

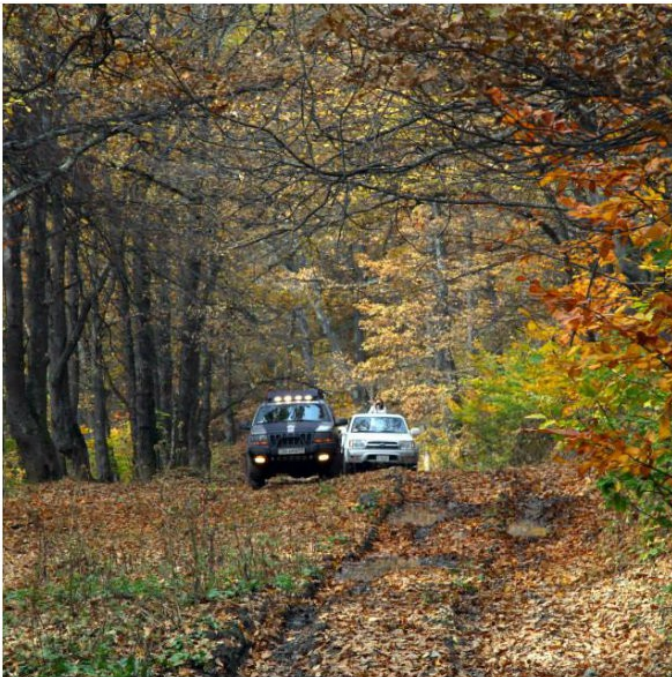


Tour: **4x4 Adventure in Armenia**

Duration: 9 days / 8 nights

Characteristics: Total driving-1300 km, off - road riding – 210 km

Suitable for mid-sized groups





BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from home country.

Day 2: Arrival to Yerevan - Khor Virap – Areni- Noravank – Smbataberd – Yeghegis

Total driving- 180 km, of which off-road driving- 30 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Day 3: Vayots Sar volcano – Zorats Karer – Tatev – Devil’s bridge – Goris

Total driving- 190 km, of which off-road driving- 40 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Day 4: Khndzoresk – Jermuk – Al Lakes – Tsapatagh

Total driving- 230 km, of which off-road driving- 45 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Day 5: Sevanavank – Semyonovka – Old Dilijan – Parz Lake – Goshavank – Dilijan

Total driving- 190 km, of which off-road driving- 20 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Day 6 : Vanadzor – Beded Gorge – Hnevank – Dendropark – Trchkan waterfall – Gyumri

Total driving- 250 km, of which off-road driving- 45 km.

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Day 7: Gyumri – Yezidi cemetery – Aparan – Amberd – Rock symphony – Garni temple – Yerevan

Total driving- 190 km, of which off-road driving- 30 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Day 8: Mother of Armenia – Armenian Genocide Memorial – Brandy factory – Vernissage

Day 9: Departure

Transfer to airport. Departure.

DESCRIPTIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from home country.

Day 2: Arrival to Yerevan - Khor Virap – Areni- Noravank – Smbataberd – Yeghegis

Total driving- 180 km, of which off-road driving- 30 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Arrival to Zvartnots international airport in Yerevan. Meet and greet transfer to hotel. Heading to South of Armenia, visiting Khor Virap monastery and enjoying the best view to Mount Ararat. Continue to Areni village for a short visit at a local wine factory and visit Noravank monastery. Lunch at cave restaurant where we can see how they make Armenian BBQ in tonir and Armenian famous bread Lavash. Continue to Smbataberd fortress with off-road driving up hill. Hiking down from fortress to Yeghegis village. Then visiting 13th century Jewish cemetery which is located in Yeghegis gorge. Overnight in Hermon.

**Day 3: Vayots Sar volcano – Zorats Karer – Tatev – Devil’s bridge – Goris**

Total driving- 190 km, of which off-road driving- 40 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

After breakfast starting on off-road to Vayots Sar volcano, then join the main road to South and go to Sisian where we can see 7500 years old Observatory. Then continue on off-road to Tatev monastic complex. Group can take cable car which is the longest in the world or hiking down from Tatev Monastery to Devil’s bridge. Continue on asphalt road to Goris. Overnight in Goris.

Day 4: Khndzoresk – Jermuk – Al Lakes – Tsapatagh

Total driving- 230 km, of which off-road driving- 45 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Old Khndzoresk village cave dwelling is one of oldest villages in Armenia. Hiking from view point to other side of the gorge, crossing Sway Bridge and see the village and caves where people lived until late 20th century. Jeeps will go on Short off-road down to other side of the gorge and meet group. Continue on asphalt road to Vayots Dzor province, start nice off-road driving through Arpa gorge to famous Jermuk Spa town, where we will see beautiful waterfall and the gallery of natural hot fizzy water. Having lunch at a restaurant nearby and start off-road driving to Lake Sevan. Enjoy Al Lakes en route. Then continue on Asphalt road to Tsapatagh village. Overnight in Vardenis (guest house) or Tsapatagh (hotel).

Day 5: Sevanavank – Semyonovka – Old Dilijan – Parz Lake – Goshavank – Dilijan

Total driving- 190 km, of which off-road driving- 20 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

After breakfast driving on asphalt to Sevanavank monastery, then continue to Dilijan via Semyonovka village by short off-road. Walk through old Dilijan district. Continue to Parz Lake on dirt road. Start hiking from Parz Lake to Goshavank monastery though a dense forest. Visiting Goshavank 13th century monastery and drive back to Dilijan. Overnight in Dilijan.

Day 6 : Vanadzor – Beded Gorge – Hnevank – Dendropark – Trchkan waterfall – Gyumri

Total driving- 250 km, of which off-road driving- 45 km.

8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Heading to Lori province via Russian Molokans villages, then drive along Debed River. Start off-road driving to Hnevank monastery which is located in Kurtan gorge. Visiting Dendropark (nice walk into botanical garden in Lori province), continue on asphalt to Shirak province and start off-road driving to Trchkan waterfall, highest and biggest waterfall in Armenia, then continue on dirt road to Gyumri. Overnight in Gyumri.



Day 7: Gyumri – Yezidi cemetery – Aparan – Amberd – Rock symphony – Garni temple – Yerevan

Total driving- 190 km, of which off-road driving- 30 km.

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Short city tour in Gyumri, then heading to Aragatsotn province. On the way visiting Yezidi 13th century cemetery with animal shape grave stones, heading to Amberd fortress which is located on the slopes of Aragats Mountain. Nice walk around the fortress. Continue to Garni Pagan Temple and off-road driving to Garni gorge where we can see famous natural Rock Symphony. After visiting Garni Pagan Temple we will go for dinner at local's house in a beautiful garden. Drive back to Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 8: Mother of Armenia – Armenian Genocide Memorial – Brandy factory – Vernissage

City tour with comfortable minibus, visiting Armenian Genocide memorial and museum, Brandy factory at the place of former Yerevan fortress etc. If week end visit Vernissage open air handcraft market. Free time. Gala dinner with folklore show. After dinner transfer to airport.

Day 9: Departure

Transfer to airport. Departure.

EXPLORE ALSO THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Jeep tour Armenia + Georgia

Jeep tour Armenia + Nagorno Kharabagh

Jeep tour Armenia + Iran

Notes:

The order of the itinerary is subject to be revised.

Museums are closed on Mondays.

Scarves are required for women to enter in Armenian Orthodox churches.

Short trousers aren't acceptable in the church both for women and men.

Wind and rain coats, hat, sun cream and comfortable shoes should be in every luggage.