

## Wine Route on the slopes of Mount Aragats

Aragats is the highest mountain in the territory of the Republic of Armenia. On the slopes of this volcanic mountain wine has grown since ancient times. ThIs wine region of Armenia is called Aragatsotn. Which means on the slopes of Aragats. And Aragatsotn is the homeland of one of the oldest white grapes in the world. We call this sort Voskehat which means "golden berry". "She" is also called "the queen of Armenian grapes". We can call this trip also "wine and archeology". Let me explain why. We will start our trip in the morning and will drive to Amberd fortress. Situated 2300m above sea level, it looks truly like the "fortress on the clouds": like its name says. This is one of the oldest standing fortresses in Armenia. And the guests will not only listen to the history about the fortress, but also will enjoy the view of surrounding peaks and landscapes.

Later we will move down to the village of Aghtsk. This is believed to be the mausoleum of the Armenian Arsacid dynasty. You are going to explore how the mausoleum can be connected to wine. We promise you a lot of interesting information!

The tired stop in our trip will be even older than the last two. We talk about the necropolis of Verin Naver. About 500 tombs have been preserved in the necropolis of Verin Naver, which existed for about one and a half millennia (23rd-7th century BC). You won't believe it, but yes, here we also have a lot to tell you about wine! And if you are a sensitive person please ask the guide to gently pass this stop and tell you a few things at the car/coach. And the last informative stop is going to be The Wine History of Armenia. But don't worry here you won't stay thirty! During and after the museum we are going to taste some wines from the company who played a very important role in the creation of this amazing museum.

Lunch and wine tasting afterwards.

Right after lunch we will move to the other factory. Here we will also learn about grapes and wines of Armenia, the family history and enjoy wonderful wines. And since we are in the center of the highest mountains of Armenian Highland, you will also get beautiful photos or simply enjoy the views.