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Azerbaijan and Georgia are two most well known small former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics countries, which the world seemed to have forgotten. A country on the banks of the Caspian Sea has invested its oil revenues into modern infrastructure in Baku while keeping the rest of the country pretty much stranded. Yet, it is those remote areas that are a real balm for a traveller's soul. More than a third of the world's mud volcanoes are along the Absheron Peninsula you will experience the mud volcano in the trip. The beauty of blending between Asia and Europe gives Azerbaijan and Georgia unique architecture, typically the Baku Flame Towers, the iconic eternal flame of Baku, picturesque spots of Tbilisi. May it be young or old, the magical land offers best of the travel experience for lifetime.

We shall be leaving Bangalore at 3.30 am on the day of travel and reach Baku via Sharjah at 10.50 am, with just two-hour layover in Sharjah. After the immigration formalities you will be received by our representative at Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. We shall be returning to Bangalore after 8 days from Tbilisi land of love at 2.50 am.

DAY 1: ARRIVAL & BAKU CITY TOUR: Report at Kempegowda International Airport Bangalore at 12.30 am the day of travel. Once we reach Baku after emigration formalities, we shall be proceeding to hotel for check in. Relax for some time and we shall be proceeding for the lunch at an Indian restaurant. In the evening we shall be going for the Baku city tour. Highland Park which is the highest point in the Azerbaijani capital, opening a panoramic view of the city and its bay. The city's residents and visitors often come here to see a bird's eye view of Baku, and just have a walk. The Upland Park can be reached by cable railway (funicular) in 7-8 minutes from the boulevard or by climbing up the endless stone stairs. Flame Towers it is the city's tallest skyscraper in Baku. The height of 182 m. Flame Towers - consisting of three high-rise buildings in the complex. We shall see the National Assembly it is transliterated as Milli Majlis after dinner relax in our hotel.



DAY 2: BAKU OLD CITY TOUR: After Breakfast in the hotel, we shall be proceeding for the heritage city visit. We shall visit fountain square - The name of the fountains square derives from the presence of dozens of fountains throughout the square first constructed during Soviet rule of Azerbaijan. The square is a public gathering place, especially after business hours and during the weekend. We proceed to 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. After lunch in an Indian restaurant, we shall visit the Old City or Inner City which is the historical core of Baku. Old City is the most ancient part of Baku, which is surrounded by walls were well protected. In December 2000, the Old City of Baku, including the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and Maiden Tower (OUTSIDE VIEW), became the first location in Azerbaijan to be classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. By evening we shall return to our hotel and get ready for Indian Dinner. Enjoy the evening and relax at the hotel to night or you can go to Night clubs.

DAY 3: ABSHERON +MUD VALCANO & GOBUSTAN: Have stupendous breakfast in the hotel. Tour starts with Ateshgah - Fire Temple Tour it was Fire Worshippers Temple. The most famous fire temple is the well-preserved temple Ateshgah ("the Fireplace") in Surakhany. The temple was built over a pocket of natural gas that fueled a vent providing an 'eternal' fire. Later we shall go to the FIRE MOUNTAIN literally, word "Yanardag" means "Blazing mountain". Blazing bodies of flame dance on stones and floor. Yanardag is a natural gas fire which blazes continuously on a hillside



on the Abs heron Peninsula on the Caspian Sea near Baku, which itself is known as the "land of fire". After lunch in an Indian restaurant, we shall continue our tour to Visit to Modern architecture of entire Caucasian area Heydar Aliyev Center & "I LOVE BAKU". Heydar Aliyev Center was designed by Iragi-British architect Zaha Hadid and noted for its distinctive architecture and flowing, curved style that eschews sharp angles. Center is named after Heydar Aliyev, the first secretary of Soviet Azerbaijan. Gobustan Mud Volcanoes. Over a thousand mud volcanoes are known to exist in the world, and some 400 of those are in the coastal area of Azerbaijan. Mud volcanoes are not really volcanoes at all but take their name from their resemblance to the moltenlava kind. Mud volcanoes come in all shapes and sizes, and many are very small. Because they have no lava and rarely erupt, it's safe to get up close. After lunch we shall go on a walking tour along the Baku Boulevard. We also visit a carpet factory for which Baku is known for. We shall visit one of the most beautiful places of Baku known as "Little Venice" in Baku Boulevard, it is a small town built in 1960. Later it was expanded. The town has two large and several small islands, which are connected by decorative stone bridges, and gondolas can be seen travelling in the channels full of still and clean water. After dinner in an Indian restaurant, we shall rest in our hotel

DAY 4: SHEKI TOUR- SHEKI KHANS PALACE : After breakfast check out from the hotel. We shall be proceeding to most beautiful Sheki city. It is one of the most beautiful city with architecture of Europe. We reach in the noon after lunch we shall be proceeding to see Kish Albanic Temple in Mountain Kish Village. Kish Temple, is a true gem of ancient architecture, embodying the rich cultural heritage of the Caucasus. Dating back to the 12th century, this magnificent temple is not only an architectural marvel but also a testament to the thriving religious and cultural landscape of medieval Azerbaijan. Surrounded by lush landscapes and the majestic Greater Caucasus Mountains, Kish Temple offers a serene and picturesque setting for visitors to explore and immerse themselves in the history and spirituality of this unique region. With its impressive dome, elegant arches, and intricate stone carvings, Kish Temple stands as a symbol of endurance and cultural pride, inviting travellers from across the globe to witness its timeless beauty and historic



significance. Later we proceed to see Shaki Khan's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a stunning architectural masterpiece from the 18th century. It offers a rich blend of Azerbaijani, Persian, and Ottoman styles, showcasing a



fascinating chapter of history. The palace boasts exquisite wooden and stained-glass windows, captivating painted ceilings, and an intriguing roof resembling a Persian carpet. The Shebeke Room, a gem of Azerbaijani art, is a must-see with its intricate wooden window frames and detailed stained-glass windows. As a testament to a bygone era and the legacy of the Shaki Khans, this palace is a captivating symbol of Azerbaijani culture. Shaki Khan's Palace is a must-see in Azerbaijan, offering a



