

# Absheron

## Ateshgah Fire Temple

Fire Temple is also known as the Temple of Eternal fire – Ateshgah. The place is well familiar across the different countries of the world. Originally it is located 30KM from the center of City Baku in the Surakhany Suburb. It is well familiar due to the unique phenomenon of nature which is actually the burning of the natural gas. This temple consists of many natural gas burning outlets. In this phenomenon, the gas from the earth crust comes out of the surface of the earth and when it contacts with the oxygen it lights up. The present look of the temple was constructed back in the 17th and 18th century. And originally built by the Hindu community related to the Baku Sikhs.



## Yanardag (Fire Mountain)

In the 13th century, when Marco Polo visited the then-Persian city of Baku, he mentioned numerous mysterious flames that could be found all over the region at various places of the Abşeron Peninsula. A 10m long wall of fire, that never extinguishes, is burning continuously alongside the edge of the hill, which naturally is at its most spectacular at night, when tourists and locals alike view the fire from a nearby teahouse. Local lore states that it was a shepherd that accidentally ignited the fire in the 1950s by tossing a cigarette, and that it has burnt ever since.

