

Top 10 Places to Visit in Baku | Azerbaijan

Situated on the _____, the Azerbaijani capital of Baku combines a _____ old town with an **ultra-modern skyline**, bringing together Persian, Turkic, Soviet and European influences. With the city's best _____, **ranging from scaling** 18th-century skyscrapers to exploring its very own little Venice, the Azerbaijani capital has something for _____.

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1. Icheri Sheher

Baku's Unesco-listed **fortified** old city was the **medieval** capital under the Shervanshahs. Today it's the capital's _____ and home to the **maiden** tower, traditional **carpet weavers** and **a plethora of** bars and restaurants.

2. Maiden Tower

Dating _____ the 12th century, this cylindrical tower has a _____ story. Historians believe that the Unesco-listed Maiden Tower served as a zoroastrian **temple** before becoming a _____ in the 18th century. Follow the **spiral staircase** to the top of the 29-meter structure for the best _____ of Icheri Sheher.

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3. Palace of the Shirvanshahs

The Palace of the Shirvanshahs, the _____ dynasty for 800 years, can be seen on the back of Azerbaijan's ten-manat banknote. The 15th century Unesco-listed complex served as a _____ residence for 200 years and has a palace, **mosque**, **burial vault** and a _____.

4. National Museum of History of Azerba

The largest museum in Baku, the national museum of history of Azerbaijan lies inside an Italian Renaissance style **mansion** and **boasts** more than _____ artifacts.

The museum's **exhibits span** ancient to modern history and ethnography with one of its most notable _____ being its extensive numismatic collection which includes ancient Greek coins.

5. Nizami Street

Named _____ the Azerbaijani poet Nizami Ganjavi, the 3.5 kilometer long street forms Baku's main shopping _____. As you **stroll** along its length, **pay close** _____ to the architecture which moves from baroque and neogothic to neo-renaissance facades and stalinist styles.

6. Government House

The **opulent** baroque style government house on Nephilim Avenue was built between 1936 and 1952 and is _____ to **numerous** government departments for visitors. The _____ attraction here is the building's architectural beauty, especially when it is **lit up** _____.

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7. Fountain Square

The **pedestrianized** fountain square, **formerly** _____ parapet, is a **bustling** public _____. Dozens of fountains fill the area which **stretches from** Nazami street to the eastern walls of Icheri Sheher.

8. Flame Towers

Baku's trio of _____, the Flame Towers, are the most **recognizable sight** on the city's **skyline**. At night their glass facades light up in the colors of _____, an effect created by ten thousand colored LED bulbs **perched majestically** above the Bay of Baku. Two of the towers are **occupied by** offices and _____ while the third, the Fairmont Baku, is open to non-guests who can enjoy a drink or meal at the _____.



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9. National Flag Square

It marks the western end of Baku Boulevard officially opening in 2007. The square is a _____ of national pride. The **giant** flag which measures 70 m times 35 m on a **flagpole** standing 162 meters tall was featured in the Guinness world records as the world's _____ flagpole. But Baku's efforts were

overtaken in 2011 by the 165 meters Dushanbe flagpole in Tajikistan.

10. Baku Boulevard

The almost 3.75-kilometers Baku Boulevard hugs the Caspian Sea. The **coastal promenade** is home to an _____ park, bars, cafes, a **cacti** _____, the Baku **ferris wheel** and mini-Venice. Beginning at national flag square and ending at freedom square, this **spot** has _____ views of the Flame Towers and is perfect for a relaxing stroll along the coast.

