

The Map ALI & NINO - WALKING TOUR

by Betty Blair

1 GOVERNOR'S GARDEN

Governor's Garden was public park space which gave Ali and Nino a chance to meet each other privately.



2 PHILHARMONIC HALL

City Club for oil entrepreneurs was converted into the most prestigious music hall during the Soviet period.



3 NATIONAL ART MUSEUM

St. Maria's Girls School was a Catholic School at the beginning of 20th century. Now it is the National Art Museum.



4 PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

A new building of the 1980s, which houses the Administrative offices of President of the Azerbaijan Republic.



5 WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Previous residence whose owner sold the building to one of the wealthiest oil barons and left for the United States during WWI.



6 NINO'S SCHOOL

Nino's School was called Lyceum of the Holy Queen Tamar for Girls in *Ali & Nino*. Nino studied there as did Chamanzaminli's children.



7 BAKU CITY HALL

City Hall, the municipality building which houses the major offices for the mayor and his city administration.



8 SHIRVANSHAHS PALACE

The 15th century palace complex of the Shirvanshahs who moved to Baku after a devastating earthquake in Shamakhi.



9 ALI'S SCHOOL

Used both for Realni School and Men's Gymnasium No. 2. Ali Khan attended this school. Both Chamanzaminli and Essad Bey studied there.



10 DELIN / JAVANSHIR APT

Apartments of Swedish oil expert Erik Delin and Behbudbey Javanshir, who was murdered in Istanbul by Dashnaks in 1921.



11 MANUSCRIPTS INSTITUTE

First Muslim Girls' Boarding School in Baku which was built by Oil Baron Taghiyev, who, though illiterate, understood the value of education.



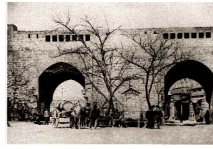
12 ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Ismayiliyya Benevolent Society built by Oil Baron Musa Naghiyev in memory of his son Ismayil who died of tuberculosis.



13 DOUBLE GATES

Famous landmark in Baku. Gosha Gala Gapi is the north entrance into the Old City (Ichari Shahar).



14 CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

The upper side of Ashumov building where Lev Nussimbaum lived.



15 ASHUMOV BUILDING

The prestigious Ashumov Building where Lev Nussimbaum and his father lived beginning at least by 1914 until 1920 when they fled Baku.



16 PASAJ

The first covered "shopping mall" in Baku built in 1896-1898 by Oil Baron Taghiyev who is featured in *Ali & Nino*, along with his son Ilyas.



17 ATATURK CENTRE

Philipposjanat Brothers Cafe. At one time, part of the bottom level was a coffee shop featured in *Ali & Nino*. Also City Bank.



18 TAGHIYEV'S RESIDENCE

Originally, personal residence of Oil Baron Taghiyev. High school graduation party in *Ali & Nino* was hosted here. Now History Museum.



19 KIPIANI RESIDENCE

Residence where a Kipiani family lived. It has not been proven that this was the prototype for Nino. Across from the French Embassy.



20 MAIDEN TOWER

Major landmark of Baku. Marks the Winter Solstice. Sun rises perfectly through mysterious door facing the sea every December 21-22.



For related texts in the novel *Ali and Nino*, see "The *Ali and Nino* Walking Tour of Baku," by Fuad Akhundov and Betty Blair in *Azerbaijan International* magazine (Summer 2004), Vol. 12:2, 44-69. Search at AZER.com.