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rich blend of history, art, and culture. It's a testament to the craftsmanship of a bygone era and the legacy of the Shaki Khans. We will see Upper Caravanserai, in which tired travellers spent the night sleeping for years along the Great Silk Road, are perhaps one of the most interesting sights of Azerbaijan. The name, moreover, they are very exotic – caravanserai. Many centuries ago, rich merchants and slave owners stayed here, tying their camels at their stalls, unloading priceless riches from fine silks, fragrant spices, and fluffy furs to the cellars under their rooms to start trading and lighting across two continents – Europe and Asia. After visiting the street of sweet shops we shall have our dinner and overnight in Shaki.

DAY 5: Exit AZERBAIJAN – SIGHNAGI- BODBE MONASTERY – TBILISI : After breakfast check out from the hotel. It is one and half hour drive to border of Georgia. After immigration formalities you will be welcomed by our counter part in Georgia. We shall be proceeding to Sighnagi, it is a picturesque town in the Kakheti region of eastern Georgia. It is often referred to as the "City of Love" due to its romantic ambiance and stunning panoramic views of the Alazani Valley and the Caucasus Mountains. Renowned for its vineyards and wine production. The town is encircled by the remnants of

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18th-century fortifications. Later we shall be visiting Bodbe Monastery, is one of the most important religious sites and attractions in Georgia. Today, there is a nunnery where the monastery used to be, and the St. George Cathedral, part of the monastery, holds the remains of St. Nino, Equal to the Apostles, who brought Christianity to Georgia. In the evening we shall be proceeding to capital city of Georgia, Tbilisi. After chekin to hotel, we shall get fresh up and proceed for dinner in an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Tbilisi.

DAY 6: JINVALI, ANANURI, AND GUDAURI **TOUR** : Breakfast in the hotel. We shall visit Zhinvali Reservoir situated in the Mtskheta-Mtaineti region, the Zhinvali (Jinvali) Water Reservoir is a breathtaking destination in Georgia that blends natural beauty with a rich historical background. Created during the Soviet era in the 1980s to provide water for the rapidly growing Tbilisi, the reservoir now attracts numerous tourists seeking to immerse themselves in its captivating surroundings. admire the turquoise waters and surrounding landscapes. We further proceed to Ananuri Castle this complex on the Aragvi River is one of the best-protected monuments in Georgia. This place will make you feel special with its beautiful nature and a taste of ancient history. This medieval monument, which is very well preserved, was originally used for military purposes, and only later it became the residence of the Dukes of Aragvi, in the 13th century. Post lunch we visit Gudauri ski resort it is the largest and most modern ski resort in Georgia, with a well-developed infrastructure





that includes the highest level of access in Georgia, with limitless opportunities for freestyle and skiing in an open environment. The resort is the highest alpine settlement along the Georgian Military Road, also known as the ancient name "Sky Ravine Road". Gudauri is a permanent settlement in one of the five highest points in Europe and attracts mountain lovers all over the world. You can have lot of optional activities if the time permit. Later we return back to Tbilisi for dinner and rest in our hotel.

DAY 7: TBILISI CITY TOUR – LEGHVTKHEVI - NARIKALA

**FORTRESS:** Have stupendous breakfast in the hotel. Proceed for panoramic city tour of Tbilisi. First we go to old town, The Old Town of Tbilisi is full of charming cobblestone streets and eastern orthodox churches on hills just waiting to be discovered. We will explore Rike Park and cross the Peace Bridge. The Bridge of Peace, a rather incongruously modern glass-and-steel footbridge over the Mtkvari with a totally unnecessary roof, was designed by Italian Michele De Lucchi and opened in 2010. Next stop, Metekhi Plateu. Gaze at this 13th century Metekhi Church, with the statute of the city's royal founder standing above the steep cliff of the Mtkvari River. It is one of the classic images of Old Tbilisi. Post lunch we shall take the Tbilisi cable car to Narikala Fortress, enjoy the cityscape from above. Evening has dinner and rest in the hotel.

DAY 8- DASHBASHI CANYON: Arrival at Dashbashi Canyon: First Impressions: Upon arrival, you are greeted by the dramatic landscape of the canyon. Lush greenery contrasts with the rocky cliffs, and you can hear the distant sound of waterfalls cascading into the river below. The Diamond Bridge Experience: Approaching the Bridge: The Diamond Bridge, an architectural wonder, stretches across Dashbashi Canyon. As you approach, the bridge's futuristic design stands out against the natural backdrop. Walking the Bridge: Stepping onto the Diamond Bridge is an adrenaline rush. The bridge features a glass walkway, offering a thrilling view straight down to the canyon floor. It's not for the faint-hearted but provides an unparalleled perspective of the canyon. Observation Deck: Halfway across the bridge, there is an observation deck designed to look like a giant diamond. This spot is perfect for taking photos and enjoying 360-degree views of the canyon and the surrounding landscape. After dinner rest in the hotel at Tbilisi

DAY 9 : TTBILISI – BANGALORE : Have your last day breakfast in Georgia. Finish your lastminute shopping or catch last glimpse of the city. Pack your luggage and check out the rooms by 12 noon. We shall leave the hotel for quick lunch and from restaurant we shall be proceeding to Airport to board our flight to Bangalore. We shall be reaching Bangalore next day early morning at 3.40 am. We go home with sweet memories of the amazing time spent



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