

Ancient Armenia

9 days / 8 nights

Day 1 / Arrival - Yerevan City Tour

Arrival in Yerevan. Evening short walk in Yerevan visiting the Cascade, Opera Theater, Northern Avenue, and Republic Square. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 2 / Tsitsernakaberd / History Museum / Matenadaran / Brandy Factory

Breakfast at the hotel. City tour in Yerevan: Tsitsernakaberd Memorial Complex (Armenian Genocide Memorial Complex). Museum of Armenian History, where you can find the roots of the Armenian nation. One of the largest repositories of manuscripts in the world - Matenadaran. Visit to the Ararat brandy factory, with brandy tasting. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 3 / Khor Virap - Areni - Noravank - Goris

Breakfast at the hotel. Trip to the foot of the Biblical Mount Ararat to the Khor Virap Monastery (Deep Dungeon). Trip to the Areni Winery, where you can find some of Armenia's most distinctive wines. After that, visit one of the magnificent monasteries of Armenia - Noravank. Excursion around the monastery complex. Trip to Goris. Accommodation in the hotel. Overnight in Goris.

Day 4 / Goris - Tatev Monastery - Selim Caravanserai - Noraduz - Sevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to the Tatev Monastery (9th-13th centuries). Ascent to the monastery by cable car (the longest reversible cable car in the world (5752 m), included in the Guinness Book of Records). Departure to Sevan through the Selim Pass. Noraduz village, located on the shore of Lake Sevan, is known for the largest cemetery of khachkars. This small area has about 900 khachkars of different epochs and styles. It is one of the largest collections of Armenian khachkars. Arrival at the

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high-altitude Lake Sevan, located at an altitude of 1905 meters above sea level. Accommodation at Tsovasar Family Resort**** hotel. Night at Sevan.

Day 5 / Sevan – Dilijan – Haghartsin – Goshavank - Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to the summer residence of Armenian king Ashot Yerkat - Sevanavank Monastery. Sightseeing in the amazing forested area of Dilijan, also known as the "Armenian Switzerland". Visiting the monastic complexes of Haghartsin and Goshavank. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 6 / Garni – Geghard - Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Further trip to Geghard Monastery (literally "spear"), also known by its old name Ayrivank. Excursion around the monastery. Visit to the pagan temple of Garni (Temple of the Sun God Mithra). Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 7 / Etchmiadzin – Zvartnots – Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to the city of Etchmiadzin. Visit to the Cathedral (the main church of the Armenian Apostolic Church, the seat of the Supreme Patriarch-Catholicos of All Armenians), St. Hripsime and Gayane churches. Visit to the ruins of Zvartnots temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Visit to the Sergei Parajanov Museum. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 8 / Amberd – Saghmosavank - Oshakan - Yerevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to the fortress of Amberd (11-13th centuries) - the residence of the Pahlavuni princes. This fortress was built in the 11th-13th centuries on the slopes of Mount Aragats at 2300 meters above sea level. Further trip to Oshakan, where the remains of Mesrop Mashtots, the creator of the Armenian alphabet and script, rest in an underground sarcophagus. Alphabet Square - a monument to the Armenian alphabet. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day 9 / Transfer to the airport

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport.

The tour package includes:

- Accommodation in hotels with breakfast (8 nights)
- Individual transfers airport-hotel-airport
- Transport services for the tour on comfortable transport
- Services of a professional Russian-speaking guide
- 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
- 24/7 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 non-refundable
- Additional expenses during the program should be discussed in advance
- Check-in at 14:00, check-out at 12:00
- Discounts are provided for a larger number of tourists

*** The program of the first and last day may be changed depending on flight data.**

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