

# Beauty Of Armenia And Artsakh

This tour is the longest one which stretches from the south to north and from the east to west including the most remarkable sights of Armenia together with Artsakh. During this tour you will have the opportunity to see 10 of them as well as NagornoKarabakh with its fascinating nature and historical places. During your cultural/historical tour you will get acquainted with Armenian culture and cuisine while communicating with the locals and feel the similarities as well as differences between traditions, customs and people of Armenia and Artsakh. This journey will show you the most popular major sights and attractions in the quite remote areas of two countries.

- Wine degustation
- Cognac degustation
- Ropway "Wings of Tatev"
- Partisipation at "lavash" baking ceremony

## Day - 1 Yerevan

### Arrival

Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport. Meet and greet transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight: Yerevan**

## Day - 2 Yerevan

### Yerevan City tour (B/D)

After breakfast visit to the depository of manuscripts – Matenadaran where one can find the world's largest manuscripts collection. Start city tour around Yerevan the history of which dates back to 8th century B.C. We will be strolling through the narrow streets of Yerevan which are mixture of old and modern culture. Visiting of Republic Square, Northern Avenue, Opera House, Swam Lake and Cascade Monument where you can find unique art samples. Dinner at the local restaurant.

**Overnight: Yerevan**

## Day - 3 Goris

### Yerevan / Khor Virap / Areni Winery / Noravank / Goris (B/L)

Sightseeing tour to the cradle of civilization to Khor Virap Monastery, which is located very close to the Biblical Mount Ararat and border with Turkey. The importance of Khor Virap Monastery is connected with Grigor Illuminator who has been imprisoned with the church for 13years for disseminating Christianity all over Armenia. Drive to Vayots Dzor region to visit Areni winery. Here Lunch in a local restaurant. Sightseeing at Noravank Monastery (13th c.) which is surrounded by mountains covered by red stones. The beauty of the surrounding mountains one can only

see with his/her own eyes, as description can never give the real beauty. Departure to Syunik region to the city of Goris.

**Overnight: Goris**

### Day - 4 Stepanakert

**Goris / Tatev Monastery / Khndoresk Cave Village / Stepanakert (B/D)**

In the morning after breakfast start exploration of the city of stones – Goris. Visit the cave town of Khndzoresk. Here we have the opportunity to talk through the famous line-bridge which locals use to say “dancing bridge”. At the caves you will find a lot of signs of past settlement where local dwellers used to live. Our next stop will be the monastic complex of Tatev which is considered to be one of the architectural masterpieces of 10th c. Opportunity to ride up the ropeway “Wings of Tatev”. The outward appearance of the monastery is severe and laconic. Its harmonious proportions add to the impression of its considerable height. The large dome, the low and closely-spaced arrangement of narrow windows and a high and round drum crowned with a pointed 32-fold roof immediately catch the eye. Drive to Stepanakert.

**Dinner.Overnight: Stepanakert**

### Day - 5 Stepanakert

**Stepanakert | Shushi | Tnjri | Stepanakert (B/D)**

After breakfast City tour. Stepanakert is the capital city of Artsakh. It bears the name of great revolutioner Stepan Shaumyan. Stepanakert is constructed by the project of Alexander Tamanyan. The clean, cozy city has many nice buildings and parks. Here one can see the famous sculptural work "We and our mountains", known in the nation as "Grandma and Grandpa". Tour to History Museum. Drive to Shushi which was the former capital city of Artsakh. Shoushi is considered one of the oldest cultural and religious centers of Caucasus. The city is famous for its impregnable fortress town named Shushi, which were cultural center of one of the 15 provinces of historical Armenia during the last thousands of years, and different historical sites. There is also a mosque of 18th century and St. Ghazanchetsots church restored in 1991-1994. Drive to Hunot canyon. Drive to Skhtorashen. Visit Tnjri tsar, a 2033 years old (as of 2013) giant Oriental plane tree. The height is more than 54 m and the hollow of the tree is 44 sq.m., where 100 people can stand. Return to Stepanakert. Dinner.

**Overnight: Stepanakert**

### Day - 6 Stepanakert

**Stepanakert/ Gandzasar/ Stepanakert(B/D)**

After breakfast drive to Gandzasar. Visit Gandzasar Monastery (10-13thcc.) one of the most renowned and well-preserved ecclesiastical complexes of medieval Armenia and a first-class example of outstanding universal value of the Armenian architectural and decorative tradition. Return to Stepanakert. Dinner.

