

# Azerbaijan

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Azerbaijan due to terrorism concerns and areas of armed conflict. Some areas have increased risk.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

[994] (12) 488-3300; US Embassy in Baku, 111 Azadlig Avenue, AZ1007 Baku Azerbaijan; <https://az.usembassy.gov/>; BakuACS@state.gov

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

994

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 03; Fire: 01; Police: 02

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Azerbaijan: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

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### Currency (Code)

Manats (AZN)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

### Major Languages

Azerbaijani, Russian, Armenian

### Major Religions

Muslim (predominantly Shia), Christian

### Time Difference

UTC+4 (9 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

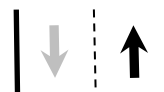
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Baku (includes Icheri Seher (Old Town); Absheron National Park; mud volcanos; Naftalan Oil Resort; Gobustan National Park (includes rock art cultural landscape); Caspian Sea

### Major Sports

Soccer, paragliding, rugby, volleyball

### Cultural Practices

The family forms the basic social structure in Azerbaijan. Men greet each other with a handshake, a kiss on the cheek and "salaam" (literally 'peace' but meaning 'hello'). Males should wait and see if a woman extends her hand (although most will the more religious may not) - if they do shake it lightly.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is unusual but can be done for exceptional service. For cabs, it is polite to round up the fare and give the change as a tip. Hotel porters may be tipped 5-10 manats. Tour guides also accept tips, generally around 5 manats.

### Souvenirs

Handmade carpets, pottery, ceramics, caviar, silk items

### Traditional Cuisine

Plov — rice covered with saffron, cinnamon, aromatic herbs, and fried mutton, chicken, beef, or lamb, as well as vegetables and even dried fruits

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