

Rock Climbing in Armenia – 7 days

Key information

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Best season: May - October

Tour type: Small group of 3-13 people

What's included:

Transport, services of a professional rock-climbing instructor, accomodation (minimum conditions), excursion program, wine Tasting in Areni, 1 bottle of water per day (0.5lt.)

What's not included:

Flights, Visa fee, Medical insurance

Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival - Yerevan City Tour - Khor Virap - Chiva

Day 2 - Climbing training in the gorge of Hell Canyon

Day 3 - Climbing training in the gorge of Hell Canyon

Day 4 - Smbataberd - Noravank - Magellan - Areni

Day 5 - Climbing training in the gorge Amaghu

Day 6 - Climbing training in the gorge Amaghu

Day 7 - Selim Pass - Hayravank - Lake Sevan - Departure



Detailed itinerary

Day 1

After your arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel you'll have a city tour around Yerevan- the ancient capital of Armenia. According to the cuneiform inscription of Urartian King Argishti Yerevan was built in 782 BC. The trip will continue to the south of Armenia to Khor Virap Monastery, a historic site located amidst the Ararat Valley. The monastery was built on the place of the royal prison in Artashat. Here in the royal prison, Gregory the Illuminator suffered for 13 years for preaching Christianity in Armenia in the 3rd century. Then we will take you to the Armenian village Chiva (or Areni depending on the season). Here you will enjoy tasty and eco rustic dinner and then have an overnight in the local cozy cottage.

Overnight: Hotel in Chiva

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Days 2

After breakfast, you will have a climbing training in the gorge of Hell Canyon for a full day (working with a rope, climbing history, learning the technique of climbing). The lunch will be held on the spot; you will have lunch boxes. At the end of the day, you will return to the village, have dinner and then have a rest at the cottage.

Overnight: Hotel in Chiva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

This day you will also have a climbing training in the gorge of Hell Canyon for a full day (working with a rope, climbing history, learning the technique of climbing) and then return to the village.

Overnight: Hotel in Chiva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Days 4

This is a rest day of our programme. After breakfast, you will have a hiking tour to the medieval fortress of Smbataberd. The tour will continue to Noravank Monastery located in a beautiful valley of red rocks and visit to the caves Magellan and Areni 1. You will visit Areni village known for its local wine production. Here those who wish will try Areni local wines. At the end of the day, you will return to the village, have a rustic dinner and then have a rest at the cottage.

Overnight: Hotel in Chiva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

After breakfast, you will have a climbing training in the gorge of Amaghu for a full day (working with a rope, climbing history, learning the technique of climbing). The lunch will be held on the spot; you will have lunch boxes. At the end of the day, you will return to the village, have dinner and then have a rest at the cottage.

Overnight: Hotel in Chiva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

This day you will also have a climbing training in the gorge of Amaghu for a full day (working with a rope, climbing history, learning the technique of climbing) and then return to the village.

Overnight: Hotel in Chiva

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7

This day you will head to Gegharkunik region. First, you will stop to enjoy the famous Selim Pass and to visit Selim Caravanserai. A little later you will see a view of the lake Sevan - the “blue pearl of Armenia” and one of the highest freshwater lakes in the world located at about 2000 meters above sea level. Here you will visit Hayravank Monastery.

After the tour, you will enjoy the farewell dinner on the shores of Lake Sevan with beautiful views and tasty local dishes. This day you will be transferred to the airport for departure.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*



GENERAL CHECKLIST	
The following basic checklist will help you with your packing for this trip. Please pack everything is listed below. Note: You need climbing SHOES and HARNESS, at minimum. Equipment items that are available for rental. Please contact us for assistance in selecting equipment for your course.	
• Fleece Wind-Stopper jacket • Waterproof shell jacket (preferably breathable fabric) • Lightweight thermal gloves • Underwear • Lightweight cotton long trousers/pants • Sun hat or scarf • T-shirts (2) • Thin, lightweight (inner socks) • Sunglasses with UV protection	• Head lamp (eg Petzl) spare bulbs & batteries • Basic First Aid Kit (see First Aid Medicine below) • Plastic bags – for keeping items dry inside trek bag • Toiletries (cream) • Footwear appropriate to the trip • Waterproof shell trousers/pants (preferably breathable fabric)

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 50-100 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 50-100 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.

Cancellation of the tour

If you or a member of your group wants to cancel the tour, please, inform our company as soon as possible in writing form. Please, note that the prepayment (50-100 euros) is non-refundable, however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, our company will have to charge an extra 100 euros for re-booking the hotel.

Rights and obligations

Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before its inception and are not the subject of change or cancellation. Under the obligation of forced circumstances (weather, holidays) we can make some changes in the itinerary, however, all that relates to services and attractions will remain unchanged.





Please note, that our tours require a minimum number of participants – 2 persons. We reserve the right to cancel the trip, if any tour will not have the minimum number of participants. We will inform you about the cancellation of the tour no later than 30 days before the start and will do the full refund of the amount paid, including the prepayment.

We also request immediately and promptly report all complaints and any claims during the tour. If possible, all problems will be solved. If the tourist does not report any complaint, the compensation will not be implemented.

Please, also note that the company AraraTour is not liable for services not included in the tour price. Our responsibility is limited only to the extent provided by our tour.

Force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control and which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part frees both parties from liability or obligation. In case of Force majeure, we don't issue any refund.

Insolvency or bankruptcy insurance

Tour operator Arara guarantees the refund of clients' money for unfulfilled services even in the case of company's own insolvency or bankruptcy.

