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25-31 JANUARY 2019

## 25 JANUARY – WELCOME TO ALMATY | KOKTOBE TOUR

<b>16:40 Hrs</b> <b>Ex. Delhi KC 908</b>	<b>WELCOME TO ALMATY!</b> After clearing custom & immigration procedures followed by baggage collection, you will be met by our English-speaking office staff in the arrivals hall.
<b>17:50 Hrs</b>	Our team will escort the group to their vehicle. Proceed to hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel group will check-in to their respective rooms.
<b>18:30 Hrs</b>	<b>VISIT TO KOK TOBE HILL</b> KokTobe is the highest point in the city of Almaty standing on an 1100 m hill at the south-east edge of the city. It is worth a visit to KokTobe because of its panoramic view of the city from all directions. To reach the KokTobe hill, one should take a cable car ride which starts near Hotel Kazakhstan and goes over some of the oldest parts of Almaty and the magnificent fruit growing gardens. Once you reach the KokTobe hill, you would see the famous 372 m high TV Tower which is visible from far and offers great views of the mountains and the city plus many attractions at the top including many restaurants serving cuisines from across the globe.
<b>21:30 Hrs</b>	<b>DINNER (Direct Payment)</b> Please refer to the enclosed list of recommended restaurants. We have selected some of the finest restaurants in Baku where you can enjoy great food & ambience. Your guide will assist in you reserving the table in advance.  Overnight at Almaty

## 26 JANUARY – VISIT TO SHYMBULAK & ALMATY CITY TOUR

<b>07:00 – 10:00 Hrs</b>	Breakfast at the hotel.
<b>11:00 Hrs</b>	<b>VISIT TO SHYMBULAK SKI RESORT</b> Proceed on an excursion to the beautiful mountain resort of Shymbulak Ski resort including Gondola tickets to level 3 and services of our English speaking guide.  “Shymbulak Ski Resort” is located in the beautiful Zailiyskiy Alatau mountain at 2260 m above sea level. It is 25 Km from the city centre of Almaty city and has an average temperature of +25C in the summer & -7C in the winter months. The average snowfall is around 1.5M. It is usually very sunny as the average number of sunny days a year can reach 90%. Ski season is normally begins in December and can run into April.  The ski slopes are served by Gondola cars from “Medeu” to the base of Shymbulak, 2260 m above sea level. This Gondola is the world’s third-longest Gondola with a length of 4.5 KM. The Gondola has 114 comfortable cabins for all guests of the resort and has the capacity of 2,000 people per hour. The Ski resort has six lifts that service the mountains. Two combination lifts (Combi1& Combi2) that have both quad-chairs and 8 passenger cabins, two quad-chair lifts. The lift system will take you to Talgar pass where you are 3180 m above sea level. A vertical rise of 920 m. The majestic mountain view with snowy slopes and evergreen Tien Shan are spectacular and must be seen.  Located in the resort is a hotel, restaurants, café and coffee shop with a variety of cuisine to suit all taste.  Time at leisure.

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<b>16:00 Hrs</b>	<p><b>ALMATY CITY TOUR</b> Sightseeing tour starts in the central part of Almaty. You will know more about history and development if the southern capital of Kazakhstan and see its major attractions: Palace of President, Republic Square &amp; monument of independence, Astana Square, Abai Square &amp; Republic palace. The tour will continue in one of the oldest Almaty parks – Panfilov park, where you will see of the unique wooden buildings in the world – Zenkov cathedral and also visit the memorial of Glory &amp; eternal flame, dedicated to the memory of the fighters who died for freedom &amp; independence of the country.</p>
<b>20:00 Hrs</b>	<p><b>DINNER (Direct Payment)</b> Please refer to the enclosed list of recommended restaurants. We have selected some of the finest restaurants in Baku where you can enjoy great food &amp; ambience. Your guide will assist in you reserving the table in advance.</p> <p>Overnight at Almaty</p>

