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ADVENTURES

TRAVELING REIMAGINED

IRAN & AZERBAIJAN

Home of Persian Empire & the Land of Fire

Oct.22 – Nov.3



IRAN

If you're drawn to places where echoes of ancient civilizations resonate down through the ages, Iran could be your thing. Some of history's biggest names – Cyrus and Darius, Alexander the Great, Tamerlane and Genghis Khan – all left their mark here and the cities they conquered or over which they ruled are among the finest in a region rich with such storied ruins. Walking around the awesome power and beauty of Persepolis, experiencing the remote power of Susa (Shush), and taking in the wonderfully immense Elamite ziggurat at Choqa Zanbil will carry you all the way back to the glory days of Ancient Persia.

AZERBAIJAN

Billing itself as the 'Land of Fire', Azerbaijan is a tangle of contradictions and contrasts. Neither Europe nor Asia, it's a nexus of ancient historical empires, but also a 'new' nation which has undergone an extraordinary transformation from the war-ravaged post-Soviet 1990s to an oil-enriched host of Formula 1 and Europa League football.

The cosmopolitan capital, Baku, rings a UNESCO-listed ancient core with dazzling 21st-century architecture and sits on a balmy bay of the Caspian Sea. In the surrounding semi-desert are mud volcanoes and curious fire phenomena. Yet barely three hours' drive away, timeless rural villages lie amid lush orchards backed by the soaring Great Caucasus Mountains.

Make most of 2022 while 13-day adventure to Iran and Azerbaijan.

Iran	Oct.22 – Oct.28
Azerbaijan	Oct.28 – Nov.3

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TOUR FACTS

- Duration: **12 days/12nights**
Starts and ends in: **Shiraz (Iran), Baku (Azerbaijan)**
Service Level: **Standard+**
Travel Style: **Classic**
Physical Grading: **Average**
Accommodation: **Comfortable tourist-class**
Tourism type(s): **International, Adventure, Cultural, Culinary, Rural, Historical, Archeological, Responsible, Focus on Women**
Iran part/Azerbaijan part: **Oct.22 - Oct.28 / Oct.28 - Nov.3**

WEATHER

October is a pleasant autumn month in Iran and Azerbaijan. The average temperature ranging between min 12.1°C (53.8°F) and max 20.7°C (69.3°F) with the average high-temperature drops, from a moderately hot 27.8°C (82°F) to a pleasant 20.7°C (69.3°F). The average humidity is 32%.





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ITINERARY MAP



Arrival

Persepolis, Shiraz

Shiraz to Yazd

Yazd

Yazd to Isfahan

Isfahan to Tehran

Tehran, Tehran to Baku



Baku

Baku to Gobustan to Baku

Baku to Gabala

Gabala to Sheki

Sheki to Baku

Departure



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ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS

	Austria	Belgium	Brazil	Canada	Italy	Japan	Mexico	Peru	Spain	Sweden	Qatar	Singapore	South Korea	South Africa	UAE	UK	USA
Iran	VA	VA	VA	V	VA	VA	VA	VA	VA	VA	VA	VA	VA	VA	VA	V	V
Azerbaijan	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

VA - visa on arrival | V - visa sticker (must be obtained in advance) | E - e-Visa (electronic visa)

IRAN

The invitation letter of Islamic Republic of Iran is being issued within 10-14 days. The cost of Visa fee on arrival is EUR75.

The invitation letter of Islamic Republic of Iran for citizens of the United States, Canada is being issued within 45 days. The passport must be sent to the Consulate of the Republic of Pakistan in Washington DC, Iran Interest Section. The cost of the Visa fee is USD\$100.

AZERBAIJAN

The electronic ASAN visa is being issued during three working days from the date of submission. The cost of e-visa is USD\$40.





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DRESS CODE IN IRAN

Dress Code for Women

The Iranian attitude to dress code is more casual than you might expect, but there are definitely rules you need to follow. The key one for the Western visitor, is the headscarf. These need to be worn at all times, so can become a bit of a hassle, having to put one on just to nip down to the reception area of your hotel for example, but we find people get used to wearing them pretty quickly. They must cover your neck as well as your head, so a bandana is not acceptable. You can have a little of your hair showing with no problems - you'll see many locals with headscarves perched far back and held in place with a pair of sunglasses on the head, so it doesn't need to be right up to your forehead unless in a shrine or a mosque. We recommend fastening your headscarf with hairgrips to prevent having to constantly rearrange it - watch our video on how to do this below:

What about Legs and Body?

