

## **Armenian Treasures Unveiled: A 7-Day Classic Tour (7 days and 7 nights)**

### ***Itinerary***

#### **Day 1: Yerevan City Tour**

Once you step off the plane at Zvartnots Airport in Yerevan, get ready for a warm welcome. We'll be there to greet you and take you to your hotel, where your journey begins. The city tour starts right from your hotel, revealing Yerevan's landmarks that make Yerevan unique – from the iconic Republic Square to the grand Opera House, the captivating Cascade Complex, the powerful figure of Mother Armenia, and other gems that give our city its charm.

Later, get ready for your first taste of Armenian cuisine, an adventure that marks the start of your exploration.

After the lunch we'll pay a visit to Genocide Memorial of Armenia. This place is deeply important not only for Armenians, but also for all the visitors from all over the world. This is the place where you'll understand the character and spirit of Armenia.

Get ready for a cozy evening at a welcome dinner, that will become the start of an unforgettable journey.

*Overnight in Yerevan.*

#### **Day 2: Lake Sevan - Dilijan - Haghartsin Monastery**

Today, our journey continues as we head to Lake Sevan, affectionately called "our sea" by the locals. Lake Sevan ranks among the world's largest high-altitude freshwater lakes. Our first stop leads us to the lake's peninsula, where we will visit Sevanavank Monastery. Here you will enjoy a sweeping view of the blue lake and the mountains. Then the road will lead us to Tavush, the greenest region of Armenia. As we navigate the winding serpentine roads towards beautiful town Dilijan you will enjoy captivating views of Dilijan National Park. After that we'll have a short stop at the old town of Dilijan to visit some craftsmen of the town.

A delightful lunch awaits in a local restaurant.

Post-lunch, our journey continues to Haghartsin Monastery, nestled amidst lush green forests. Here you will have a lot of captivating stories. And while you're here, be sure not to miss the opportunity to taste the local monastery honey!

*Overnight in Yerevan.*

#### **Day 3: Khor Virap - Areni - Noravank - Zorats Karer - Goris**

Today, we're off to explore the treasures of southern Armenia. Our first stop is the Khor Virap Monastery. Immerse yourself in the stories of this historic site and the hills around

it. Keep your camera ready to capture the highlight – an exceptional view of the Biblical Mount Ararat.

Leaving the Ararat Valley behind, we'll head to Vayots Dzor province. A must-see is Areni, a renowned wine village where history comes to life in the archaeological cave Areni 1. It's here that the archeologists discovered the world's oldest leather shoe (5500 years old) and the oldest winery (6100 years old).

Time for a delightful lunch and wine tasting at a local winery.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the remarkable Noravank Monastery nestled in a charming canyon. Our route then takes us to Syunik province. On the way to Goris, our overnight stop, we'll take a break at Zorats Karer (Karahunj), an ancient site believed to have been an observatory.

Get ready for a day filled with history and stunning scenery.

*Overnight in Goris.*

#### **Day 4: Goris - Khndzoresk - Tatev - Shaki Waterfall - Yerevan**

Our day begins in the charming town of Goris. This town is distinguished with its mountains, impressive rock cliffs, red roofs, and local-style houses.

From Goris, we'll lead you to the cave village of Khndzoresk. Here, houses were once nestled inside caves until the 1950s. It's quite a unique sight, isn't it?

Next on the agenda is an exceptional experience – a ride on the world's longest reversible cableway! The "Wings of Tatev" cableway holds a Guinness World Record for its remarkable length. From a height of 320 meters, you can admire panoramic views of the Vorotan Gorge. The cableway takes you to the village of Tatev, where the Tatev Monastery has been a center of culture, education, and spirituality for centuries. Your guide will unveil captivating stories and legends.

As we journey back to Yerevan, we'll pause to witness the beauty of the Shaki waterfall.

*Overnight in Yerevan.*

#### **Day 5: Garni Temple - Geghard Monastery - Symphony of Stones - Vernissage Market**

Our journey continues as we start our trip heading to the village of Garni. Here, a marvel awaits – the only surviving Greek-style pagan temple in Armenia, constructed in the 1st century AD. This remarkable site has a unique energy; try to sense its presence!

Next, we'll venture to the Azat River gorge, where the natural wonder known as the Symphony of Stones awaits. Feel the breeze from the river as you capture the beauty of the "basalt organs" in your photographs.

Later we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a local family's home in the village of Garni.

Following our meal, we'll explore Geghard Monastery, a UNESCO heritage site. This 13th-century wonder is partially carved inside a massive rock. Afterwards, we'll return to the city, making a final stop at the Vernissage Flea Market.  
*Overnight in Yerevan.*

### **Day 6: Gyumri - Wine History Museum of Armenia**

Get ready for a captivating journey on Day 6 as we set out for Gyumri, Armenia's second-largest city. You'll admire how this city has risen from the ruins of 1988 earthquake. Amidst the ruins, you'll witness the rebirth of its oldest part, the Kumayri Historic District, a true testament to the city's enduring soul.

During the city tour, you'll marvel at Neoclassical-style buildings crafted from black tuff stone. Delve into history at the Black Fortress and immerse yourself in art at the Aslamazyan sisters' museum.

Later we'll have lunch which is followed by an exclusive food masterclass at a unique restaurant.

Our journey back to Yerevan includes a stop at the village of Sasunik, where the Wine History Museum of Armenia awaits us. As the museum is located on the territory of one of the leading wine factories, no doubt, we are going to have a wine tasting as well!

*Overnight in Yerevan.*

### **Day 7: Etchmiadzin - Zvartnots - Armenian Carpet Factory**

Welcome to Day 7 of your adventure. Today, we venture to Etchmiadzin, a city often referred to as the "Armenian Vatican" by our tourists. Here, you'll visit the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, the residence of the Holy Catholicos of Armenians, Gevorgian Seminary, and captivating museums. During the tour at the main museum, you'll marvel at essential Christian relics integral to our church.

Continuing our journey, we'll visit the UNESCO-listed Zvartnots Cathedral. Here, we'll uncover the remains of a 7th-century cathedral, standing as a testament to history.

Returning to Yerevan before lunchtime, we'll grant the group a few hours of leisure before dinner. Brace yourself for a unique farewell dinner experience at a distinguished restaurant nestled within the Armenian Carpet Factory. As part of this exceptional evening, you'll also enjoy a guided tour of the carpet factory and its captivating museum.

*Overnight in Yerevan/transfer to the airport*

**The price per persons is 580\$**

***The price includes***

- \*Transport
- \*Guide service
- \*Tickets
- \*Wine and food tastings
- \*6 Lunches
- \*3 dinners
- \*Snacks and Water
- \*Little gift from the company

***The price excludes***

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