

# Gusar

## Shahdag Mountain Resort

Tourist complex "Shahdag" is the first ski resort in Azerbaijan. Shahdag is located in the north-east corner of the country on the territory of Shahdag National Park, in Gusar region of Azerbaijan near Shahdag mountain. This complex occupies a well-deserved place in the list of the most beautiful corners of the Caucasus. Shahdag is suitable for advanced and beginner skiers. It's equipped with trails, both for beginners and real professionals. It's also equipped with 11 cable cars of several types - chairlifts, platter lifts and gondola. 14 ski slopes stretching along 17 kilometers are designed for various levels of complexity - both for children and beginners, and advanced skiers. Each trail is prepared with the help of artificial snow generators, which makes the ski season longer, and trails more qualitative and pleasant for skiing.



## Anigh Castle

The village of Anigh is located 27 km from the centre of the district, on the right bank of the Qusarchai River. Sometimes it is also called the Anigh Valley. In this strategically important village the castle was built in order to protect it from the Arab's occupation. The Castle is located at the foothills of Shahdag Mountain, 1100 meters above the sea level. To provide a better defence of the castle, its architect has successfully used all the features of the land's relief. There are two fragments of the castle left to this day. The first one is a wall that 15-16 meters long, and the second is the cornerstone of the tower gates. The width of the wall is 2 meters, and the diameter of the tower is about 6 meters. The height of the remains of the castle reaches 5,8-9,3 meters. The ancient fortress was built out of the rock fragments and river stones.

## Laza Village



Laza village is located at the foothills of the Shah Jaylak Mountain, at the height of 4242m above the sea level. The village is surrounded by beautiful landscapes, and many waterfalls flow from the rocks. The residents of the village live an ordinary mountainous life. The population speaks their native Lezgi language. The village has a population of only 130 people. The mosque, that belongs to the end of the 18th century, is the most remarkable place in the village. An ancient stone bridge over the Gusar River-Qohci-Myux, and a sacred place at the foothills of the Shahdag massif (pir) are also located in the Laza Village.