



## **Armenia – Ancient & Modern Tour**

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**Visit:** Yerevan - Tsaghkadzor - Lake Sevan - Carpet Factory - Garni - Geghard - Ararat Valley - Khor Virap - Silk Road - Noravank - Areni

### **Detailed Itinerary**

**Day 01: Day 1: Arrival in Yerevan - Yerevan City tour**

Arrival in Yerevan. Transfer to the selected hotel. City tour in Yerevan will start with the panoramic view of the city and acquaintance with the Center of the city, Republic Square, the sightseeing of Opera and Ballet building, the Parliament and Residency of the President of Armenia, State University, Mother Armenia Monument, Sports & Concert Complex. A visit to Tsitsernakaberd - a Monument to the Armenian Genocide Victims, as well as the Genocide Victims' Museum, commemorating the 1.5 million Armenians who perished during the first Genocide of the 20th century in the Western Armenia and in the territory of Ottoman Empire. Visit Cascade complex, which is considered the modern art center of Yerevan. Cascade is home to Cafesjian modern art museum. This place becomes even more charming in the evenings, when it is full of people, both locals and tourists from all over the world, enjoying the magic and the warmth of the capital. Overnight in Yerevan. (-/L/D)

### **Day 02: Day 2: Yerevan - Tsaghkadzor - Lake Sevan - Yerevan**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Tsaghkadzor (means “gorge of flowers”) town, the magical place of forested mountains. Short walking tour around the small town. Visit Kecharis monastery. Optional: Opportunity to go up to the mountain peaks by ropeway, where you will catch an unforgettable gorgeous panoramic view of this part of the world. Drive to Lake Sevan, one of the wonders in Armenia. This blue lake is one of the greatest high mountainous freshwater lakes of Eurasia. On a clear and sunny day, the water is often of a deep turquoise colour. Total surface of the lake is 940 km<sup>2</sup>. Climb on Akhtamar peninsula, from where opens a fascinating and breathtaking view on Sevan Lake. Visit Sevanavank Monastery (9th century), which stands in its greatness on the peninsula, overlooking the lake for centuries. Optional: Cruise on Lake Sevan. Drive back to Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan. (B/L/D)

### **Day 03: Day 3: Yerevan - Carpet Factory - Garni - Geghard - Shopping in Yerevan**

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit Armenian carpet factory with possibility to watch the production of the handmade rugs. The factory has a showroom where purchases are offered (shipping of rugs to your country is possible). Visit the only remaining Pagan temple in Armenia, devoted to the God of Sun – Myrth, in Garni. Photo stop at Charentc Arc. A visit to the ruins of Royal Palace and Royal bath-house nearby. Continue the tour to the uniquely caved Geghard monastery, which dates back to 12th-13th centuries, the name of which means “holy spear” in the honour of the long-preserved spear, the same spear that pierced the body of crucified Christ, which were brought here by Apostle Thaddeus. Drive back to Yerevan. A visit to Vernissage, an open-air exhibition-market. Drop to Dalma Garden or Yerevan Mall for shopping. Free time for shopping. Optional: Tour to Brandy factory with brandy testing. Very interesting one hour tour around Armenian brandy factory offers tourists familiarization with the history of the plant, process of brandy preparation, showrooms and halls of storages. Visitors will also have degustation of 2 types of brandy of different age in degustation hall. Brandy shop at the factory territory will be available for purchasing of famous Armenian brandy directly from the factory. Overnight in Yerevan. (B/L/D)

**Day 04: Day 4: Yerevan - Ararat Valley - Khor Virap - Silk Road - Noravank - Areni - Yerevan**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Ararat valley, visit Khor Virap Church, which is one of the holy places for the Christian world, from where opens the closest and the most spectacular view of the gorgeous biblical mountain Ararat, shining with its two white peaks. Drive to Noravank Monastery complex (13-14th century). There is such an incredibly beautiful scenery along the road to Noravank, that the visitors cannot resist stepping out of the vehicle and walking all the way to the Monastery with their cameras, to enjoy and record the unique bizarre-shaped precipitous red cliffs. Continue tour to Areni village for wine testing. Drive back to Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan. (B/L/D)

**Day 05: Day 5: Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Transfer to Zvartnots International Airport. (B/-/-)

**Inclusion**

Accommodation (4 nights in Yerevan) FB\* (breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners) \*Lunches and dinners will be provided in local restaurants Transportation service per program Guide service per program Garni temple entry ticket fee Wine tasting in Areni

**Exclusion**

Air flight ticket Insurance Visa Tsaghkadzor ropeway ticket fee (1st level and back) – Price on request Cruise in Sevan Lake – Price on request Tour and degustation in Brandy factory – Price on request Supplement for gala dinner in a restaurant with 2 hours free flow of veg+non-veg starters, soft drinks and local wine+local beer+local vodka – Price on request Belly dance show – Price on request DJ – Price on request Personal expenses and tips for guide and driver

**Note**

Hotels used or similar 3\* Artsakh Hotel / Silachi Hotel 4\* Imperial Palace / Diamond House / Ani Plaza 5\* Grand Hotel / Radisson Blu Supplement will be applicable for 4\* & 5\* for period 1 Sep - 31 Oct 2019 Child Price on request Price for 3rd adult on extra bed in DBL room Kindly note, that check-in at the hotels is 14:00/15:00, check-out is 12:00.

**Tour Dates & Pricing**

