

Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to see you soon in Baku to take part in the forthcoming First ICESCO Workshop on Fundamentals of Instrumentation & Reverse Engineering to be held in October, 4-7, 2021.

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

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

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. The weather in Baku in October is rather dry (with 20mm of rainfall over 5 days). The weather is worse than the previous month since in September there is an average of 9mm of precipitation over 2 days. The climate comfortable there the month of October. Temperatures are up to 20°C. The minimum is 18°C. Thus, the mean temperature average on this month of October in Baku is 19°C. Note that seasonal normal are in contrast with those observed in Baku in the month of October with a maximum record of 29°C in 2012 and a minimum record of 7°C in 2016. You can expect to have about 27 days with temperatures up to 18°C, or 87% of time. Recommended to take with you Lightweight Rain Jacket (preferably waterproof).
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.
8. COVID-19: The Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan has issued a decree that all passengers travelling to Azerbaijan will require a

negative PCR COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours before your flight's departure to Azerbaijan. 18 years old and over require a 'COVID-19 passport', a document confirming full vaccination against COVID-19 or a document showing immunity to COVID-19 in order to enter Azerbaijan. If you do not meet the above criteria, you may not be allowed entry in to Azerbaijan without the specified documentation. You should check with your airline before flying for the most up to date information and to see what documentation they will need. You may be tested again for COVID-19 and have your temperature checked on arrival into Azerbaijan. Anyone who displays symptoms of COVID-19 on arrival in Azerbaijan will be directed to the medical station at the airport. From there the case will be reported to the Emergency Medical Services. Kindly, read another travel recommendations and tips to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic from internet.