

**№ 5. Excursion to the nature reserve "Gobustan" (duration 3.5 hours)**



The reserve is well known with its perfectly preserved rock paintings - petroglyphs - a kind of artistic "archive" of human evolution on the Earth.

"Documents" of such archives is the first human's presentation of his/her "I" to the outside world.

Gobustan Rocks are not just the brightest witnesses of the prehistoric period of human existence. They reflect the history of this region for nearly 15,000 years - since the end of the era of the Upper Paleolithic till the Middle Ages. Of particular interest are the images multi-oar boats, with a light source at the stern. They were drawn above the level at which people had been portrayed, and this phenomenon set up a lot different interpretations. Today Azerbaijani scientists found, described and studied more than 4,000 petroglyphs (rock painting in the stone carving art) and this important work continues.

Before the start of the tour around Gobustan guests will visit the interactive museum with the same name, where with the help of special programs and multimedia touch screens you will get information about the nature, the flora of Gobustan.

Only few people know that Azerbaijan ranks the first place in the number of active mud volcanoes. Traces of their work can be found in Gobustan as well. These volcanoes are formations of a cone-shaped hill with a crater in the ground. And of course, that the tourists also have the opportunity to explore them during this tour.

**Route:** Drive to Gobustan/ excursion to the reserve/ return to the hotel.

**The tour price includes:**

- Transportation
- Guide services

Number of persons	Price per person
1	\$171
2	\$86
3	\$57
4	\$43
5	\$37
6	\$37
7	\$31
8	\$28
9	\$24
10-15	\$22
30-45	\$14