



Program idea Azerbaijan

Daliesque rockscape above the town of Gobustan lie some of the world's most important petroglyphs – stone and iron-age figures carved thousands of years ago and now considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site. And on a rock beside the approach lane there's the most easterly known graffiti by a Roman legionnaire. Even if you're not especially taken by rock scribbles, there's a fine new museum at the petroglyph site whose setting is magical with wide views out across the opal Caspian. A lovable series of Mud Volcanoes, little grey mounds and pools that bubble and burp merrily around 10km further south.

Mud Volcanoes

Mud volcanoes occur all over Azerbaijan, although the most accessible and among the most impressive outcrop of these bizarre, geological oddities is around 10km south of the Gobustan Preserve. Azerbaijan is home to around half of the world's discovered mud volcanoes, which spring up along fault lines in the earth's crust and are very much associated with the sort of geology that forms crude oil. Over time, the liquid mud sets around the lip of the crater and a cone starts to form, raising the crater off the ground forming lovable little grey mounds and pools that bubble and burp merrily. The mud then overflows, drying into fascinatingly alien striations and swirls

Around these two highlights we can build a complete program for you.

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