-visa cost is 25 USD**. In case of urgent visa, the cost is 60 USD and the issue takes 1 working day.

## Terms of entry due to COVID pandemic:

- Official document on **complete vaccination** (2 doses of vaccine) or official document on **recovery from COVID-19** (6 months since infection)
- **All kind of vaccines are accepted to enter Azerbaijan**
- Negative result of the PCR test issued within 72 hours before arrival in Azerbaijan
- Negative result of the PCR test issued within 48 hours before departure from Azerbaijan

## PCR Test:

Regardless of number of guests in the group, we organize PCR test procedure at the hotel. The PCR test is taken by a professional medical center employee at the hotel's room or lobby. The result is ready in 4-5 hours in PDF and printed version.

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