



Explore the Secrets of Ancient Crafts of Azerbaijan on Private Basis – 6N/7D

Visit: Baku (4N) | Sheki (1N) | Rural House in the Village of Lagich (1N)

Sightseeing: Baku sightseeing tour, visit the villages of Baskal and Lagich, Sheki sightseeing tour, Absheron tour, ethnographic museum Gala



Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Baku, check-in at the hotel

Welcome to Baku! Upon arrival at the Airport, transfer to hotel. Check-in at the hotel (from 14:00) Free day
Overnight in Baku



Day 2: Baku sightseeing tour, visiting the “Old City” and the Carpet Factory

After breakfast, The tour starts 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 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. 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)

A trip to the Azer-Ilme carpet factory. Next, guests will have a trip to the Azer-Ilme factory - where modern national carpets are made. Azerbaijani carpets, the high quality and fame allows them to spread widely throughout the world, and to be in great demand today. The factory at the modern technological level contributes to the further development of the traditional art of carpet weaving in Azerbaijan, which has made an invaluable cultural and material contribution to the treasury of world civilization. Here you can see the whole process of their creation - from beginning to end. In the dye shop, it will be shown how the threads are dyed with natural colorants, then carpets are woven from these threads in the weaving shop. Then they are washed, dried and ironed. Here you can get familiarized with the work of restorers, carefully restoring old samples of national carpet art.

The Azer-Ilme Gallery presents the best examples of unique Azerbaijani carpets and rugs. Besides it, the factory owns a shop where everyone can buy their favorite carpets, as well as women's silk scarves. Next, there is a trip to the national restaurant, where the guests will taste the national dishes, as well as will have the opportunity to see the process of tandoor cooking (a special kind of bread) in a special oven of the same name.

Free time. Overnight in Baku.

Day 3: Drive to Ismayilli region and visit the villages of Baskal and Lagich (180 km, 2 hours' drive from Baku)

Breakfast. Departure from the hotel.

A trip to the village of Baskal. We begin our journey to the Ismayilli region, where you will learn about the unique Kelagai manufacturing process. Azerbaijani "Kelagai" is a traditional women's silk scarf. It determined the age and social status of the woman: the older the woman, the darker were the colors of her scarf — mostly black or blue, whilst young women wore light-colored scarves — white, beige, light blue, etc. "Kelagai" was tied in various ways depending on the region. The process of hot dyeing silk - "batik" - is very complex and is performed in several stages. You will enjoy the work of the masters, as well as will be able to try yourself as a kelagai master.

Moving to the village Lagich which is a historical and Architectural Reserve Lagich

Lagich is a unique monument of Persian urban planning and an architectural object of the Middle Ages. It is a medieval city with cobbled streets and squares, a well-developed water supply and sewerage system. The village is inhabited by tanners, engravers, potters, blacksmiths, wood and metal carvers, passing their knowledge from generation to generation. During the tour you will also see an ancient bridge connecting two villages, a 16th century





stone water supply and samples of dwellings from the 19th century with frescoes; we will also visit the local history museum, where ancient carpets and brass items are stored.

Immediately upon arrival in Lagich, you will enjoy a meal at a local restaurant and get acquainted with the peculiarities of local cuisine (for extra charge).

Next, you will be organized a walk through the village, you will visit the workshops of blacksmiths, engravers, potters and other artisans. You can also buy a product you like or order a thing that will be made on the spot.

Dinner and overnight in the local house, where you can experience the very essence of the Caucasian family and live the life of the villagers. Overnight in Rural House in the Village of Lagich

Day 4: Departure to Sheki, a sightseeing tour of the city, overnight in Sheki (150 km, 2 hours on the road) (B)

Today after breakfast proceed to Sheki. Sheki is one of the most famous and ancient places in Azerbaijan. Located at 700 meters above sea level, the city is surrounded by mountains and oak forests shaped as amphitheater. For a long time this ancient city was considered the center of sericulture and was an important node on the Silk Road. We will begin our tour with a visit to the 18th century Summer Khan's Palace, famous for its amazing frescoes and outstanding glass works. Next, we will visit the Shebeke workshop (hand-made murals), the workshop for the production of the famous Sheki pakhlava and the weaving workshop, where the unique local "Tekulduz" technique will be displayed. Walking along the streets, we will also attend various craft workshops. Overnight in Sheki



Day 5: Transfer to Baku(B)

After breakfast, transfer to Baku. Arrive Baku day free for leisure or explore the town on your own. Overnight in Baku



Day 6: Absheron tour, ethnographic museum Gala, farewell dinner at a restaurant

Today after breakfast, excursion to the village of Gala. Gala - Museum-Reserve of Absheron Peninsula History

Ethnographic open-air museum "Gala" is located about 40 minutes from Baku and is a museum that was created on the site of archaeological excavations. In the village, which is about five thousand years old, there is a number of neighborhoods





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that have survived to this day. During the tour, guests will get acquainted with the ancient dwellings, with the life of the past time, traditions, methods of farming.

Tour participants will be told about the way of life of people who lived here many centuries ago, and show the real objects of that time. However, the most important thing is not introduction to the museum exhibits, but the opportunity of immersion into the ancient life. In this museum, guests can bake real bread or try themselves clay sculpturing.

Farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant

Return to the hotel

Overnight stay at Baku

Day 7: Departure (B)

Today you will say goodbye to this incredible country as you are transferred to the airport for your outbound flight!

INCLUSIONS:

- 04 nights' accommodation in Baku with breakfast
- 01 nights' accommodation in Sheki with breakfast
- 01 nights' accommodation in Rural House in the Village of Lagich with breakfast
- Baku sightseeing tour
- visit the villages of Baskal and Lagich
- Sheki sightseeing tour
- Absheron tour, ethnographic museum Gala
- Services of an English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to museums
- All tours and transfers on private basis

EXCUSIONS:

- International airfare with taxes
- Internal train tickets
- Airport/Train station/Hotel/Pick-up Point transfers
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LOCATION/CATEGORY	STANDARD
Baku	Diplomat or Azcot or Qafqaz Park
Sheki	Sheki Saray hotel
Lagich	village of Lagich is provided by the villagers in the guest house at the time of booking

PRICE IN USD PER PERSON, EXCL GST 5%

NUMBER OF PASSENGER	STANDARD
02 Pax	966
02 Pax	660
06 Pax	564
08 Pax	493
10 Pax	451
12 Pax	423
14 Pax	403

PACKAGE PRICE VALIDITY: 01st MAR'19 – 31th DEC'19, BARRING PEAK AND BLOCK OUT PERIODS

***Blackout dates:**

- Holiday Novruz 03.19.2019 - 05.04.2019
- Grand Prix Formula 1 22.04.2019 - 28.04.2019
- Final of the Europe League 26.05.2019 - 01.06.2019
- Ramazan Bayram 01.06.2019 - 09.06.2019
- European Youth Summer Olympic Festival 19.07.2019 - 29.07.2019
- Kurban Bayram 10.08.2019 - 14.08.2019
- New Year 30.12.2019 - 01.03.2020



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- We highly recommend to opt for accommodation suggested by us as per the price points.
- Precise information with regard to date of travel, duration, number of tour participants, accommodation category and sightseeing helps to get appropriate quotation in quickest time.



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