

# **Unleash the Tastes of Armenia: 5-Day Wine Tour!**

Join a delightful journey through the captivating landscapes of Armenia and immerse yourself in the world of extraordinary flavors and aromas.Our 5-day wine tour is a harmonious blend of culinary excellence and cultural celebration, offering you the chance to enjoy the most special tastes of Armenian cuisine and captivating aromas of our finest wines and brandies.

Book your spot now and let the magic of Armenia unfold before your eyes!

## Itinerary

## Day 1 - Yerevan City Tour

Welcome to Armenia! Your journey begins with a warm airport pickup and seamless hotel check-in, setting the tone for an extraordinary experience ahead.

Embark on a captivating Yerevan City Tour, immersing yourself in the heart of this vibrant city. Prepare your taste buds for a delectable lunch, savoring the authentic flavors of Armenian cuisine - a delightful treat for food enthusiasts!

The highlight of the day awaits as you step into the prestigious Ararat Brandy Factory. The excitement doesn't end there! The evening is yours to unwind and explore.

Indulge in the mesmerizing performances of opera or ballet, sway to the rhythm of a live concert, or lose yourself in the soulful melodies of a jazz club. The choice is yours, and we'll ensure you have a memorable evening that resonates with your preferences.

## Day 2 - Aragatsotn Wine Route

Aragats, the highest mountain in the Republic of Armenia, cradles vineyards on its volcanic slopes, where grapevines have grown since ancient times. This wine region is called Aragatsotn, meaning "on the slopes of Aragats" .This journey is a delightful fusion of "wine and archeology." Let me explain why.

We will start our trip in the morning and drive to one of the oldest standing fortresses in Armenia to "Amberd".

Afterward, we will journey to the village of Aghtsk, believed to be the mausoleum of the Armenian Arsacid dynasty. During this part of the trip, you'll discover the intriguing connection between the mausoleum and wine.

Our third stop is going to be "The Wine History Museum of Armenia". But don't worry,

thirst won't be an issue! During the enlightening museum tour, you'll be treated to a wine tasting to savor the essence of Armenian wines. Afterward, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch. Right after lunch, we will head to another prestigious winery because when it comes to wine, one is never enough!

Get ready for an enchanting experience that will leave you with lasting memories!

# Day 3 - Wine route around "Armenian Vatican"

Today, get ready to delve into the rich history of Christianity in Armenia. However, just like our pagan ancestors, Christian Armenians also held wine in high regard as a significant ceremonial drink. Our destination is Armavir region, nestled in the picturesque Ararat valley. Our morning will start with the "Armenian Vatican": Echmiadzin Cathedral. Here you will see the Gates of King Trdates, The Holy See, Residence of Armenian Catholicos, and a few other fascinating buildings. Founded in 301, Echmiadzin proudly claims the title of the world's oldest Cathedral.

Afterward, we will visit The Ruins of Zvartnots Cathedral (UNESCO), where we'll explore the remains of the 7th-century cathedral, ancient wine cellars, old karases (the clay amphoras), and the museum.For lunchtime, get ready for an exquisite blend of art and cuteness!And for the grand finale, we'll take you to one of our favorite wineries. Get ready for the most unforgettable and exciting wine tasting ever!

## Day 4 - Vayots Dzor Wine Route

All 5 winemaking regions of Armenia are unique and fascinating for wine enthusiasts. But there's one that stands out as truly extraordinary – Vayots Dzor, the homeland of the famous Armenian endemic grape variety Areni. Here you'll discover renowned wineries, breathtaking landscapes, rich cultural heritage, stunning architecture, captivating history, and intriguing archaeological caves.

In the morning, we will start our trip to the Vayots Dzor region. We will have 2 shortstops in the Ararat valley. The first one will be for taking iconic photos of Mount Ararat with Khor Virap monastery view. And the second stop will be in "the village of storks" where you can see and photograph a lot of them.

Our next stop will be Noravank Monastery, where our knowledgeable guide will immerse you in the captivating history of one of Armenia's most powerful families. Stroll through the ancient vineyards that once belonged to the monastery, and behold the breathtaking beauty of Gnishik Canyon.

Now it's time for wine tasting and lunch! With every sip of wine, you'll savor a symphony of unique tastes, paired with locally sourced eco-products, creating an unforgettable culinary experience during lunch.

But wait, our adventure doesn't end here! We simply can't let you leave this canyon without experiencing something extraordinary. Get ready to explore "the oldest winery"

in the world called Areni 1 by the archeologists! On this remarkable trip you'll create unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime!

## Day 5 - Around lake Sevan

Today, we begin an exciting journey through the beautiful Gegharkunik region (home to Lake Sevan, our "blue pearl").

We will start the day with a beautiful road trip to Lake Sevan. Our route to the renowned cheese farm will run alongside the lake, offering mesmerizing views of the water and the surrounding mountains as we approach the village of Noratus. At the cheese farm, a heartwarming family business, we'll hear the inspiring story of their dream and how they turned it into reality. And, of course, the best part awaits – a delightful tasting session of their exquisite cheeses and homemade meat products.

Our next stop in this village will be Noratus Cemetery, where our guests will witness the largest collection of Armenian Khachkars, intricately carved stone crosses.

Continuing our journey around the lake, we'll arrive at its peninsula, where Sevanavank Monastery sits atop at an impressive 2000m above sea level.

For lunch, we have prepared a delightful menu featuring the freshest lake fish.

Afterward, we'll return to Yerevan, where a visit to the local food market awaits. Here, you can indulge in a variety of delicious offerings before making your selections to take home. Farewell dinner and little surprise for the evening.

# The price per persons is 520 \$

## The price includes

- \*Transport
- \*Guide service
- \*Tickets
- \*Wine and food tastings
- \*Lunches
- \*Farewell dinner
- \*Snacks and Water
- \*Little gift from the company

## The price excludes

\*Hotel

- \*Airline tickets
- \*Anything else which is not mentioned
- \*Tips for the staff