

Useful information

Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to see you soon in Baku to take part in the forthcoming Summer School on “Modern trends in quantum science and technologies: From quantum materials to quantum information” (September 22-October 02, 2022, Baku, Azerbaijan).

We would like to ask you to consider the following important standards and guidelines:

1. All goods and services are paid only in local currency (manat, AZN). US dollars and Euros (AZN Exchange Rate - <https://www.cbar.az/>) are easily exchanged (it is recommended to process in official local Banks's branches). Major hotels, supermarkets and restaurants in Baku usually accept credit cards.

2. Most of the population of Azerbaijan is Muslim. Azerbaijan is a secular and tolerant country, and religion is usually considered a private matter. Please, respect local traditions, customs, laws and religions at all times and be aware of your actions to ensure that they don't offend other cultures or religious beliefs, including the photographing or videoing of mosques, churches and other religious sites or sites of commemoration, such as Martyr's Alley in Baku. If in doubt, seek permission. When visiting religious areas, pay extra attention to ensure your actions are culturally sensitive.

3. Police sometimes carry out checks of identity documents. You should carry your passport at all times. Keep it secure and leave a photocopy of the details page separately in a safe place.

4. You need an export certificate to take antiques or art like carpets, samovars, copperware or paintings out of Azerbaijan. These are available from the Carpet Museum or through the official seller. You should catalogue and declare to Customs any carpets or anything antique looking – even if clearly from a different part of the world - that you bring to Azerbaijan with you. Your relocation company should be able to offer you advice on this.

5. *Weather in Baku in September* - Temperature hovers around 26°C and at night it feels like 22°C. In September, Baku gets 20.45mm of rain and approximately 1 rainy day in the month. Humidity is close to 60%. *Weather in Baku in October* - Temperature hovers around 20°C and at night it feels like 16°C. In October, Baku gets 39.01mm of rain and approximately 3 rainy days in the month. Humidity is close to 68%.

Recommended to take with you Lightweight Rain Jacket (preferably waterproof).

<https://www.worldweatheronline.com/baku-weather-averages/baki/az.aspx>

6. Meal requirements: Kindly inform us in fact, if you have (i) food allergies and intolerances; (ii) special dietary requirements – vegetarian and vegans.

7. If you need prescribed medicine for your health condition, talk to your doctor about your travel plans before your departure date. Doctor can tell you if you need to make any special arrangements. Carry your medicines and medical equipment in your hand luggage (although check your airline's regulations before travelling) with a copy of your prescription and in their original, correctly labelled packages.

For further information, you can find guidance from Organizing Committee.

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