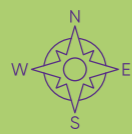


Gusar

city centre map



Gusar is a historic town sometimes referred to as the "northern gates" of Azerbaijan due to its proximity to the Russian border. While attractions in the town itself are limited, with most travellers coming for the spectacular scenery nearby, it's nevertheless a convenient stop off on the way to the Shahdag Mountain Resort. Spend some time strolling around the tree-lined alleys of Nariman Narimanov Park, one of the oldest parks in the country, and perhaps call in to recharge your batteries at one of its shaded teahouses.

Gusar is famous for briefly hosting the legendary Russian poet Mikhail Lermontov in 1837 during his exile in the Caucasus. You can find out about this and more at the Museum of History and Local Lore, whose collection of some 3,000 items includes objects dating back to the Bronze Age. Elsewhere, call into the Gusar State Academy of Art to browse a colourful display of local artworks.

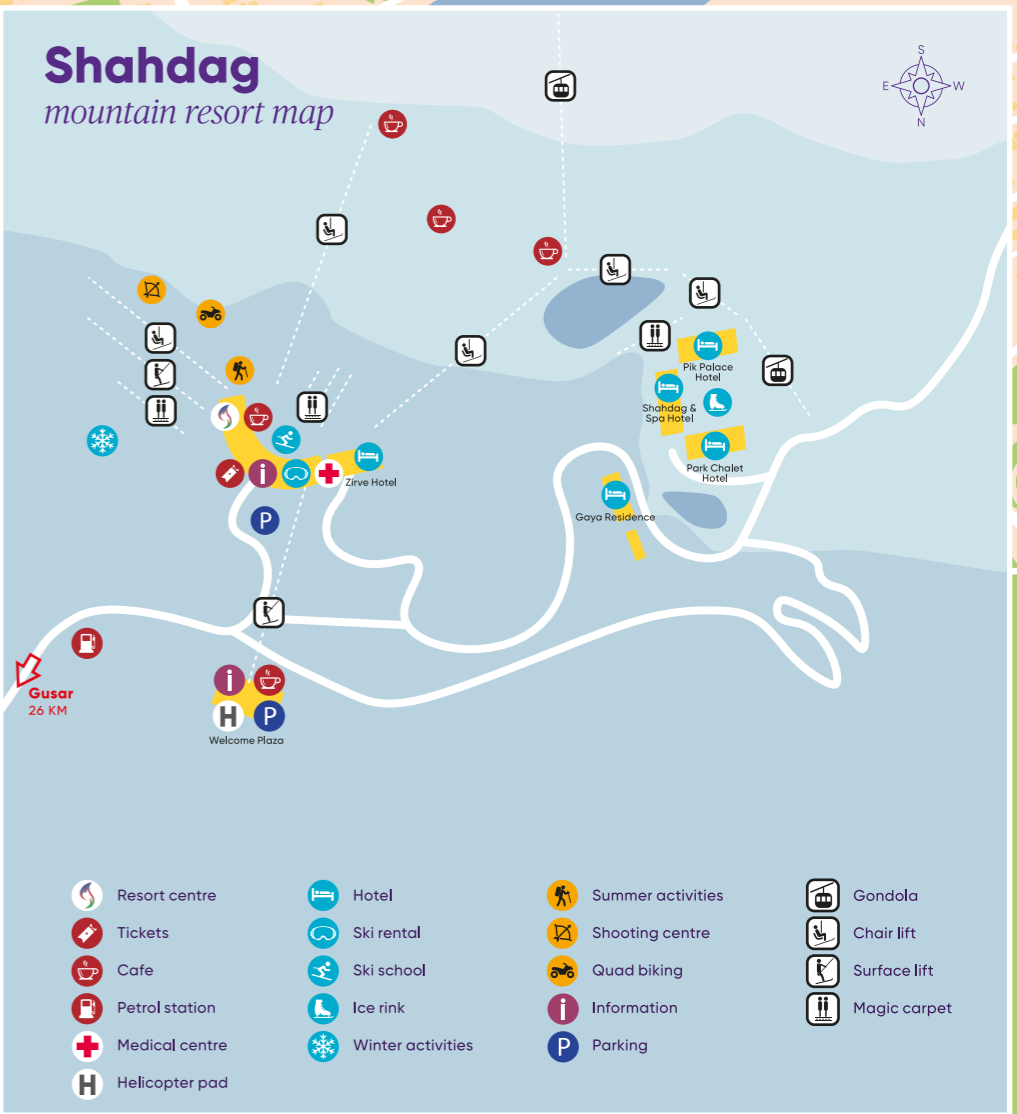
- 1 Gusar Museum of History and Local Lore
- 2 Mustafa Kazdal Mosque
- 3 Kids Amusement Park
- 4 Gusar State Lezgi Drama Theatre
- 5 Nariman Narimanov Park
- 6 Mikhail Lermontov House Museum
- 7 Gusar State Art Gallery
- 8 Yashil agro products and homemade souvenir shop
- 9 Central bazaar

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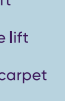
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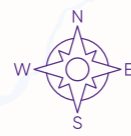
mountain resort map

- Resort centre
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- Petrol station
- Medical centre
- Helicopter pad
- Hotel
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- Ice rink
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- Shooting centre
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- Information
- Parking
- Gondola
- Chair lift
- Surface lift
- Magic carpet



Baku 181 KM Guba 13 KM

Guba-Gusar region map



Caspian Sea

The Guba and Gusar regions possess some of the most dramatic countryside anywhere in the Caucasus, dominated by the spectacular Caucasus Mountains. In remote parts of Guba, timeless mountain settlements are populated by tiny ethnic groups still leading traditional ways of life and offer excellent hiking and ecotourism opportunities.