## 27 JANUARY – GOOD BYE ALMATY | WELCOME TO BAKU

<b>06:00 – 09:00 Hrs</b>	<p><b>GOOD BYE ALMATY!</b> Breakfast at the hotel (Almaty). After breakfast your driver &amp; vehicle will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Baku</p>
<b>12:15 Hrs</b>	<p><b>WELCOME TO BAKU!</b> You will be greeted by our team at the arrival hall. Transfer To hotel. Check-in to your rooms for relaxation.</p>
<b>14.30 Hrs</b>	<p><b>LUNCH (Direct payment)</b> Please refer to the enclosed list of recommended restaurants. We have selected some of the finest restaurants in Baku where you can enjoy great food &amp; ambience. Your guide will assist in you reserving the table in advance.</p>
<b>18:00 Hrs</b>	<p><b>EVENING TOUR OF ICHERI SHEHER (OLD CITY)</b> A city within the city. Icheri Sheher is the oldest residential area in Baku. It was declared a historical and cultural reserve in 1977, and was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2000. By visiting Old City you may observe both how people live today and lived centuries ago in this area. The history of Old City goes to Bronze age. Mosques, Hamams, Karvansarays, Divans, Palaces and of course symbol of Baku - Maiden Tower will welcome you during your trip here.</p>
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<b>21:30 Hrs</b>	<p><b>NIZAMI STREET: A place full of enjoyment</b> One of the hottest points of Baku is Nizami street, which hosts myriad of shops of worldwide brands, restaurants, cafes and coffee shops. The name comes from the huge number of shopping and entertainment facilities that are located here.</p>

Besides the shopping and entertainment facilities, Nizami street is famous for its buildings. The buildings located here are small and demonstrate architecture of 19th century. Another remarkable feature of the street is its lights. Nizami Street looks much brighter at night rather than in the daytime. Lots of lights are constructed on the buildings, which makes the building look even more beautiful at night. What's more, chandeliers that connect the buildings create a spectacular view of the city lights.

Nizami Street is famous for its restaurants as well. Here you can find traditional, Asian and European cuisine, as well as many famous brands such as Hard Rock Baku, Mc Donald's, KFC, Entrée and so on. Popular coffee shops like Starbucks, Gloria Jeans, Coffee Shop Company are also located here. Additionally, most of the pubs in Baku is located in either Nizami Street (Targoviy) or just a few minutes far from it.

23:00 Hrs

#### INFINITY NIGHT CLUB

Dance the night away at one of the most happening night clubs in Baku. Your VIP access passes are included in your travel kit and remember "What happens in Baku, stays in Baku" 😊

Return to the hotel on your own arrangement.

## 28 JANUARY – BAKU CITY TOUR | SHOPPING

07:00 – 10:00 Hrs

Breakfast at the hotel.

11:00 Hrs

Our experienced and friendly guide will pick you up at your hotel. Get an early start to take in Azerbaijan's capital, Baku. Begin touring with a visit to the beautiful **Bibi-Heybat Mosque**, originally constructed in the 13th century in honour of the sister of Imam Ali. Today, it sits near one of Azerbaijan's first oil fields, which grew during the first oil boom in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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#### HAYDAR ALIYEV CENTRE

Proceed on a Photo stop tour of Haydar Aliyev centre & mini Azerbaijan Museum. Excursion to HAC is a 57500 sq.mt. Building complex in Baku, designed by Iraqi-British Architect Zaha Hadid. The building is noted for its distinct architecture & flowing, curved style that eschews sharp angles. An internationally recognised architectural work, the building of HAC has become a signature landmark.

17.30 Hrs

#### SHOPPING AT GENJLIK!

With its grand central atrium and equally impressive external facades, Azerbaijan's largest shopping mall seamlessly blends form with function to deliver a premier shopping experience in a building that can be described as nothing less than a trophy property. Gross Internal Area 120,000 SM.

