

**ITINERARY FOR THE
TURKIC COUNCIL MODERN SILK
ROAD JOINT TOUR PACKAGE
COUNTRY TOUR**

AZERBAIJAN

Day 1:

On arrival in Ganja airport we will meet our guide and depart for our hotel in Ganja. After resting we depart at midday to drive to the city of Naftalan to explore the Naftalan oil baths, stopping on the way to look at the Nizami Shrine. After lunch and a tour of the oil baths at a spa hotel in Naftalan, we visit the Imamzadeh Mosque before making our way back to Ganja for a city tour, visiting the Sheikh Bahauddin Complex (comprising a caravanserai, Shah Abbas mosque and medieval baths), the Shrine of the last Khan of Ganja “Javad Khans” and the museum of Mahsati Ganjavi. Dinner will be at the Ganja Entertainment Center, accompanied by national songs and dancing. After dinner we will transfer to our hotel.

Day 2:

After breakfast at the hotel in Ganja we depart for Sheki, where we will visit the Old Palace of the Sheki Khans. The palaces have been nominated for UNESCO World Heritage status. We will also visit the Sheki Caravanserai and see the Shebeke artisan workshop, where they make stained-glass windows. After lunch we visit a local silk production studio, where we will have the opportunity to see how the silk is made. Afterwards, we drive to the village of Kish (Kiş) to look at the first Albanian Church. After checking in to our hotel we will have a tour of Sheki and dinner at the Khan Chelebi

restaurant, accompanied by national songs and dancing before returning to our hotel.

Day 3:

After breakfast we depart for Qobustan, where we will have a tour of the petroglyphs (ancient rock engravings from the Upper Paleolithic period, 35000-34000 BC) in the Beyukdash and Kichikdash Mountains. Afterwards, we will drive to Baku to have lunch at Ciz-Biz restaurant in the Old City. After lunch we will take a walking tour of the Old City, including the Shirvanshah Palace, historic mosques and bathhouses, the Market Square, the caravanserais Multani and Bukhara and the Maiden Tower. We will then visit "Atashgah", the Temple of Eternal Fire and the Yanar Dag burning mountain and have dinner at the museum restaurant Shirvanshah, accompanied by live traditional music. The next morning after breakfast, we check out from our hotel and transfer to Baku's Heydar Aliyev International Airport for final departure.

INCLUDED:

- ✓ 4 star hotels accommodation on full board basis in double room (single room will be charged with single supplement)
- ✓ Transfers and sightseeing on modern and air-conditioned buses
- ✓ Professional local guides
- ✓ Meals and one soft drink in local restaurants
- ✓ Traditional music and dance performances

NOT INCLUDED:

- ✓ Visa fees
- ✓ Travel insurance fee

- ✓ Hotel extras such as mini bar, laundry, telephone calls and tips
- ✓ International airfares (arrival to Ganja and departure from Baku)
- ✓ Extra activities and services not-mentioned in the program
- ✓ All items not specifically stated in the itinerary