

Azerbaijan

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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- All forms of cannabis, including CBD and THC, are fully illegal in Azerbaijan; there is no medical or patient access and no import provision for travelers or patients.
- The law does not distinguish between CBD and THC, treating all cannabinoids as prohibited narcotics.
- Small-quantity possession isn't typically criminally prosecuted but may lead to rehabilitation; larger amounts (trafficking charges) carry up to 12 years imprisonment.

Background

- Azerbaijan's drug laws ban cannabis in any form with no allowance for medical use
- Law enforcement routinely enforces zero-tolerance policies, and cannabis is classified among restricted psychotropic substances.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Recreational cannabis is entirely illegal.
- Possession over ~10 g is considered trafficking with penalties of up to 3–7 years; cultivation/distribution of large amounts may bring sentences up to 12 years.



Traveling to Azerbaijan with Medical Cannabis

NO Import Allowed

- There is no valid legal pathway for travelers to bring in any cannabis products—THC or CBD, regardless of prescription or packaging.
- Foreign prescriptions and documentation are not recognized in Azerbaijan and carry no legal influence.
- Attempting to bring cannabis, whether oil, tincture, or flower, risks seizure, detention, and criminal charges.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not bring any cannabis-based products (CBD or THC).
2. Carry only legal, prescription medications clearly labeled, in original packaging.
3. Be aware that Azerbaijan does not recognize foreign cannabis prescriptions or medical documentation.
4. Even small amounts of cannabis may result in legal penalties; larger quantities prompt trafficking charges.
5. Confirm that your airline and transit countries strictly prohibit cannabis in baggage, even sealed.

Practical Tips

- Azerbaijan stands among the strictest countries with respect to cannabis. No form of patient access exists.
- There is no differentiation between medical and recreational cannabis; all are banned.
- For medical needs, rely on legal, non-cannabis alternatives while traveling.
- If carrying prescription medication, be prepared with valid documentation and original packaging.
- Consider contacting the Azerbaijani embassy well in advance if your treatment requires controlled substances but cannabis will not be authorized.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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