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The Land of Fire

Azerbaijan is a country known as the 'Land of Fire' and also the 'Land of Oil'. It has received these two titles from very natural causes and what you might not realise is that the two are linked together. Azerbaijan is located by the Caspian Sea and its capital Baku is right by the shore. The Caspian Sea and surrounding lands are well known for their rich oil supply. This has contributed to varying natural phenomena in the geographic area, much of which can be seen in Azerbaijan. This richness in oil is also responsible for the name and reputation that the country has received.

Azerbaijan is the home of about three hundred mud volcanoes, the country with the highest number in the world, especially as there are only about seven hundred known mud volcanoes in existence.

In the volcanoes, pent-up and burning hydrocarbon gases are released, along with mud, and can travel from up to 812 km from underneath the ground. The gases leaking from the ground can create a fascinating phenomenon seen in the ever burning fire at Yanar Dag, where gas leaks, and fuels a flame from the side of a mountain.

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