



State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture
of The Republic of Azerbaijan



UN-HABITAT

**NATIONAL
URBAN FORUM**



Khankendi-Baku, Azerbaijan | 15 – 17 October 2025

LOGISTICS NOTE

VENUE OF THE FORUM

The first two days of the Forum (15–16 October 2025) will take place at the Khankendi Congress Center in Khankendi. The Forum will commence with the official opening ceremony on 15 October and continue with plenary and working sessions throughout these two days.

On 17 October 2025, the final day of the Forum will be hosted at the Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard, in Baku.

AIRPORT / TRANSPORTATION

Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD) is located 26 kilometers from the central business district of Baku and 17.4 kilometers from the Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard.

All airport pick-up and drop-off services, as well as other transfers related to the Forum, will be coordinated by the organizers. To facilitate smooth arrivals and departures, dedicated assembly desks will be available both at the airport and at the hotel, where staff will provide guidance and assistance to participants.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for participants will be arranged in both Baku and Khankendi/Shusha, depending on the Forum program.

Baku:

International participants will be accommodated at the Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard. Reservations will be managed by the Forum organizers, and details on check-in, check-out, and room allocations will be communicated in advance.

Khankendi:

During the days of the Forum held in Khankendi, participants will be accommodated in selected hotels in Khankendi and Shusha. Confirmed hotels include:

- Palace Hotel (Khankendi)
- Bulud Hotel (Khankendi)
- Shusha Hotel & Conference Center (Shusha)

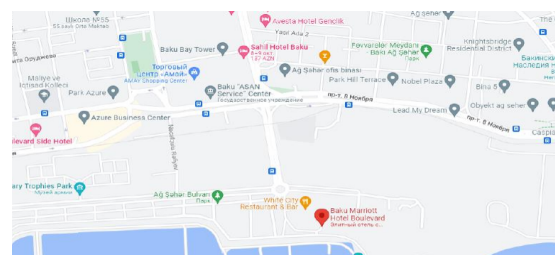
All accommodation arrangements, including room allocations and transfers between hotels and Forum venues, will be coordinated by the organizers to ensure a smooth stay for participants.

Address of the “Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard”:

Khagani Rustamov street 4c, Khatai district, Baku,
Azerbaijan, 1010

Phone: +994 12 310 00 10

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/gydmb-baku-marriott-hotel-boulevard/overview/>



SUPPORT PROVIDED BY ORGANIZERS

The Forum organizers will cover the costs of accommodation, meals, local transportation, and international airfare to and from Azerbaijan for selected participants. Participants who wish to extend their stay in Azerbaijan beyond the official Forum dates are welcome to do so; however, any additional expenses incurred outside the official program will be the responsibility of the participants themselves.

LANGUAGE OF THE FORUM

All the Forum-related events will be held in Azerbaijani, English and Russian with simultaneous translation. Translation to other official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, French and Spanish) would be available upon request of participants.

FORUM DATES AND TIME

The 3rd National Urban Forum will be held from 15 to 17 October 2025. A detailed program of sessions and events will be shared in the official Agenda of the Forum.

Transportation and logistical support for all participants will be arranged by the organizers. Prior to any field activities, a security briefing will be provided at the hotels to ensure the safety and preparedness of all registered participants.

REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

All participants are required to register and collect their *identification badges* at the official registration desk, located at the **Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard**. The registration desk will remain open around the clock prior to the Forum to accommodate different arrival times.

Participants are kindly requested to wear their badges at all times during the Forum, including field visits and official sessions. For security reasons, access to all venues will only be granted to individuals with visible accreditation badges.

VISA AND ENTRY INFORMATION FOR AZERBAIJAN

Passport Regulations

All participants are required to possess an international passport that is valid for a minimum of 6 months from the date of entry into Azerbaijani territory, with sufficient pages for visa stamps.

Visa to enter Azerbaijan

All participants must check entry requirements (<https://azerbaijan.travel/tourist-visa-to-azerbaijan>) to Azerbaijan in accordance with the nationality and the type of passport they hold with the nearest consulate or the diplomatic mission of Azerbaijan in their home country. The list of Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Azerbaijan abroad with their current contact details is available at: https://mfa.gov.az/files/file/MXM_MFA_Diplomatic_List_July_2025.pdf.

Should an Entry Visa be required, participants are advised to submit their visa application as early as possible, at least 4 weeks prior to the Session, and obtain the visa in advance.

E-Visa (ASAN Visa)

Participants can also apply for a visa through ASAN visa portal (<https://evisa.gov.az>) designed to simplify procedures for issuing visas to foreigners and stateless persons visiting Azerbaijan. Please see the list of countries eligible for e-visa before you apply: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries>

INSURANCE

The Forum organizers are not responsible for the medical, accident and travel insurance. It is recommended that international medical insurance be obtained for the period of participation.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

