

8-Day Armenian Culture and History Exploration

Key information

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Best season: April - October

Tour type: Small group of 3-13 people

What's included:

Airport transfers, Accommodation for 7 nights (3* hotels, double rooms), Meals: breakfast, All transfers in airconditioned vehicles, English speaking guide/driver service for all days, All admission fees, 1 bottle of water per day (0.5lt.), Tatev Cable car ticket

What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance, lunches & dinners

Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Yerevan - Goshavank - Haghartsin

Day 2 - Haghpat - Sanahin - Stepanavan - Dilijan

Day 3 - Sevan - Selim Pass - Jermuk

Day 4 - Karahunj - Tatev - Goris

Day 5 - Areni - Noravank - Khor Virap - Yerevan

Day 6 - Yerevan City Tour - Echmiadzin - Zvartnots

Day 7 - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

Day 8 - Departure



Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Upon your arrival at the airport, we'll start your adventure by heading to the captivating Tavush region. Your first stop will be at the awe-inspiring medieval monasteries of Goshavank and Haghartsin, where history comes alive amidst stunning architectural wonders. In the evening you will stay in Haghpat village for overnight.

Overnight: Hotel in Haghpat

Day 2

Today, we'll take you on a UNESCO-listed journey to the Haghpat and Sanahin Monasteries, immersing you in the rich cultural heritage of Armenia. Prepare to be enchanted by the country's first botanical garden, the Stepanavan Dendropark, with its vast array of exotic trees and lush wild forests. Our journey continues to the picturesque Tavush Province, making a stop at the quaint resort town of Dilijan, renowned for its vibrant arts and crafts scene, as well as its breathtaking natural beauty and rejuvenating air.

Overnight: Hotel in Dilijan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250 km

Day 3 Previous

Today, we'll explore the Gegharkunik Province, home to the beautiful Lake Sevan, one of the world's highest freshwater lakes, situated at an altitude of 1900 meters. After visiting the Sevanavank monastery, we'll journey along a segment of the historic Great Silk Road, leading to the Selim Pass. Here, we'll make a stop at the well-preserved 14th-century Selim Caravansary, a testament to the region's ancient trading routes. Our next destination is the charming resort town of Jermuk, known for its hot mineral springs and captivating landscapes. Be prepared to be mesmerized by the beauty of the Jermuk Waterfall as we take a leisurely walk through the Arpa River Canyon.

Overnight: Hotel in Jermuk

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250 km

Day 4

This day you will head to Syunik province, where you'll explore Karahunj, a 6,000-year-old observatory often referred to as the "Armenian Stonehenge." Then you will marvel at the brilliance of the Tatev Monastery, accessible via the world's longest cable car, soaring over the breathtaking Vorotan River Canyon. Later, we'll stop at the "Devil's Bridge," a natural bridge nestled deep within the canyon. Our day will conclude in Goris, where you'll have a free evening to explore at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel in Goris



Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 270 km

Day 5

Bid farewell to Goris as we journey back to Yerevan, the vibrant capital of Armenia. Along the way, we'll stop at a wine factory, where you'll have the chance to savor the flavors of local wines made from the exquisite "Areni" grape variety. A narrow canyon will lead us to the valley of red rocks, where the awe-inspiring Noravank Monastery awaits. Continue south to Khor Virap Monastery, nestled at the foot of the legendary Mount Ararat. In the evening, explore the bustling streets and cultural delights of Yerevan.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 250 km

Day 6

This day you will have a chance to discover the rich historical and literary treasures of Yerevan with a captivating city tour. Visit the Matenadaran institute museum, home to over 17,000 ancient and medieval manuscripts. Stroll through the vibrant Food Market, a haven of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. Our trip continues to Echmiadzin town, the spiritual center of Armenians worldwide, where we'll explore the Echmiadzin Cathedral. On the way back, we'll make a stop at the ruins of Zvartnots temple, a UNESCO-listed 7th-century heritage site that once stood as a marvel of its time.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 90 km

Day 7

In the morning you will have a trip to the scenic Azat River canyon, where Geghard Cave Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, awaits. Next you will visit the ancient Hellenistic Garni temple built in 77 AD. The final highlight of the day is a visit to the Museum of Armenian History, offering a captivating journey through Armenia's rich past.

Overnight: Hotel in Yerevan

Meals: Breakfast

Duration: 7-8 hours

Length: 90 km



Day 8

It's time to bid farewell to Armenia as we transfer you to the airport for your departure. As you leave, take with you cherished memories of an unforgettable journey filled with cultural wonders and natural splendor. We hope you return soon to create even more amazing experiences in this enchanting land.



Booking terms and conditions

Once we received your application, confirmed all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 200 euro per person (depending on the tour price) is received, we will start your hotel reservation and other service booking and will send your Tour Voucher with all the trip details.

Payment Terms

After you have booked the tour, it is necessary to make a non-refundable deposit of 200 euros, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after your arrival on the spot. We reserve the right to cancel your booking and apply the relevant cancellation charges (detailed below) if we do not receive all payments at the due time.

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