According to the dress code in Iran for tourists, you are supposed to hide your body shape, so you should wear trousers - either jeans, or if visiting in summer, something loose and cotton is best. Your top should be fairly baggy and fall to about mid-thigh. A summer dress over jeans and t shirt is a good option. Bare forearms are fine but you should definitely cover your shoulders.

Summary

Hair: Should be covered at all times

Legs: Should be covered down to the ankle (don't worry if your trousers ride up slightly but they shouldn't go much above the ankles!)

Arms: Forearms can be uncovered but cover the shoulders and tops of arms

Feet: These can be uncovered but avoid toenail varnish

Dress Code for Men

There are fewer rules for men, but you should avoid shorts - wear jeans or trousers. T shirts are fine, but you should avoid sleeveless vests and stick to t shirts or shirts. Iranian men dress smartly, more often than not in shirts.





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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1

Oct.22

Saturday **ISTANBUL TO SHIRAZ**

TURKIYE HAVA YOLLARI (Turkish Airlines)

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DAY 2

Oct.23

Sunday **SHIRAZ, PERSEPOLIS**

Arrival.

Transfer to hotel. Rest.

Breakfast at hotel.

Shiraz city tour:

Nasir-al Molk Mosque (Pink Mosque)

Zinat-al Molk House and its Museum

Naranjestan Garden (Qavam house)

Madrasah Khan

Ali Ibn-e Hamzeh holy shrine

Antient Iran tour:

Persepolis Complex (UNESCO Heritage Site)

Naqsh-e Rostam (Necropolis)

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.

Overnight at hotel.



Nasir-al Molk Mosque (Pink Mosque), Shiraz



Antient Persia (Persepolis)



DAY3

Oct.24

Monday SHIRAZ TO VAZD

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive from Shiraz to Yazd (440km/270mi, 5hr)

Pasargad (Tomb of Cyrus the Great) (UNESCO Heritage Site)

Free time in Yazd.

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.

Overnight at hotel.



Pasargad (Tomb of Cyrus the Great)

DAY4

Oct.25

Tuesday VAZD

Breakfast at hotel.

Yazd city tour:

Tower of Silence

Amir Chakhmaq Square

Friday Mosque

Dowlat Abad Garden

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.

Overnight at hotel.



Tower of Silence



Amir Chakhmaq Square

DAY5

Oct.26

Wednesday VAZD TO ISFAHAN

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive from Yazd to Isfahan (320km/200mi, 4hr)

Isfahan city tour:

Imam Square, Shah Mosque, Sheikh Loffollah Mosque (Ladies Mosque)

Ali Qapu Palace, Qeisarieh Bazaar, Chehel Sorun Palace

Vank Cathedral (Armenian church)

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.

Overnight at hotel.



Imam Square, Isfahan

DAY6

Oct.27

Thursday ISFAHAN TO TEHRAN

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive from Isfahan to Tehran (440km/270mi, 5hr)

Free time in Tehran.

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.

Overnight at hotel.



Azadi Tower, Tehran



DAY7

Oct.28

Friday **TEHRAN / TEHRAN TO BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)**

Breakfast at hotel.

Tehran city tour:

Golestan Palace (A UNESCO World Heritage)

Tehran Bazaar

National Museum of Iran

Carpet Museum of Iran

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.



Golestan Palace, Tehran



Tehran Grand Bazaar

TEHRAN TO BAKU (AZERBAIJAN)

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Transfer to hotel in Baku.

Overnight at hotel in Baku.



DAY8

Oct.29

Saturday **BAKU**

Breakfast at hotel.

Baku city tour: Icheri Sheher (Inner town of old city of Baku)

Maiden Tower

Shirvanshah Palace, Small Venice, Sea Boulevard

Nizami street

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.

Overnight at hotel in Baku.



Old town of Baku



Maiden Tower



Caspian Sea Bay, Baku (TV tower, Flame Towers, Hilton hotel, House of Parliament)



DAY9

Oct.30

Sunday BAKU TO GOBUSTAN TO BAKU

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive from Baku to Gobustan (60km/37mi, 1hr)

Gobustan petroglyphs sight, mud volcano.

Drive from Gobustan to Baku (60km/37mi, 1hr)

Sightseeing tour: Yanardag (burning mountain), Ateshgah (Zoroastrian temple), Baku Green Bazaar.

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.

Overnight at hotel in Baku.



Gobustan Petroglyph Archeological Sight



Ateshgah Zoroastrian Temple

DAY10

Oct.31

Monday BAKU TO GABALA VIA SHAMAKHI

Breakfast at hotel.

