



TOUR **NORTHERN ARMENIA**

Duration: 8 days/ 7 nights

Best period: March – November

Characteristics: UNESCO highlights, meeting with local people and ethnic minorities, 2 nights countryside

Suitable for FITs and groups





BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1: DEPARTURE FROM HOMELAND

Day 1: YEREVAN CITY TOUR

Day 2: YEREVAN - NORADUZ - SEVAN - GOSHAVANK - DILIJAN

Day 3: DILIJAN HAGPAT SANAHIN - DILIJAN

Day 4: DILIJAN - AMBERD - SAGMOSAVANK - YEREVAN

Day 5: YEREVAN - KHOR VIRAP - NORAVANK - YEREVAN

Day 6: YEREVAN - ECHMIADZIN - ZVARTNOTS - GENOCIDE MEMORIAL - YEREVAN

Day 7: YEREVAN - GARNI - GHEGARD - MATENADARAN - YEREVAN

Day 8: DEPARTURE

DESCRIPTIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from homeland

Day 1: YEREVAN - THE CITY OLDER THAN ROME

Arrival in Zvartnots international airport of Yerevan – the capital of Armenia. Meet the guide and private transfer to the hotel. Overnight or short rest depending on flight schedule. Breakfast at the hotel. City tour in Yerevan city tour. Visit Historical center of Yerevan – Erebouni fortress ruins, State History Museum, Cascade monument and take a panoramic view to the city. Welcome dinner at a traditional restaurant. Evening stroll in Republic Square to enjoy the Singing Fountains. Overnight in Yerevan

Day 2: ARMENIAN KHACHKARS – CROSS STONES

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Noraduz cemetery where hundred Armenian cross stones are laid. Continue to Sevan monasteries 9 cen. and world’s second highest alpine freshwater Lake Sevan. Taste the delicious lake trout and continue to Goshavank monastery 13 cen. and Parz lake if time permits. Overnight in Dilijan

Day 3: NORTHERN ARMENIA AND UNESCO HIGHLIGHT

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Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the forested town of Dilijan more known as Armenian Switzerland and drive to Hagpat and Sanahin monasteries UNESCO highlight 10-13 cen. Return back to Yerevan stopping at Russian ethnic and religious minority Molokans village for evening tea. Overnight in Dilijan

Day 4: MT. ARAGATS - MEET THE NOMADS

Breakfast at the hotel. Return back to Yerevan making a semicircle to the highest peak of Armenia Mt. Aragats 4090 m. and meeting with nomads. Visit Amberd fortress ruins on the Slopes of Mt. Aragats at 2000 m. Armenian Alphabet park en route. Last stop at Sagmosavank monastery with the view to Qasagh river canyon. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 5: BIBLICAL MT. ARARAT AND CRADLE OF WINE

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Khor Virap monastery 4-17 cen. taking the best view to Biblical Mt. Ararat. Continue to Noravank monastery 9 - 14 cen. situated over the Ghnishik river canyon. Wine tasting in famous wine regions and return back to Yerevan with a stop at a Carpet factory. Optional dinner in Carpet Factory with Master Class show. Overnight in Yerevan

Day 6: CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to the religious center of Armenia - Echmiadzin Cathedral 4th cen. UNESCO and visit Zvartnots cathedral ruins 7th cen. UNESCO. Return back to Yerevan and visit Tsitsernakaberd Memorial park and Genocide Museum. Overnight in Yerevan

Day 7: HANDCRAFTING AND LOCAL TRADITIONS

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Garni pagan temple of 1st cen. - the only one survived in the Caucasus and continue to Geghard cave monastery 12-13 cen. UNESCO main relic - Holy Spear. Lunch in the beautiful garden of a local family tasting Armenian Khorovats (barbeque) and return back to Yerevan. Visit Matenadaran manuscript depositary and Vernissgae open air handcraft market. Farewell dinner in a traditional restaurant with live music / Overnight in Yerevan

Day 8: Departure

Transfer to airport. Departure.

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