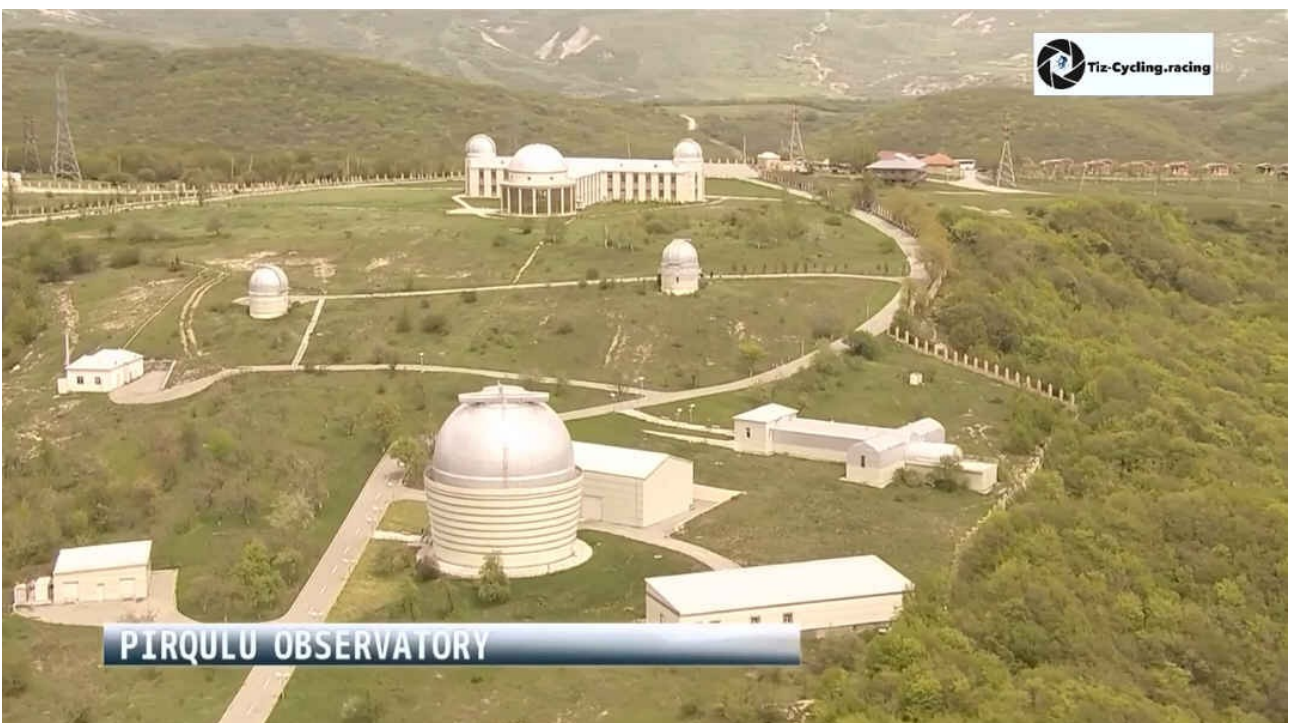




Pirqulu Observatory (1426m)

Tour d'Azerbaidjan



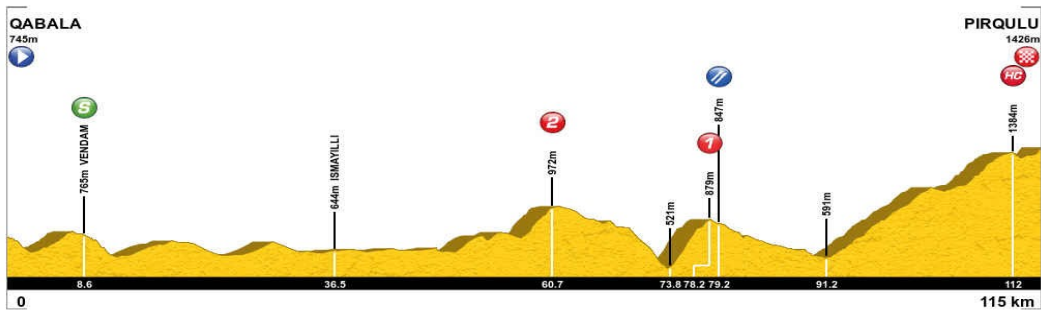
PIRQULU OBSERVATORY



Tour d'Azerbaijan

The Tour was born in 2012. It has 5 stages, with the traditional final circuit in the capital city (Baku) and an uphill finish, now classical, at 1400m.

It belongs to a world-wide trend consisting in using cyclism as a tool of promotion. For Azerbaijan, as for Kazakhstan (with the Astana pro team), the purpose is to make the country known to the public in a favourable light. The organisation of the first European Games, in Baku in 2015, followed the same logic.



Profile of the 4th stage - 2016

Pirkulu – Portrait

Rather easy climb (Average gradient 3,6%), with a max. at 10% in the 3rd and a last jump near the Observatory.

% km :

1,4 3,4 8,5 5,4 7,2 / 3,7 4,6 4,8 3,5 6,4
3,4 0,1 -0,8 2,7 1,6 / 4,7 5,7 6,7 4,4 1,7
-1,8 and 7,5 for the last 700m

Total elevation gain : 1426-580m = 846m

Total length : 23,7km

Average % : 3,57%

Maximum % : 11% - 300m



Nagraxana village, 5km before the finish line



Final sprint, 400m before the finish



Official website : <http://tourdeazerbaidjan.com/en/>

Pirquilu in video (last 10 km) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGqLPaSdc9Q>

Azerbaijan in the BIG-Challenge

Since 2016, the « Euro » version of the Challenge includes 3 Azeri climbs. Besides **Pirqulu** (BIG874), the **Old City of Bakou** (BIG873), mediatized by the European Games in 2015, and **Shahdag ski resort** (BIG875), that lies in the north of the country (Caucasus) at 1650m.

More informations on : <https://www.bigcycling.eu/en/big/index/zone/zone/25/>



Shahdag (BIG875)



Along the walls of the Old City (Baku - European Games 2015) (BIG873)