Drive to Gabala (210km/130mi, 3hr20)

En-route sightseeing tour: Diri Baba Mausoleum, Shamakhi Friday Mosque

Free time in Gabala near Nohur lake.

Lunch and dinner at restaurants.



Nohur lake, Gabala



DAY11 Tuesday GABALA TO SHEKI

Nov.1

Breakfast at hotel.
Drive from Gabala to Sheki (90km/55mi, 1hr30)
Sheki city tour:
Sheki Khan Saray (Summer residence of Sheki Khan)
Sheki Caravanserai
Kish monastery
Lunch at a restaurant.
Dinner at a local house with culinary master class.
Overnight at hotel in Sheki.



Sheki Khan Saray

DAY12 Wednesday SHEKI TO BAKU

Nov.2

Breakfast at hotel.
Drive from Sheki to Baku (365km/225mi, 4h20)
Free time in Baku.
Lunch and dinner at restaurants.



Sheki Caravanserai



Sheki Old town street



DAY13
Nov.3

Thursday **BAKU, DEPARTURES**

Breakfast at hotel.
Transfer to airport for return flight.
Kiss and cry.
End of the tour and our services.



Heydar Aliyev Airport, Baku (5* by Skytrax)

TURKIYE HAVA YOLLARI (Turkish Airlines)
TK333/03NOV GVD IST 1345 1600 (3hr15)
Home, sweet home!



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

- 1) Home town – Istanbul
- 2) Istanbul – Shiraz
- 3) Tehran – Baku
- 4) Baku – Istanbul
- 5) Istanbul – Home town

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ACCOMMODATION

Shiraz SHIRAZIS HOTEL 4* or similar 2 nights



Vazd Moshir Garden Boutique 4* or similar 2 nights



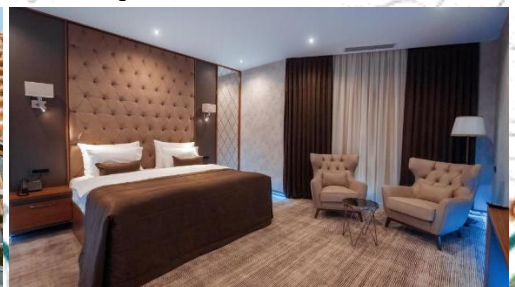
Isfahan SAFIR HOTEL 4* or similar 2 nights



Tehran PARSIAN ENGHELAB HOTEL 4* or similar 1 night



Baku Midtown Baku 4* or similar 3 nights



Gabala 4* or similar 1 night



Sheki MARXAL RESORT & SPA 5* or similar 1 night

BEST IN SHEKI



Baku FOUR SEASONS BAKU 5* or similar 1 night **BEST IN AZERBAIJAN**



Dear Guest,

Welcome aboard of once in a lifetime travel adventure, yet again with Uzbekistan Adventures!

Every other year as part of our ongoing series of Educational FAM Trips, Uzbekistan Adventures is offering travel professionals the opportunity to visit our region.

2022 is the year when by your requests, we have selected Iran and Azerbaijan. The 13-day journey includes 7-day journey in ancient Persia (Iran) and 7-day journey in ancient Caucasian Albania (Azerbaijan). Please fasten your seatbelts, we are taking-off!

Vladimir KIM

President & CEO / Uzbekistan Adventures



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COST, INCLUSIONS, EXCLUSIONS, ACCOMMODATION

COST

	TOUR COST (DBL/TWN)	SGL SUPPLEMENT
IRAN	USD \$1,420.00 per traveler	\$280.00
AZERBAIJAN	USD \$1,070.00 per traveler	\$290.00

INCLUDES

- Accommodation 4*/5*
- Full board meals
- Spirit beverages (some dinners)
- Transfers according to the itinerary (A/C tourist class vehicles)
- English-speaking licensed and certified guide services
- Entrance fees (mentioned sights and museums)
- Daily bottled water
- Uzbekistan Adventures complimentary tour leader services

EXCLUDES

- International return flight
- International flight from Tehran to Baku (USD \$120.00)
- Consulate VISA fee (visa sticker fee for US/UK/Canadian nationals - USD\$100.00)
- VISA sticker fee (visa on arrival - EUR€75.00)
- Azerbaijan e-Visa USD\$40.00
- Gratuities to guide and driver (usually recommended: USD\$7-10 p/p, p/day to a guide, USD\$5-7 p/p, p/day to a driver)

