

# #YANARDAG

## 4 DAYS LAND OF FIRE AZERBAIJAN



**Tour code: WWT22228**

### Inclusions:

- Full transportation services within the tour including airport-hotel-airport transfers
- Accommodation at Baku hotel for 3 nights
- Breakfasts at hotel
- Professional English-speaking guide service
- Excursion to Old City and Heydar Aliyev Center
- Excursion to reserve of Gobustan, Fire Worshipers' Temple «Ateshgah» and museum «Gala»
- Entrance tickets to the museums as per the tour program
- Bottle of water per person daily

Based on below hotels or similar  
Baku (3\*): Diplomat or Aksent or Auroom  
Baku (4\*): Midtown Hotel  
Baku (5\*): Theatrum Hotel or Promenade Hotel



### Exclusions:

- Alcoholic drinks
- Meals (Lunches and Dinners)
- Medical Insurance
- Personal expenses and expenses not mentioned
- E-visa to Azerbaijan

**Blackout period: Chinese New Year, Christmas, New Year**

\*Terms and conditions apply



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**Day 01** Arrival in Baku. Greeting guests at the airport, transfer and accommodation at the hotel. Leisure time and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 02** Breakfast at the hotel. Visiting 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, 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. 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. 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. Return to the hotel and leisure time

**Day 03** Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for an excursion to the historical and archaeological reserve of Gobustan. The archaeological reserve of Gobustan, an open-air museum located in the south-east of the Great Caucasus. Gobustan petroglyphs dating back to 5,000-20,000 years, perfectly preserved rock carvings, are a kind of artistic archive of human evolution on planet Earth. They reflect the history of this region for almost 15 thousand years – from the end of the Upper Paleolithic era to the Middle Ages. 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. Next point of the tour is the area of Mud volcanoes, a rare natural phenomenon that appeared in Azerbaijan 25 million years ago. Azerbaijan has nearly 400 mud volcanoes on its territory. They occur where tectonic movement allows subterranean gasses to escape to the surface. A few of these gas leaks are constantly on fire, shooting small perpetual flames into the air, however, mud volcanoes never grow to the size of a normal volcano.

Excursion to the Temple of Fire Worshipers «Ateshgah». The tour goes on with the ancient legacy of Zoroastrianism. Located 30 km away from Baku, there is one of the most mysterious sights of Azerbaijan – Ateshgah, The Temple of Fire Worshippers. Part caravanserai, part fire temple, it stands on the site of a natural-gas burning from the earth crust. It is called «the eternal fire». In ancient time Ateshgah was a sacred place to Zoroastrians. Though the temple's current incarnation was built by 18th century Indian Shiva devotees. Excursion to the ethnographic reserve «Gala». Tour to the ethnographic museum «Gala», located on the Absheron peninsula. An ethnographic open-air museum «Gala» is about 40-minutes' drive from Baku, created on the site of archaeological excavations. In the village, which is about five thousand years old, there are a number of neighborhoods that have survived to this day. During the tour, guests will get acquainted with the ancient dwellings, with the life of the past, traditions and methods of farming. However, the most important thing is not just an excursion and introduction to the museum exhibits, but the opportunity of immersion into real ancient life. At the museum area, guests can bake real bread in «tendir», try themselves in clay pottering and carpet weaving. Return to the hotel and leisure time.

**Day 04** Breakfast at the hotel. After the check-out from the hotel, the group will have a convenient transfer to the Heydar Aliyev international airport. Depending on the time of departure, there is a chance to visit the colorful Eastern Bazaar called «Yashil Bazar» or «Green Bazaar». The guests may buy some dried fruits, traditional Azerbaijani tea, nuts and sweets. Transfer to the Baku International Airport for departure back to your hometown. END OF SERVICE.