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## 29 JANUARY – ABSHERON TOUR & NIGHT TOUR

07:00 – 10:30 Hrs	Breakfast at the hotel.
11:00 Hrs	<p><b>ABSHERON PENINSULA TOUR</b></p> <p>Absheron Peninsula tour includes a combination of the two most interesting places not far from Baku such as Ateshgah Fire Temple &amp; Yanardag. Our guide will help you not to get lost in the maze of the history of the Absheron Peninsula.</p> <p>Your tour starts at your hotel, and your first stop will be <b>Ateshgah (Fire Temple)</b>, which located in the Suraxani village, 30 km away from Baku. It is situated on a rock where natural emergences of gas on the surface have been burning for thousands of years. Here you will learn more about one of the most remarkable Zoroastrian temples which was actually built by 18th century Indian Shiva devotees.</p> <p>Your excursion continues on the other most famous and popular tourist places of the “eternal flame” in Azerbaijan is the <b>Yanar Dag Burning Mountain</b>, which is located near Mahammadli village, 25 km from downtown. In the 13th century, Marco Polo mentioned many natural gas flames burning spontaneously from the territory of Abşeron Peninsula. One of such places Yanardag (burning mountain from azerb) still exists. Natural gas burning on its slope from ancient times. Meter long tongues of fire are licking the stratified earth approximately for 10 m in width, searing those who approached too close. People occupy the benches to watch the blazing hill in the evening, when its sight is most effective. Here you will have a chance to discover why Azerbaijan nickname is “Land of Fire”.</p>
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Later	Return to the hotel for relaxation & free time.
19:00 Hrs	<p><b>BAKU NIGHT TOUR</b></p> <p>Experience the best of Baku in a three hour Night Baku tour that covers the top attractions in the city of Wind. You will see famous squares and monuments from the comfort of your air-conditioned vehicle with commentary of a professional local guide. At <b>Highland Park</b> your sightseeing tour across the Baku will start. Take a fresh breeze of the Caspian Sea and take incredible panoramic views of illuminated Baku and admire the miraculous architectural mix of east and west contrasts. After Highland Park you will proceed to the <b>National Flag Square</b>, where you will be able to enjoy fluttering one of the highest flags of the world which is Azerbaijani flag. The height of the constructed pillar is 162 meters. After visiting Flag square you will pass along the <b>Baku Boulevard</b> you will see <i>Mugam Center, Little Venice, Carpet Museum, iconic Maiden Tower</i> and other miracles which are located on Neftçiler prospect with regular stops along the way for photo-ops. You will leap back to modern time by visiting one of the most stunning architectural miracles of Baku <i>Heydar Aliyev center</i>. The building was completed in 2012 and it worth every effort. After visiting Heydar Aliyev center you will pass through city center toward Baku Boulevard and cruise past the beautiful <i>Baku Filarmonic Hall, Ismailiye Building, Gubernator garden</i> and much more.</p> <p>Near Boulevard your walking tour will start. You will stroll along Baku Boulevard and taking in views of the Caspian Sea. As you stroll through the illuminated Baku Boulevard,</p>

your guide will share a local's perspective on daily life in Baku, will teach you about the city's past and present and point out the best spots point out favourite cafés, restaurants and galleries that many visitors miss.

Discover the magic of Baku at night from your comfortable coach with a leisurely evening walking tour. Stroll along the Boulevard, admire the Venice and experience the vibrant nocturnal energy of Baku.

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## 30 JANUARY– GOBUSTAN TOUR & SHOPPING TOUR

**07:00 – 10:00 Hrs**

Breakfast at the hotel.

**11:00 Hrs**

**TOUR OF GOBUSTAN**

Gobustan geographical region is situated in the west-south of Baku. The meaning of the word «Gobustan» is derived from two words «Gobu» – «ravine» and «stan»- «place», i.e. ravine area. The word «Gobu» is also of Turkic origin and means «a dried up river valley».

Gobustan State Reserve is very rich in archeological monuments, the reserve has more than 6,000 rock carvings, which depict primitive people, animals, battle-pieces, ritual dances, bullfights, boats with armed oarsmen, warriors with lances in their hands, camel caravans, pictures of sun and stars, on the average dating back to 5,000-20,000 years.

The tour will start off from Gobustan Museum where you will see ancient human bones, work tools used in back to thousand years ago during the Mesolithic period. Then, you will advance to the mountain in order to see real rock paintings in the open air museum.

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**31 JANUARY – GOOD BYE!**

<b>07:00 – 10:00 Hrs</b>	Breakfast at the hotel.
<b>10:00 Hrs</b>	<b>Check-out formalities.</b>
<b>10:15 Hrs</b>	<b>TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT</b> It's time to say good bye! Your driver& vehicle will transfer you to the airport for your flight.

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