

Baku, Azerbaijan

Sunday, 17 June 2007

This next flight was over the high mountains of Eastern Turkey and

Azerbaijan . I wanted to get an early start and depart by 7 am before the start of the midday heat that causes towering clouds to build up over the mountain. The ground handler tried to squeeze as much money as he could out of us, and kept us there to negotiation a hefty \$612 for landing and handling fee.Â

Freedom flight finally departed at 8:45. There was a very good tail wind, so it made up for lost time. With about 220 KT of ground speed at only 65% hp setting, the 845 nautical miles took about four and half hours.

On the Eastern side of turkey, I had to climb to flight level 190, and maneuver around many high clouds.

The city of Baku sits at the western shore or beautiful

Caspian Sea that is very close to my heart with many childhood memories.

I made friends with Farid and Rafet. We had an opportunity to exchange culture over dinner.Â Â

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Baku is a city rich with culture. Dancing to the tune of Lezginca on any street corner is common with the people of

Azerbaijan .Â

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