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## The Silk Trade Route

In the 1st – 2nd centuries BC the busiest trade route began with Chinese and Indian traders crossing Central Asia, to the Caspian Sea, and across the territory of Azerbaijan. There the route split into two roads: one led upstream the Kura towards Colchis and Iberia, the second along the western coast of the Caspian Sea.

Azerbaijan was the safest of the entire Silk Road and attracted a diverse range of merchants. Another attraction of the destination was that most of the travel here was by water, which was the cheapest mode of transport at the time. As a result, this section of route was durable, stable and intensive.

It was along these split branches of the Silk Road that the numerous individual cities of Azerbaijan were founded.

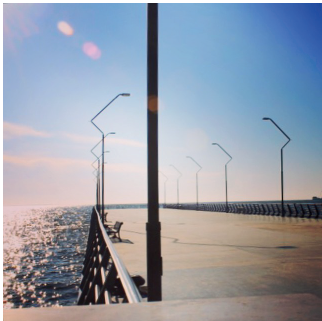
During early Middle Ages Azerbaijan still remained the important centre of the route. And Barda, which became the capital of Azerbaijan in the 5th century, was considered the world's greatest trading centre on one of branches of the Silk Road and until the 10th century was one of the greatest centres of crafts of the entire Middle East

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