

Armenia is a mountainous nation in West Asia, a former Soviet Republic, and was the first Christian country to adopt Christianity in the fourth century. It's worth mentioning that Grigori the Illuminator who was the founder and first official head of the Armenian Apostolic Church is the 2nd important saint of Italian city of Naples.

The world's oldest winery was found in Armenia in Areni village. It's 6.100 years old.

The current capital of Armenia, Yerevan was founded in 782 B.C. making it one of the oldest capitals in the world.

Pulpulaks - drinking fountains - help to survive the heat. In Armenia, clean water comes even from the tap, so people don't use water filters at home.

Armenian is the only official language. The main foreign languages that Armenians know are Russian and English.

The national currency is Armenian dram.

Best season for traveling to Armenia is from early April to late October. he average temperature ranges from -3 °C (26.5 °F) in December to 27 °C (80 °F) in July, with highs around 34.5 °C (94 °F), but also with peaks of about 40 °C (104 °F).

Enjoy Gorgeous Armenia

(6 days, 5 nights)

Day 1: Arrival at Zvartnots Intl. airport. Transfer to the hotel. Rest.

Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

(-/-/-)

Day 2: Yerevan city tour – Zvartnots – Voskevaz

Breakfast at the hotel. The main purpose of today's tour is to get acquainted with the vibrant capital of the country. With its historical and cultural monuments and interesting sights, corners and parts of the city. We will visit **Cascade Complex** - an outdoor contemporary art garden and largest contemporary art museum of Yerevan with a nice view of the city from the top. Then, will continue to the **Republic Square** which is the heart and the most beautiful square of Yerevan. Afterwards, visit **State Opera and Ballet Theater** and **Northern Avenue** - the latest pedestrian street.



Wine tour in Voskevaz

Visit the **Blue Mosque** which is an 18th-century Shia mosque in Yerevan. (Optional)

Vernissage - wonderful open-air market. It is the best place to buy exclusive masterpieces, souvenirs and works of art made by Armenian local craftsmen and artists, and observe locals. Here you can do shopping and enjoy this perfect Armenian atmosphere.

Visit **Zvartnots Cathedral** (**UNESCO**) constructed in the 7th century. The ruins and Zvartnots is so special because it was made with a rare construction technique that was not common during the 7th-century and the methods used were considered extremely advanced.



Zvartnots Cathedral

Transfer to Yerevan for the overnight.

(B/-/-)

Day 3: Yerevan – Sevan – Garni – Symphony of Stones – Gegard – Tsaghkadzor (Ropeway)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to **Sevan** to visit the monastery of **Sevanavank** which is a monastic complex founded in the 9th century, located on a peninsula at the northwestern shore of Lake Sevan. From here the visitors will have an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful view of Lake Sevan – called "The Jewel of Armenia" and is the largest lake in the Caucasus and one of the largest freshwater high-altitude lakes in the world



Lake Sevan

Drive to visit **Garni** which is remarkable with its historical and architectural monuments, the most famous is the pagan temple of Garni dedicated to the God of Sun. It is the only pagan temple in the Caucasus region. After adopting Christianity in 301, the pagan temple lost its significance and the fortress of Garni became the summer residence of the kings. Nowadays the ruins of the royal palace and the bathroom with a stunning mosaic work can be found near the temple.

Walk to the famous **Symphony Canyon** was named for its rock formations, a series of perfectly cut diamond shaped granite, basalt, slag.

Enjoy the breathtaking view of **Symphony of Stones** and the surroundings.



Geghard Monastery

Drive to visit **Geghard Monastery** (**UNESCO**). The monastery comprises a number of churches and tombs, most of them cut into the living rock, illustrating Armenian medieval architecture at its highest point. The complex is set into a landscape of great natural beauty, surrounded by towering cliffs at the entrance to the Azat Valley.

Tsaghkadzor - one of the most popular ski resorts of Armenia. Firstly because of the climate and location - the wonderful weather conditions, the beautiful mountain nature, the delicious and hospitable cuisine make Tsaghkadzor the best recreation area not only in Armenia but in the whole region. Here, the visitors can combine outdoor activities with sightseeing: have a wonderful day of skiing. For those who don't ski there is a cable car to enjoy fascinating views on Teghenis Mountains and breathe fresh air of alpine mountains. Also, can visit Kecharis monastery complex, dating back to 13th century.



Tsaghkadzor

Transfer to Yerevan for the overnight.

(B/-/-)

Day 4: Yerevan – Chir's house – Sunny Snails – Observing the stars in Byurakan – Yerevan



Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Byurakan - village in Ashtarak region.

Proceed to **Sunny Snail's** (the only snail factory in Armenia) to have an informative tour and taste delicious snails (if you want).

Continue to visit **Chir's house** for a unique tour and have a '**sujukh' masterclass.**

Afterwards drive to the observatory in Byurakan to **observe the stars**!

Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

Day 5: Yerevan – Khor Virap – Noravank – Areni winery – Areni -1 Cave - Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast drive to visit **Khor Virap** – this fortified monastery is a place of pilgrimage and a holy site for all the Armenians and not only. The site dates back to a pagan temple that stood here for centuries before Christ's birth. After the adoption of Christianity (301) this place was converted to a Christian holy pace and a chapel was built instead. The chapel was destroyed later and the site was used for construction of the existing Monastery. The monastery is located close to the border between Armenia and Turkey and is also the most beautiful view of Mount Ararat and entire Ararat Valley from here.



Khor Virap

Drive to visit **Noravank** built in the 12th century, the monastery is best known for its two-storey Surb Astvatsatsin (Holy Mother of God) Church, which grants access to the second floor by way of a narrow stone-made staircase jutting out from the face of building. The monastery is also famous for its marvelous scenery of the red cliffs.



Noravank

Visit **Areni winery** to try the best wines in the region.

Areni – 1 Cave Excavations unearthed large complexes which proved that the site was used as a winery about 6,000 years ago. Areni Cave is now recognized as the oldest winery in the world. Also, during the excavations a shoe was found dating back to 3500 BC which made it the oldest leather shoe in the world!

Drive back to Yerevan for the overnight.

(B/-/-)

Day 6: Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Bon voyage!

PAX	Ani Central Inn 4* or similar Price in USD PER PAX	Hotel Opera Suite 4* or similar Price in USD PER PAX
2	545	610
4	435	500
6	385	445
8	365	430
10	350	415
15	325	385
20	315	375
25	340	395
30	330	385

The price includes	The price excludes
✓ All the transfers according to the program (Without guide) ✓ Accommodation ✓ Guide services during the tours ✓ All the entrance fees and masterclasses according to the program ✓ A bottle of water p/p, p/d	o Ticket price o Personal travel insurance o Full board (lunches and Dinners) o Visa service o Tips

Price for 1 x lunch 15-20$

Price for 1 x dinner 20-25$

For cheaper option there are supermarkets, also street food is very popular in Armenia.

There are Indian restaurants as well restaurants that serve Halal Food.



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