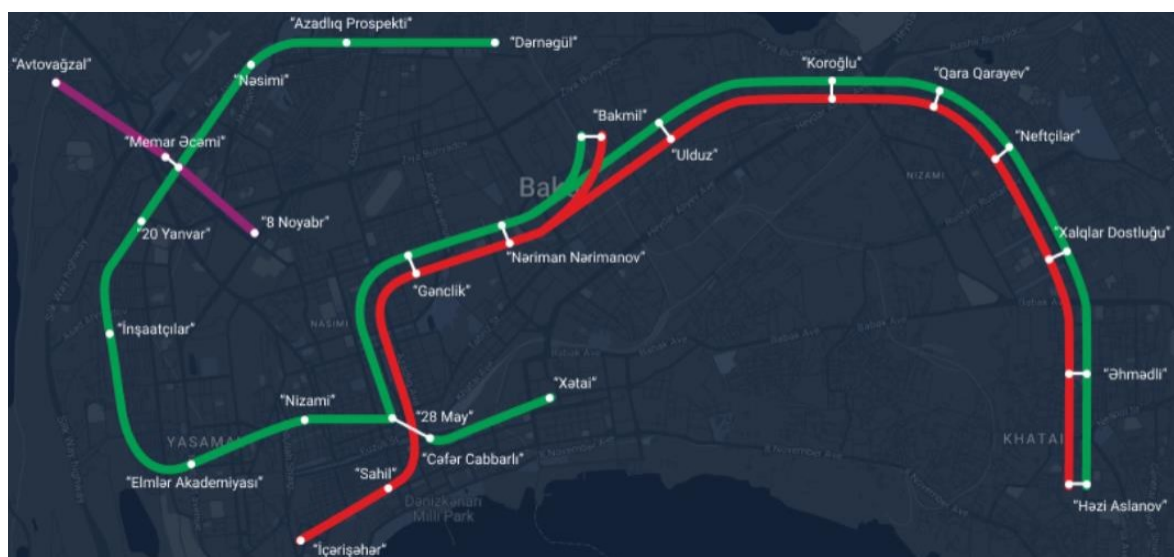
The country is considered as a safe tourist destination and offers the opportunity to easily explore, discover and enjoy your surroundings. The emergency numbers are available 24 hours a day.

Nevertheless, participants are advised to exercise caution and remain aware of their surroundings. A full security briefing will be provided prior to the commencement of the event.

ON-GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Public transportation

Baku has a metro system, which operates between 6 am and 12 am. Stations, trains, and facilities are clean and safe with trains running every two to three minutes. There are 3 lines: The Red Line from Icherisheher to Hazi Aslanov, the Green Line from Khatai to Darnagul, the Purple Line from Avtovaghzal to 8 Noyabr.



Buses are an inexpensive way to travel in Baku and bus schedules are generally available at bus stops. Taxis are also widely available as an alternative option. Baku city has several licensed taxi firms, the most famous of which are:

- Baku Taxi Company: <https://bakutaxi.info/taxi/baki-taksi>
- 189 Taxi: <https://189taxi.az/>
- UBER: <https://uber.com/az/newsroom/uberx-az/>
- Bolt: <https://bolt.eu/az/cities/baku/>

Airport escort service

Transportation from airport to hotels, vice-versa will be organized by the event organizers through assembly desks at the airport/hotels.

Nevertheless, there is also an airport shuttle service available from the airport to the city. The information on the schedule and departures can be found on the following webpage: <https://aeroexpress.az>

EMERGENCIES

- Fire: 101
- Police: 102
- Ambulance: 103

DRESS CODE

- Khankendi (Khankendi Congress Center) – Business formal attire is required for the opening ceremony and main sessions.
- Baku (Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard) – Business casual or business formal attire is recommended for the final day of the Forum.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Republic of Azerbaijan is a country located at the boundary of Eastern Europe and Western Asia. It is a part of the South Caucasus region, and is bounded by the Caspian Sea to the east, Russia to the north, Georgia to the north-west, Armenia and Turkey to the west, and Iran to the south.

CAPITAL CITY

Baku is the capital and largest city of Azerbaijan with a population of around 3 million.

POPULATION of AZERBAIJAN

10.22 million.

LANGUAGE

Azerbaijani (official)

GOVERNMENT

Presidential Republic.

CLIMATE

Azerbaijan has a mildly continental climate, with relatively cold winters and hot summers. Lowland areas are generally dry, while mountainous regions tend to be cooler and receive more rainfall. In Baku and Khankendi, average temperatures in mid-October typically range between 15°C and 20°C during the day, while night-time temperatures may drop to around 9–10°C.



CURRENCY

The national currency unit in Azerbaijan is the Azerbaijan Manat (AZN). The UN operational exchange rate as of 01 August 2025 is 1 US dollar = 1,7 AZN. Foreign currency may be exchanged for the Azerbaijan Manat at any bank. Cashless/bank card payments are widely accepted in Baku.

BANKING HOURS

Banking hours are primarily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Most banks are closed on public holidays and Sundays. The hotels have ATMs available in their lobby. ATMs are easily available around the hotels and across the city.

TIME: UTC/GMT +4 hours.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET

The international country code of Azerbaijan is +994. Cafes, parks and restaurants generally have a Wi-Fi connection available.

MOBILE OPERATORS

- Azercell
- Bakcell
- Nar Mobile

ELECTRICITY

For Azerbaijan, there are two associated plug types, types C and F. Plug type C is the plug with two round pins and plug type F has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Azerbaijan operates on a 220 V supply voltage and 50 Hz.



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