



TREKKING TRIP TO AZERBAIJAN

CLIMBING TWO HIGHEST PEAKS OF THE COUNTRY: **BAZARDÜZÜ** (4466 M) AND **SHAHDAG** (4243 M)

AND VISITING THE MOST INTERESTING PLACES IN AZERBAIJAN

THE PLAN OF OUR EXPEDITIONS

This expedition is an ideal opportunity to get to know the mountains of Azerbaijan, because we will climb three of its peaks, including the two highest peaks of the country.

But not only - during our stay in Azerbaijan we will get to know also its culture, tradition and cuisine, we will visit its most beautiful and famous places, including: Gobustan National Park, mud volcanoes, the Ateshgah temple and we will thoroughly visit the capital of this country, Baku.

We will help you prepare for the expedition at every stage - you will get access to a Facebook group for expedition participants and you will have an online briefing before the expedition, which will help you prepare even better for the meeting with Azerbaijan. In addition, of course, you can ask us anything via e-mail and our Facebook.





DAY 01



PLAN OF THE TRIP

Our starting point for this trip will be Baku in Azerbaijan. You can reach it by plane from different countries. Of course, we can help you with finding a good flight connection or a transfer from other places in Azerbaijan if you will come earlier. On the airport, you will be welcomed by our tour leader. After landing and meeting the tour leader, we will go to our hotel in Baku. After breakfast in the hotel, we will start exploring Baku. It is the biggest city located by the Caspian Sea, with 25% of Azerbaijan population living there. As the development of the capital of the country was possible thanks to petroleum fields, the main promenade, running along the coast, is called the "Oilers' Prospect". We can divide the city in two parts: the old and the new town. We will start our trip with going to the Highland

Park, offering a beautiful panorama of the city and the bay. Then, we will take a walk around town, visit the Maiden Tower and the Palace of the Shirvanshahs. We will also see the famous Flame Towers, Heydar Aliyev Centre and magnificent Carpet Museum. In the evening, we will have a dinner in a local restaurant and go back to our hotel.



DAY 02



After breakfast we will check out of the hotel and start heading to Shahdag National Park, located in the border zone between Russia and Dagestan. We will spend this night in the village of Khinalig, one of the oldest settlements in the country. The village is inhabited by the Kettish people, speaking

their own language and cultivating their traditions. After arrival, we will go on an acclimatization trek to the peak of Kharibulbul (2783 m), and then we will have free time to rest. Dinner and overnight stay in our hosts' house in Khinalig.



DAY 03



Trekking
DISTANCE:
5 km



Trekking
TIME:
5-6 h



Total
CLIMB:
400 m



Total
DESCENT:
400 m

After breakfast in Khinalig village, we will drive through off-road cars to the foot of the Shahdag's peak (4243 m). From the place which can be reached by car, we will walk (approx. 2-3 hours of trekking) at an altitude of 3100 m, where we will set up our camp (tents), in which we will spend the night. Next, we will go on an acclimatization trek and reach an altitude of 3500 m. After coming back to the base, we will take some rest and prepare for our summit push on the next

day. During the climb, we need to prepare all our meals ourselves (camping stoves and gas will be necessary). Freeze-dried foods work best (you can bring it or you can order from us) and things like bread, cheese, sausages, canned fish, crackers, puddings, jellies etc.



DAY 04



DAY 05



Trekking
DISTANCE:
12 km



Trekking
TIME:
10-12 h



Total
CLIMB:
1150 m



Total
DESCENT:
1150 m

Today we plan to stand on the top of Shahdag (4243 m). Early morning, after preparing and having breakfast, we will begin the summit push. It should take us

around 10-12 hours. After going down to base - dinner preparation and overnight stay.

After preparing and having breakfast - the descent to the place where arrive cars (approx. 1 hour), and then drive by off-road cars to the foot of the Bazardüzü peak (4466 m). From a place accessible by car, we will walk (approx. 2-3 hours of trek) at an altitude of 3250 m where we set up our

camp (tents), where we will stay for the night. During the day - rest and preparation for summit attack on Bazardüzü on the next day.



DAY 06



Trekking
DISTANCE:
20 km



Trekking
TIME:
12-14 h



Total
CLIMB:
1500 m



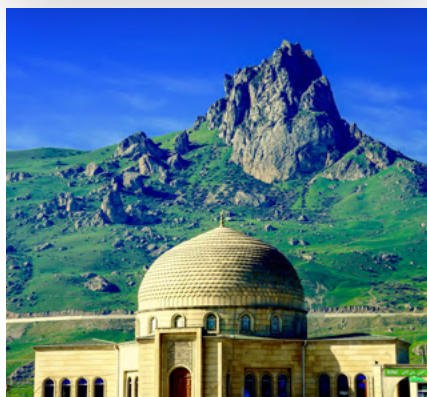
Total
DESCENT:
1500 m

Early morning we will set out for the Bazardüzü (4466 m) summit push. On this day, the trekking should take us around 12-14 hours. After conquering the mountain, we will go back to our camp, pack our things

and go back to the Khinalig village with off-road cars. There, we can celebrate our achievements during a home-made dinner, prepared by our hosts. Overnight stay at our hosts' house.



