



## Reaching New Heights: Mount Azhdahak Day Hike

### *Itinerary*

In the morning, our adventure begins as we head to Geghard Village, just 40 km from Yerevan. This charming village serves as the starting point for our mountain expedition, promising a day full of captivating experiences.

First, we will have a cheerful ascent by jeep to the Geghama Mountains, and then we will climb Mount Azhdahak from where the breathtaking beauty of the lakes opens up, the layering of the Armenian mountains, and a combination of unusual colors and landscapes. From halfway you can also admire the view of the Geghard monastery from above.

Later we will continue our journey through a field of stones adorned with captivating rock paintings known as petroglyphs. These ancient artworks offer insights not only into the daily lives of people but also into their perceptions of the space.

We will also visit Lake Vanki where you will see "vishapakars" - stone sculptures, menhirs, usually installed at water sources and associated with the cult of water and fertility.

On the way back, we will visit the only surviving pagan temple in the territory of the CIS, Garni Temple. The temple itself stands out with its beautiful forms against the background of the multi-layered mountains. Here we'll explore its history, take a stroll through the area with the ruins of the palace and church, a bathhouse built in the 3rd century, and enjoy the Azat River gorge.

Finally, we return to Yerevan, concluding our enriching journey filled with natural wonders and historical marvels.

### ***Details of the tour***

- *Distance of the route 13 km*
- *Height range ~ 800 m*
- *Starting point - 2800 m*

- *The highest point - Azhdahak: 3597 m.*
- *Tour duration ~ 9-10 hours*

*The price for the tour is 180 \$*

*Please note that the minimum number of participants is two. In case of a single hiker the price differs.*

*Upon request, with an additional fee, you can order a lunch box and participate in a lavash baking masterclass*

**Price includes:**

- Guide services
- Transportation
- 4\*4 vehicle in the mountains
- Entrance tickets to Garni Temple
- Water

**Price does not include:**

- Insurance
- Meals
- Additional services

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