



Azerbaijan COVID-19 Travel Update

Azerbaijan has acknowledged that community spread of the COVID-19 virus is occurring and that COVID-19 infections are present in all regions of Azerbaijan. All land and air traffic in and out of Azerbaijan remains closed. Special, private, and charter flights continue to operate, and can be booked by individual travelers through the airline.

Entry and Exit Requirements:

- Are U.S. citizens permitted to enter? Yes.
- U.S. citizens with legal residency in Azerbaijan are permitted to enter the country by air. Land border crossings remain closed at this time.
- Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) required for entry? Yes. A rapid result test will NOT be accepted for entry; it must be a PCR test.
- Are health screening procedures in place at airports and other ports of entry? Yes.
- Are visa extensions available for residents and/or tourists? Yes.
- Please see this announcement for more information.

Movement Restrictions:

- **Is a curfew in place?** No
- **Are there restrictions on intercity or interstate travel?** Yes.
Between December 14, 2020 and January 18, 2021, movement into and out of the following cities and regions is prohibited, unless one is working for an entity or organization that qualifies for an exception, and only if your information has been entered by your employer into the "icaze.e-gov.az" portal: Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja, Mingachevir, and Shirvan, as well as the Absheron region and the Lankaran, Masalli, Jalilabad, Sheki, Zagatala, Guba, Khachmaz, Yevlakh, Barda, Bilasuvar and Ismayilli district centers (except villages and settlements). In these same cities and regions, an SMS-permission system to leave one's place of residence will be in effect between December 14, 2020 and January 18, 2021. SMS-permission can be issued once a day for 3 hours, and is required to leave one's residence to purchase food and other daily necessities and medicines (from grocery stores, supermarkets, markets and pharmacies), to use public services, banking, postal and other services, as well as for urgent medical necessity or scheduled treatment. Quarantine regime restrictions can change quickly. Please monitor local news and official government of Azerbaijan websites for the most up to date information.

Quarantine Information:

- Are U.S. citizens required to quarantine? Yes.
- All arrivals to Azerbaijan, including U.S. citizens, are required to complete a 14-day self-quarantine in their own accommodation, regardless of travel origin.
- If passengers display symptoms of COVID-19 on arrival, they may be required to stay in a state quarantine facility for the 14-day quarantine period.

COVID-19 Testing:

COVID-19 testing is available in Baku. Individuals are responsible for the entire cost of COVID-19 tests and the cost is in the range of 100 AZN. The labs listed on AZAL's website are accredited by the Management Union of Medical Territorial Units (TABIB) to offer COVID-19 tests.

Transportation Options:

- Are commercial flights operating? Yes.
- "Special commercial flights" and charter flights routinely fly in and out of Baku.
- A negative COVID-19 test result is required for passengers flying to or from Azerbaijan in order to check-in for their flight. The COVID-19 test must be administered and negative results issued within 48 hours of departure. For flight paths consisting of several different flights, the term "departure" refers to the departure time of the flight going directly to Azerbaijan. Please review the official rules in detail before flying.
- Is public transportation operating? Yes.
- Public transportation on weekends is suspended throughout the country until January 31, 2021. The Baku Metro is closed until January 31, 2021.

Fines for Non-Compliance:

- Non-compliance with the rules regarding social distancing, movement restrictions, mask mandates, and gathering in large groups can result in fines up to 200 AZN.

Consular Operations:

- American Citizen Services are available by appointment through our website.
- Limited visa services are currently only available for emergency medical travel, mission critical travel, and students
- If you are feeling unwell, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days, please reschedule your appointment for at least 14 days later.
- Visitors must wear a face mask over their mouth and nose for the duration of their visit.

Local Resources:

- Republic of Azerbaijan Cabinet of Ministers updates in [English](#) and (the most current updates) in [Azerbaijani](#)
- Other links:
 - [COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov](#)
 - [CDC page on COVID-19](#)
 - CDC page on COVID-19 in [Azerbaijan](#)
 - Azerbaijan page on travel.state.gov
 - [Azerbaijani Embassy in Washington D.C. COVID-19 page](#)
 - [UK page on Azerbaijani entry/exit requirements](#)

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