

Wine tour in Armenia

7 days / 6 nights

Day 1 / Arrival

Arrival in Yerevan. Check-in at the hotel. Rest.

Day 2 / Yerevan City Tour - Etchmiadzin - Zvartnots - Yerevan

After breakfast at the hotel, you will take a city tour of Yerevan, which includes a visit to Cascade, Opera House, Northern Avenue, and Republic Square. In the afternoon, you will visit the city of Etchmiadzin, where you will see the main cathedral, the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, which is the seat of the Supreme Patriarch-Catholicos of All Armenians, as well as the churches of St. Hripsime and St. Gayane. Lunch will be at the picturesque restaurant "Machanents." Next, you will visit the Zvartnots Temple ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, you will visit the Maran Winery for a wine tasting experience. You will have the chance to taste 9 varieties of wine, including Noravank white dry, Bagratuni white dry, Noravank red dry, Bagratuni red dry, Areni Malishka red dry, Avagini white semi-sweet, Avagini red semi-sweet, S. Paradjanov pomegranate semi-dry, and S. Paradjanov pomegranate semi-sweet. Later in the day, you will visit the Megerian Carpet factory, where you can observe the process of carpet-making, including dyeing the threads with natural plant-based dyes, weaving, trimming, and finishing. Night in Yerevan.

Day 3 / Khor Virap - Areni - Noravank - Yerevan

After breakfast at the hotel, we will head to the foot of the Biblical Mount Ararat to visit the Khor Virap Monastery (Deep Pit). We will then proceed to the Areni winery for a tasting of 10-12 different wines. In this village, you can also see the world's oldest known winery in a cave for birds. We will have lunch at a traditional restaurant before continuing our journey to one of Armenia's magnificent monasteries, Noravank. We will explore the monastery complex and learn about its history. Night in Yerevan.

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Day 4 / Yerevan - Sevan - Dilijan - Ijevan - Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. A trip to the gem of Armenia - Lake Sevan. Visit to the summer residence of Armenian King Ashot Yerkat - the Sevanavank Monastery. Then a visit to the amazing forested area of Dilijan and the center of Armenian traditional arts and crafts. Later, a trip to Ijevan to visit the Ijevan winery, one of the leaders in the export of Armenian wine and brandy. Tour of the Ijevan winery and wine tasting of 5 types of wines, 2 types of collectible old wines, and brandy (white dry, red dry, red semi-sweet, "Old Ijevan" red dessert, "Old Ijevan" white dessert, brandy "Nemrut"). Lunch at the winery restaurant. Night in Yerevan.

Day 5 / Garni – Geghard - Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Next, a trip to the Geghard Monastery (literally "spear"), also known by its old name Ayrivank. Excursion to the monastery. Visiting the pagan temple of Garni (Temple of the Sun God Mithra). Time for a small culinary demonstration - baking of traditional Armenian bread "lavash" in an underground oven called "tonir". Lunch at a restaurant with a tasting of homemade wine. Return to Yerevan, where a unique wine and grape spa procedure awaits you (*for an additional fee). Night in Yerevan.

Day 6 / Yerevan - Nor Edesia - Oshakan - Village Sasunik - Yerevan.

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to the "Armas" winery with a tasting of 3 premium wines. The excursion begins with a walk through the picturesque vineyards and fruit gardens that spread across the entire plantation. During your walk through the vineyards, you can familiarize yourself with the surrounding area, walk on the fertile soil that nourishes the seedlings. And most importantly, talk to the people who have nurtured all this, giving you the opportunity to see step by step the birth of high-class wines "Armas" - from the grapevine to the glass in your hands. At the end of the tour, you can participate in a training wine tasting in the tasting room or on the balcony, which offers an amazing view of majestic Ararat. Then a trip to the village of Oshakan, where the remains of the creator of the Armenian alphabet and writing, the Alphabet Square monument to the Armenian alphabet, are resting in an underground sarcophagus. Next, visit the "Armenia Wine" winery with a tasting of 3 types of wines

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(Armenia red semi-sweet, Takar white dry, Armenia pomegranate semi-sweet). Visitors are offered an interesting and informative tour of the factory, where you can learn about the wine production process, taste the wine, and discover the specifics of wine tasting. Lunch at the winery's restaurant. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 7 / Transfer to the airport.

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport.

Tour package includes:

- Accommodation with breakfast (6 nights)
- Individual transfers airport-hotel-airport
- Transportation services for the tour on comfortable transport
- Services of a professional Russian-speaking guide
- 5 x lunches
- Wine tastings at wineries
- Participation in the ritual of baking lavash
- Entrance tickets according to the program
- Tour itinerary and tourist map of Armenia
- 1 bottle of water per day
- 24-hour tourist support by phone

The tour package does not include:

- Dinners
- Airfare
- Other expenses
- Insurance

Additional information:

- Accommodation is provided in double rooms
- Unused parts of the package are not refundable
- Additional expenses during the program should be discussed in advance
- Check-in is at 2:00 PM, check-out is at 12:00 PM
- Discounts are available for larger groups of tourists

*** The program for the first and last day may be changed based on flight schedules.**

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