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**Overnight: Stepanakert**

### Day - 7 Jermuk

**Stepanakert / Karahunj / Jermuk (B/D)**

After breakfast drive to Syunik region. Afterwards we visit the prehistoric complex Karahunj (Zorats Karer), located at an altitude of 1770m, which is also called "Armenian Stonehenge". The complex consists of lots of large standing stones, some of which have circular openings in their upper part. Karahunj is considered to be one of the oldest observatories in the world. We will finish our tour by visiting one of the famous mountain spa-towns of region – city of Jermuk. Visit Jermuk waterfall, 72 m high, flows into the river Arpa. Dinner.

**Overnight: Jermuk**

### Day - 8 Dilijan

**Jermuk / Selim / Sevan / Dilijan / Yerevan (B/L)**

After breakfast departure to Lake Sevan through Selim pass which has been an important trade point in famous Silk Road. Sightseeing on the peninsula where Sevanavanq is located. The monastic complex is located on the peninsula. At one time the monastery was one of the main religious centers, but gradually the monastery got empty. We need to climb up many stairs to reach the monastery from where opens a spectacular view to the "blue-eyed" lake. The picturesque Geghama Mountains surround the lake. Lunch at the local restaurant. Drive to the resort town of Dilijan.

**Overnight: Dilijan**

### Day - 9 Yerevan

**Dilijan / Fortress of Amberd / Saghmossavank / Ashtarak / Yerevan (B/D)**

After breakfast departure to the medieval church of Saghmossavank. The Saghmossavank is a 13th-century Armenian monastic complex located in the village of Saghmossavan in the Aragatsotn Province of Armenia. Like the Hovhannavank monastery which is five kilometers south, Saghmossavank is situated atop the precipitous gorge carved by the Kasagh river. From here opens a breathtaking view to the canyon. Continue our exploration to Fortress of Amberd\* which is located on the slopes of Aragats Mount. The fortress dates back to 9th c. Amberd is a 7th-century fortress located 2,300 meters above sea level, on the slopes of Mount Aragats at the confluence of the Arkashen and Amberd rivers in the province of Aragatsotn, Armenia. The name translates to "fortress in the clouds" in Armenian. Drive back to Yerevan for overnight.

**Dinner.Overnight: Yerevan**

### Day - 10 Yerevan

**Yerevan / Echmiadzin / Zvartnots / Yerevan (B/L)**

After breakfast departure to Echmiadzin Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage) which is located about 20km from the capital city. In this holy place one will be impressed by the spiritual atmosphere around and can hit a candle just for his/her dreams. Lunch in a local community. Drive back to Yerevan with a stop at the ruins of Zvartnots Temple (7th c.). Our journey will continue to Brandy Factory where you will learn about the history of famous Armenian brandy and have some degustation.

**Overnight: Yerevan**

### Day - 11 Yerevan

**Yerevan / Garni / Geghard / Yerevan (B/L)**

After breakfast visit Vernisage flea market for some shopping. Next stop us going to be Garni Pagan Temple– the only Hellenistic temple surviving in Armenia from 1st c. Before the adoption of Christianity, Armenia had a rich culture as a pagan country. After the adoption of Christianity, King Trdat destroyed all the values of pagan Armenia including temples and only the pagan temple of Garni has survived as a living proof of ancient culture. On the territory of the temple there are the ruins of the fortress (II century BC), and the ancient baths with mosaic. Lunch in a local house with Armenia bread “lavash” baking ceremony. Departure to Geghard Monastery which is hewn out from a cave and is included in the UNESCO World Heritage. The monastery was built in 4th c. and also has the name of Ayrivank. Drive back to Yerevan have a free time on your own.

**Overnight: Yerevan**

### Day - 12 Yerevan

**Departure (B)**

Transfer to the airport. Departure home!

### Inclusions

- 11 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary  
(B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

- Wine degustation
  - Cognac degustation
  - Ropway "Wings of Tatev"
  - Partisipation at "lavash" baking ceremony
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- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses  
or with public transportation according to itinerary
  - English speaking tour guide
  - Admission fees according to itinerary
  - 1 bottle of water per day per person

### Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees

### Payment Details:

Group from 6 persons and  
more starting from (p.P)

# USD 1343

Private tour for 2 persons  
starting from (p.P.) USD 2146

### Booking Availabilities

Booking in between : **8th August 2019 & 1st March 2022**

#### ★★★ Star Hotel

Single Supplement	: USD 281.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 2146.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 1539.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 1343.00

#### ★★★★ Star Hotel

Single Supplement	: USD 376.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 2250.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 1640.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 1451.00

#### ★★★★★ Star Hotel

Single Supplement	: USD 605.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 2532.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 1923.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 1728.00