camca Regional Forum

Baku, Azerbaijan
OCTOBER 1–2, 2026

OFFICIAL DELEGATE
TRAVEL GUIDE

Travel Guide to Azerbaijan

The Crossroads of Eurasian Connectivity

1–2 OCT 2026

Venue: Fairmont Baku, Flame Towers
300+ Attendees
25+ Countries Represented

Theme: "The World and CAMCA: A Region at the Crossroads"

11 Regional Forums Held

2,000+ Participants from 40+ countries

560+ Speakers across all Forums

40+ Countries Represented

Airlines & Routes to Baku

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FROM CENTRAL ASIA

AZAL direct from Almaty, Tashkent, Bishkek, Ashgabat

Via Istanbul | Direct

FROM THE CAUCASUS

AZAL direct from Tbilisi

Tbilisi direct

FROM EUROPE

Lufthansa (Frankfurt direct), Turkish Airlines (Istanbul direct), AZAL direct from London, Paris, Frankfurt, Vienna

Direct options

FROM USA

No direct flights. Best connections: Turkish Airlines via Istanbul (most popular), Qatar Airways via Doha, Lufthansa via Frankfurt

Via Doha | Via Istanbul

FROM GULF & ASIA

FlyDubai & Qatar Airways direct from Dubai/Doha | Gulf Air direct from Bahrain | Korean Air via Seoul | Turkish Airlines via Istanbul for Asian hubs

Direct options

Forum Venue & Hotels

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OFFICIAL FORUM VENUE

Fairmont Baku, Flame Towers

One of Baku's most iconic addresses - inside the landmark Flame Towers.
Panoramic Caspian views, walkable Old City and Baku Boulevard.

Additional Recommended Hotels

Four Seasons Baku

Old City – 5 min to venue

5-Star Luxury

JW Marriott Absheron

Seafront – Caspian views

5-Star Luxury

Hilton Baku

City centre – 10 min to venue

5-Star Convenient

Park Inn by Radisson

Baku Boulevard

4-Star Value

Currency: Azerbaijani Manat (AZN)

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OFFICIAL CURRENCY

AZN Azerbaijani Manat

Pegged to USD – stable rate, no currency surprises

Exchange rates
June 2026

1 USD = AZN 1.70
1 EUR = AZN 1.97
1 GBP = AZN 2.25

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$0.59	**€0.51**	**GBP 0.44**

Practical Tips

- Effortless currency exchange at any bank across the city
- Visa and Mastercard widely accepted at all hotels, restaurants, and the Forum venue
- Keep small bills (AZN 1–5) for local cafes, taxis, and tips
- AZN 50 is the most practical daily note for most transactions

Visa Information

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eVisa | **Visa on Arrival** | **Advance Visa**

eVisa (ASAN):

Apply at evisa.gov.az – standard 3 working days; urgent processing within hours
Check which visa you qualify for here: https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries.

Passport validity:

Must be valid for at least 6 months from your arrival date

Registration:

Stays over 15 days: hotels register you automatically with the State Migration Service

Travel history:

Travelers who have previously entered the Garabagh region without the authorization of the Government of Azerbaijan may be denied entry.

Land borders:

Trains operate between Georgia and Azerbaijan (Baku–Tbilisi / Tbilisi–Baku). Most travelers arrive by air through Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD)

Weather in Baku - October 1-2

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Daytime high

19 C / 66 F

Warm & pleasant

Evening low

12 C / 54 F

Pack a light jacket

Sunshine

~7 hrs/day

Bright October days

Caspian Sea

~20 C / 68 F

Still warm

What to Expect

- Early October is Baku's most pleasant season – mild, dry and bright with low humidity (~25%)
- Pack a light jacket for evenings – the Khazri wind from the Caspian can be brisk after dark
- Only ~6 rainy days in October; compact umbrella advisable
- UV index 4 (moderate) – sunglasses recommended even in autumn

Getting Around Baku

Airport to Venue (26 km)

Licensed taxi from GYD arrivals: AZN 20–35 (~$12–20). Hotel transfers from AZN 50–130. Use only licensed counters inside arrivals; avoid unmarked vehicles.

Bolt & Uber

Both operate in Baku – metered, reliable, significantly cheaper than hotel taxis. City-centre trip typically AZN 5–10. Download before arriving.

Baku Metro

Fast, clean, AZN 0.40/ride. Icherisheher (Old City) station is the closest stop to the Flame Towers and Forum venue.

On Foot

Fairmont Flame Towers, Old City, Baku Boulevard and Fountains Square are all within a 10–15 min walk of each other.

Note: Peak-hour traffic (08:00-09:30 and 17:30-19:30) can be heavy. Allow extra time on Forum days.

Connectivity & Practical Tips

SIM Card

Azercell or Bakcell at GYD arrivals – fast 4G/5G from AZN 5 (~$3). Passport required.

Roaming

EU plans often cover Azerbaijan – check your provider. Local SIM strongly recommended.

Power

Type C/F plugs, 220V 50Hz. EU adapters work. US/UK visitors need a plug adapter.

Time Zone

Azerbaijan Time (AZT) = UTC+4. No daylight saving time.
Factor in for CAMCA region calls.

Language

Azerbaijani official; Russian widely understood. English in all hotels and Forum venues.

Emergency

Police 102 – Ambulance 103 – Fire 101

Baku: Culture & Heritage

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Azerbaijani Carpet

UNESCO Intangible Heritage

Hand-knotted geometric motifs passed across generations. The Azerbaijan Carpet Museum – shaped like a rolled carpet – is a 5-min walk from the Fairmont.

Old City (Icherisheher)

UNESCO World Heritage Site

The 12th-century walled inner city surrounding the Maiden Tower. Palaces, caravanserais and mosques – all walkable from the Forum venue.

Mugham Music

UNESCO Intangible Heritage

Azerbaijan's classical modal music tradition – improvisational, meditative, deeply poetic. Live performances nightly across the Old City.

Azerbaijani Cuisine

Silk Road Flavours

Plov, dolma, lavangi and pomegranate – a cuisine shaped by Persian, Turkic and Caucasian traditions.

Tip: All four experiences are within a 15-minute walk or taxi ride from the Fairmont Flame Towers.

We Look Forward to Seeing You in Baku

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