



Tour: **EASTER ARMENIA**

April 1, 2018

Duration: 7 days/6 nights

Characteristics: UNESCO highlights, gastronomy, liturgy and folklore

Suitable for fits and groups





BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from homeland

Day 2: City tour in Yerevan / Erebouni / Cascade

Day 3: Khor Virap / Noravank / Yerevan

Day 4: Yerevan / Garni / Geghard / History Museum / Yerevan

Day 5: Yerevan / Noraduz / Sevan / Goshavank / Yerevan

Day 6: Yerevan / Sagmosavank / Hagpat / Yerevan

Day 7: Echimadzin / Zvartnots / Matenadaran / Vernissage / Easter dinner

Day 8: Departure

DESCRIPTIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from homeland

Day 2: City tour in Yerevan / Erebouni / Cascade

Arrival at Zvartnots international airport in Yerevan. Private transfer to the hotel. Check in and rest. Breakfast at the hotel. City tour in Yerevan by car or bus with a stop for a panoramic view. Visit history center of the city dating back to the 8th cen. B.C. Return back to the downtown and visit Cascade. Welcome dinner in a traditional restaurant. OVERNIGHT IN YEREVAN.

Day 3: Khor Virap / Noravank / Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Khor Virap monastery which offers the closest view to the Biblical Mt. Ararat (in Turkish territory). Continue to Vayots Dzor region passing by different climate zones and landscapes. Visit Noravank monastery of 9-14 cen. famous not only for the architect Momik, but also for



the nice canyon. Return back to Yerevan. OVERNIGHT IN YEREVAN.

Day 4: Yerevan / Garni / Geghard / History Museum / Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Kotayk region and YEREVAN and visit Garni pagan temple (1st cent. A.D.) – the only one in all CIS countries and the cave monastery of Geghard (12-13 cen. UNESCO). Return back to Yerevan and visit State History Museum. OVERNIGHT IN Optional visit to a cave where world's ancient leather shoe and wine cellar are found. Return back to Yerevan. OVERNIGHT IN YEREVAN.

Day 5: Yereva / Noraduz / Sevan / Goshavank / Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Noraduz – a huge cemetery with hundred medieval and modern Armenian cross stones. Continue to lake Sevan. Admire world's second highest and largest alpine freshwater lake and visit the monasteries on the peninsula. Continue the tour to the forested Tavush region and visit Goshavank monastery of 13th cen. Return back to Yerevan. OVERNIGHT IN YEREVAN.

Day 6: Yerevan / Sagmosavank / Hagpat / Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Sagmosavank monastery of 13th cen. and explore the magnificent gorge of Qasagh river. Continue to Lori region that borders with Georgia and visit Hagpat monastery 10-13 cent. UNESCO. If the weather is good stop at Ushi village for open air master class of traditional Armenian home-made *arishta*. Return back to Yerevan from the long excursion day. OVERNIGHT IN YEREVAN.

Day 7: Echmiadzin / Zvartnots / Matenadaran / Vernissage / Easter dinner

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit Echmiadzin - the religious center of Armenia. Visit one of the 1st Christian churches of the world (301- 303 AD.) and the 7th cen. churches Hripsime and Zavrtnots UNESCO. Return back to Yerevan and visit Matenadaran manuscript museum.

**Participation at the Easter Liturgy in Echmiadzin.
Special Easter dinner at a restaurant.**



Day 8: Departure