Gusar, on the other hand, is home to one of Azerbaijan's three cosy ski resorts, Shahdag Mountain Resort, whose growing number of slopes cater to both beginners and off-piste enthusiasts. Other experiences not to be missed are walking behind the impressive Afurja Waterfall and treating yourself to a round of golf at the fabulous National Azerbaijan Golf Club.

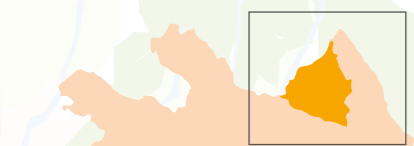


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- River



what to do

Skiing
The luxury resorts at Shahdag Mountain Resort in Gusar have world-class amenities, access to smooth and off-piste slopes and an international ski school. The resort is also open in summer, offering a host of outdoor activities. See www.skiazerbaijan.com for more information.

Hiking
The Shahdag National Park and numerous rustic villages on its outskirts provide great opportunities for hiking and mountaineering, ranging from easy to difficult. The park itself is home to iconic peaks such as Bazarduzu, Shahdag and Gizilgaya. Head to villages such as Khinalig, Laza and Griz for unique mountain homestays. Note that the local sheepdogs can be aggressive, so hiring a guide is recommended.

Golf
Golf may not be the first thing travellers associate with Azerbaijan, but Guba's National Golf Club course with 18 holes is truly splendid. This was the first golf course to open in the country and boasts a clubhouse with luxurious locker rooms, a shop to suit every golfer's needs and an idyllic countryside setting with mountain views. See www.golfazerbaijan.com for more information.

where to eat

in Gusar
The Gusar region is densely populated by Lezgis, a mountain people with their own special twist on traditional Azerbaijani cuisine. Specialities include flatbreads baked in an oven called a *kharak* and a delicious meat pie called *tskan*, ideal during cold winters.

in Guba
A city famous for its sweets, don't leave Guba without tasting pakhlava and *bukme*. The local pakhlava is made of thin layers of dough filled with ground, caramelised walnut and soaked in honey and syrup, while *bukme* is made with the same ingredients but differs in shape and is lighter. There are many sweet shops in the city centre, some offering ad hoc masterclasses.

Festivals
The Regional Cuisine Festival takes place over two days at the height of summer and features a range of events that focus on the whole food value chain – from producer to consumer – and include masterclasses, ethnic food displays, a farmer's market and live entertainment. The Guba Apple Festival is a popular local event celebrating the annual apple harvest. Both festivals feature lots of traditional music and dancing.

what to see

Traditional villages
Remote mountain villages are scattered right across the region. Step back in time in Khinalig with its timeless stone houses and people who have their own language and traditions. Find panoramic mountain scenery and fantastic walks at pretty Laza and Griz villages, or if you're a history buff, head to Anig village for its ancient city walls, historic houses and religious sites.

Wonderful waterfalls
One of Azerbaijan's most impressive waterfalls is located along the Velvechay river near Tengealti village south of Guba. Named Afurja, the falls are about 70 metres high with a footpath leading beneath the cliff behind. Waterfalls in two authentic mountain villages (Griz and Laza) freeze over in winter, adding drama to the already stunning scenery. The one near Griz, whose population speaks its very own language, is about two kilometres from the village and reaching it is an easy and enjoyable hike. The one in Laza occasionally attracts ice climbers.

Historic traces
Reaching Sohob Tower, sitting atop a peak above the village of Sohob, promises breathtaking views of canyons and remote settlements. The tower itself was built for defensive purposes assumedly in the 11th-12th centuries as part of a much larger fortification. Take a stroll through the atmospheric streets of Guba's old quarter for its elegant brick housing, historic mosques and hammams. And cross the beautiful 19th-century arched bridge over the Gudyalchay river to discover the region's fascinating Jewish heritage.

- Cultural
- Natural
- Wellness
- Special interest
- City highlights
- Hiking
- Camping
- Picnic spot
- Thermal springs
- Local cuisine
- Horse riding
- Fishing
- Rock climbing

Guba

- 1 Khaltan village¹
- 2 Afurja Waterfall¹
- 3 Tengealti village
- 4 Khanagah village
- 5 Chenlibel Lake
- 6 National Azerbaijan Golf Club
- 7 Guba Palace Hotel and Spa
- 8 Jannat Bagi Resort
- 9 Gechresh recreational area
- 10 Sohob Fortress¹
- 11 Minare Rock
- 12 Griz village¹
- 13 Griz Waterfall²
- 14 Khinalig State Reserve¹
- 15 Ateshgah Fire Temple³
- 16 Guba Museum of History and Local Lore
Red Village
Juma Mosque
Chukhur Hammam
Guba Genocide Memorial Complex
Guba Guba Destination Management Organisation and Tourist Information Centre

Gusar

- 17 Laza Waterfall¹
- 18 Laza village¹
- 19 Pik Palace Hotel and Spa
- 20 Park Chalet Hotel and Spa
- 21 Shahdag Mountain Resort
- 22 Anig historical sites
- 23 Taj Mahal Mosque
- 24 Sheikh Juneid Mausoleum
- 25 Hazra village

1 - Difficult driving conditions in winter or unsealed road. Contact Guba DMO to check accessibility and/or arrange an off-road vehicle
2 - No road access / accessible by hiking only
3 - Restricted accessibility, contact Guba DMO for latest update.

