

ALMATY, TASHKENT AND BAKU
10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

DAYWISE ITINERARY

DAY 1 ALMATY – ARRIVAL + KOK TOBE TOUR

- ❖ Arrival in Almaty
- ❖ Transfer from airport to hotel/ Check-in to the hotel
- ❖ Breakfast at hotel
- ❖ Proceed towards the tour of Kok-Tobe. It is a mountain which is the highest point of Almaty, Kazakhstan's largest city. There is a popular recreation area on top of the mountain. The mountain's height is 1100 meters above sea level. Kok-tobe is one of the main landmarks in the city, and it is popular among visitors and tourists to Almaty.
- ❖ Drop to hotel
- ❖ Free time on own
- ❖ Overnight at hotel

DAY 2 ALMATY – CITY TOUR

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Almaty city tour with English speaking guide. You will know more about history and development of the southern capital of Kazakhstan and see its major attractions: Palace of President, Republic Square and Monument of Independence, Astana Square, Panfilov Park, Abai Square, Palace of Republic & Presidential Park.
- ❖ Continue Almaty city tour, Rakhat chocolate factory shop and local market Zilyoni Bazar. You can buy chocolates from Rakhat chocolate factory shop & dry fruits at cheap rates and some souvenirs from Zilyoni Bazar.
- ❖ Transfer to the hotel
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at your own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 3 ALMATY – MEADOWS & CHIMBULAK

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Transfer to excursion at. This tour provides you the best opportunity to see the beautiful mountain surroundings of Almaty city. The first stop of the tour awaits you in the Medeo Gorge, where in the wonderful mountains of Trans-Ili Ala-Tau the largest high mountain skating rink in the world is located as well as the huge dam, protecting the city from destructive mudflows formed on the tops of the western Tien Shan. Next destination is Chimbulak ski resort, located at an altitude of 2230 meters above sea level. It is very popular for its mild climate, large quantity of sunny days and snow through the winter and remarkable scenery of mountain ranges.
- ❖ Free time to Look Around!!!!
- ❖ Transfer to hotel
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at your own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 4 CHECK OUT & DEPART TO TASHKENT

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Check out from hotel
- ❖ Transfer to airport for flight to Tashkent
- ❖ Arrival in Tashkent
- ❖ Transfer to hotel
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at your own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 5 TASHKENT – SAMARKAND DAY TRIP

- ❖ Early breakfast
- ❖ Transfer to railway station for train to Samarkand
- ❖ Arrive in Samarkand & start city tour – **Registan Square, Lion's street, Gur Emir, Bibi Khanum mosque, Siob local bazaar**
- ❖ Transfer to railway station for train to Tashkent
- ❖ Transfer to hotel
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at your own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 6 TASHKENT – CHIRVAK & CHIMGAN TOUR

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Proceed to Charvak and Chimgan mountains about 125 Kms from Tashkent. Nicknamed Switzerland of Uzbekistan, this area is famous with Tashkent residents and guests as a recreational area. Chair lift takes you to the top of the mountain from where you enjoy breathtaking views, you must take some time for photo shooting. Explore Charvak artificial reservoir. You may try your hands on skiing, ice skating, snow bikes, horse riding, local kebabs with vodka at your own cost.
- ❖ Transfer to hotel
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at your own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 7 TASHKENT – CITY TOUR

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Proceed for Tashkent city tour. You will visit People's friendship square, Parliament building, newly built Minor mosque, Alisher Navoi National park, Independence Square, Tashkent Central Park & Shastri memorial complex.
- ❖ Transfer to hotel
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at your own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 8 CHECKOUT & DEPART TO BAKU

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Check out from hotel
- ❖ Transfer to airport for flight to Baku

- ❖ Arrival in Baku
- ❖ Transfer to hotel
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at your own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 9 BAKU CITY TOUR

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Tour program starts with **Old City or Inner City** is the historical core of Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. The Old City is the most ancient part of Baku, which is surrounded by walls were well protected. In 2007, the Old City had a population of about 3000 people. In December 2000, the Old City of Baku, including the **Palace of the Shirvanshahs** and **Maiden Tower**, became the first location in Azerbaijan to be classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO (walking tour)
- ❖ Later experience the happening street **of Nizami Street** known for Shopping. The Street's history could be traced back to Baku's town-planning project of 1864. The street runs through the city's downtown from west to east. It begins from Abdulla Shaig Street, in mountainous part of the city and ends at railroad bed on SabitOrujov Street, near a monument to Shah Ismail Khatai in "Black City".
- ❖ Tour continues with the visit to the charming example of modern architecture - **The Heydar Aliyev Center**– a 57,500 m2 building complex in Baku, Azerbaijan designed by Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid and noted for its distinctive architecture and flowing, curved style that eschews sharp angles. The center is named after Heydar Aliyev, the first secretary of Soviet Azerbaijan from 1969 to 1982, and president of Azerbaijan Republic from October 1993 to October 2003. (Photo shoot outside)
- ❖ Transfer to hotel at 2230 hrs
- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at you own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 10 FLAME TOUR

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Tour starts with **Ateshgah** (Fire Worshippers Temple). Based on Persian and Indian inscriptions, the temple was used as a Hindu and Zoroastrian place of worship. "Atash" is the Persian word for fire. The pentagonal complex, which has a courtyard surrounded by cells for monks and a tetra pillar-altar in the middle, was built during the 17th and 18th centuries. It was abandoned in the late 19th century, probably due to the dwindling of the Indian population in the area. The natural "eternal flame" went out in 1969, after nearly a century of exploitation of petroleum and gas in the area, but is now lit by gas piped from the nearby city.
- ❖ Trip to "Fire Mountain "-**Yanardag** -a mountain on Abs heron peninsula, 25 km from north of Baku. Literally, word "Yanardag" means "Blazing Mountain". Blazing bodies of flame dance on stones and floor. Yanar dag is a natural gas fire which blazes continuously on a hillside on the Absheron Peninsula on the Caspian Sea near Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, which itself is known as the "land of fire."
- ❖ Tour continues with a visit to **Bibi-Heybat** Mosque which is a historical mosque in Baku, Azerbaijan. The existing structure, built in the 1990s, is a recreation of the mosque with the same name built in the 13th century by ShirvanshahFarrukhzad II Ibn Ahsitan II, which was completely destroyed by the Bolsheviks in 1936. The Bibi-Heybat Mosque includes the tomb of UkeymaKhanum (a descendant of The Islamic Prophet

Muhammad), and today is the spiritual center for the Muslims of the region and one of the major monuments of Islamic architecture in Azerbaijan.

- ❖ Free time – can explore night activities at you own
- ❖ Overnight in hotel

DAY 11 CHECKOUT & DEPART TO DELHI

- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Check out from hotel
- ❖ Transfer to airport for flight to Delhi