DAY 07



After late breakfast, we will go to Baku. We will check in in a hotel and have some rest. On this day, it is possible to go shopping at a local bazaar to buy some souvenirs and try local food. In the evening, we will have a festive dinner, with a national dances and music. Overnight stay in the hotel in Baku.



DAY 08

After breakfast, we will go exploring areas around Baku. We will visit Gobustan, which is the most beautiful national park in Azerbaijan. Next, we will see the famous mud volcanoes and the Ateshgah Temple, a temple of Eternal Fire. The temple has been

built in a place where natural gas used to outflow. The flames, coming out of earth as a result of gas ignition, have been worshiped for centuries by Zoroastrians. After coming back, we will have a “good-bye” dinner and an overnight stay in the hotel in Baku.



DAY 09

Airport transfer in the morning. If you want to stay in Baku longer, you don't have to check out until noon. Our trip ends on the airport or after check-out from the hotel.



The plan of our trip has been prepared so that everyone can reach the two largest peaks of Azerbaijan: Bazardüzü and Shahdag. The plan assumes slow and gradual acclimatization and spreading the mountain action over several days. This will allow you to face the mountain in a safe manner, as long as you are physically prepared and do not have any health contraindications (even without any previous high mountains experience). The ascent to both peaks is trekking, not climbing. There are no technical difficulties on the trekking route. We will probably have to use crampons at the entrance (it all depends on how much snow is left after winter). Helmets will also be needed. During the whole trip, you will be with our team: a trip leader and a guide (also trained in medical rescue in the mountains), who will be responsible for your safety. Our team consists of an English leader and an Azeri guide. This way we can ensure that you stay safe during the trekking and also enhance your chances of conquering the mountains.





PRICE FOR THE TRIP PER PERSON:

1290,00 EURO

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

01ST
INSTALLMENT

190 EURO
paid to our bank
account upon
signing up.

02ST
INSTALLMENT

550 EURO
paid to our bank
account 3 months
before the start
of the trip.

03ST
INSTALLMENT

550 EURO
paid to our bank
account a month
before the start
of the trip.





THE PRICE INCLUDES

- ▶ **supervision of a English-speaking leader and an Azeri guide during the trip,**
- ▶ help in organizing the trip; online consultation (email, Facebook) regarding physical preparation, buying proper equipment, organizing flights to Azerbaijan and anything else connected with the trip,
- ▶ access to a private Facebook group, where we can share thoughts, information, advice, motivate each other etc.,
- ▶ online check-in 3 weeks before expedition (via ZOOM), which will help you even better prepare for departure,
- ▶ 4 nights in Baku in a hotel of a very good standard - twin rooms with bathrooms,
- ▶ 2 nights in a local home hosts - dormitory rooms with shared bathroom,
- ▶ all breakfast and dinners mentioned in the plan (during mountain climbing we need to prepare our meals ourselves; read more in the plan of the trip), including a festive dinner with dance show and live music in Baku,
- ▶ all transportation mentioned in the plan,
- ▶ permission to climb the mountains,
- ▶ entry fee to the Shahdag National Park,
- ▶ all other entry fees,
- ▶ tents we will use during the trip (1 tent for 2 people),
- ▶ set of souvenirs.



THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

! WE NEVER HIDE THE "ADDITIONAL COSTS" THAT THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE EXPEDITION MUST PAY. THE PRICE OF OUR TRIP IS ALWAYS TRANSPARENT AND INCLUDES EVERYTHING EXCEPT:

- ▶ rental of equipment that is needed during trekking (eg. poles) - according to the price list of our rental, check the prices: [HERE](#),
- ▶ air tickets to Azerbaijan (we help in their purchase),
- ▶ personal expenses: e.g. souvenirs, drinks alcohol and additional meals,
- ▶ meals during the mountain action, including water and snacks during trekking (detailed in the itinerary),
- ▶ additional services, transfers, etc. related to the fact that the participant the expedition wants to change the expedition plan or separate from the group and carry out some additional activity individually during the expedition.

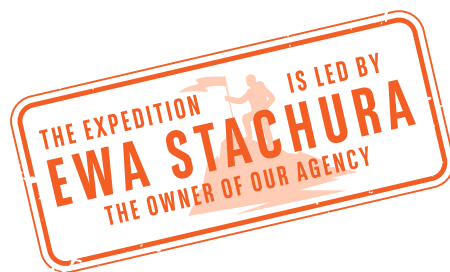




DATE

OF OPEN GROUP IN 2023:

01.06.2023-09.06.2023



If you are not satisfied with any of our open dates, remember that we also organize individual expeditions on dates selected by you, the offer of which can be found [HERE](#).



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