

Double Your Winter Experience on Skis (Ski Mountaineering Tour)

Armenian Highland is another perfect spot for ski lovers. This 9-day Ski Touring is designed to combine ski mountaineering, trekking and backcountry skiing in a way to highlight the contrast of meditation while **trekking** in the serenity of nature, against the flush of heartbeat while **off piste skiing** down the mountains, and give you a wider spectrum of emotions!

The tour is mapped in a way not only to have an amazing winter experience, but also to allow you to encounter the variety of Armenian cultural heritage. These unique sites, with a vivid example of **the only preserved pagan temple in the region - Garni**, could easily top off your winter adventure bucket list!

Sometimes the best way of exploring the country is through the traditional cuisine. During this tour your taste buds will be spoiled with the **genuine and authentic Armenian cuisine** by the most respected and demanded chef of today's Armenia, Mr. Sedrak and, while tasting **Churchill's favorite brandy, the legendary Ararat**.

Reconnect with nature, enjoy views from high mountain peaks and discharge the energy you have accumulated by skiing down the mountains and slaying through the freshest virgin snow.



Start: Yerevan, Armenia
Finish: Yerevan, Armenia
Tour Theme: Ski Touring
Days: 9 Days/8 Nights

Physical rating: (3 out of 5)
Group size: Min 4
Ages: Min 14
Trip Availability: December-March

Are you fit for this tour?

- While this trip doesn't require an athletic level of fitness, it's essential to be at least moderately fit if you want to partake in all activities and have at least intermediate skiing skills. You can find further detail in the itinerary.

Itinerary

Day 01. Yerevan

Welcome to Yerevan, the capital city of Armenia. Our tour guide will greet you and will help you with all the ground handling services. After a welcome briefing meeting with the tour guide, you will check in to your hotel.

Time to explore the Armenian capital, located in the shadow of the biblical Mount Ararat, which is one of the oldest capitals in the world. You will have a nice stroll in the heart of the city, and explore Republic Square, Cascade, Opera House. Past the radio “Yerevan“, we drive to the impressive Cascade - in the heart of the city. From here you have a wonderful view of the whole capital.



Visit Megerian Carpet factory with participation in traditional Armenian food preparation master class with one of the most demanded and famous chefs Mr. Sedrak Mamoulian.



After dinner, we'll have free time in Yerevan. Evening Yerevan is another highlight that should be added to your must-see list. Cafes and bars are full of locals at night. Join them for a glass of local Armenian wine. You'll not regret it.

Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan Hotel 3* on BB/DBL room basis. Single room supplement can be provided at additional cost. Request in advance.

Included Activities

- Yerevan - Guided City Tour
- Megerian Carpet

Meals Included

- Lunch
- Dinner at Megerian Carpet

Important Notes

Due to specifications of Ski Touring gear we **DO NOT** provide equipment rental. Bring your own gear with you. What you need to have with you:

- ✓ Full Ski Touring gear and outfit (skis, boots, helmet, goggles, sticks, outfit, gloves)
- ✓ Ski Touring Kit
- ✓ Walking sticks
- ✓ Avalanche & Safety Equipment
- ✓ Thermal clothes, warm hat, pants, socks, gloves
- ✓ Sun glasses, sun cream, lip balm
- ✓ Backpack
- ✓ Thermos
- ✓ Personal first aid kit and power bank

Day 02. Mountain Hatis

Get ready to climb the mountain Hatis. Wide horizon inspires and the slopes promise a magnificent ski tour. The snowy peaks and amazing views will shake your imagination. Our skiing will be followed by a visit to the only preserved pagan temple in Armenia Garni, which lies on the edge of the Azat gorge.

Local family hospitality is waiting for us in the private house right in the village of Garni on the edge of the river Azat, where you can encounter a genuine interaction with locals.



Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan Hotel 3* on BB/DBL room basis

Included Activities

- Ascend and descend on Mountain Hatis
- Garni pagan temple

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch in Garni village at an Armenian private house
- Dinner in Yerevan

Important Notes

Mountain Hatis - 2,528m (450m ascent and 450m descent, moderate elevation, total duration is approximately 2 hours.

Day 03. Mount Ara

Mount Ara is a volcanic cone named after Armenian king Ara. It is around 20km to the northwest of Yerevan, a vast forest-free ridge with ideal, gently sloping ski slopes. We get to the summit in almost 3 hours. Biblical Mount Ararat (5165m) decorates the southern horizon, and in the northwest, we see the four peaks of Mount Aragats.



Accommodation

- Overnight in Hotel in Aghveran on BB/DBL room basis

Included Activities

- Ascend and descend on Mount Ara

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch /lunch box/
- Dinner at the hotel

Important Notes

Mount Ara: 2600m (900m ascent and 900m descent, moderate elevation, total duration is approximately 4hours).

Day 04. Mountain Teghenis

Today's skiing destination is at Mountain Teghenis. First, we take the forest, and then the open areas to climb towards the summit. On the ascent we enjoy being able to set our energy on the pristine slopes.

Accommodation

- Overnight in Hotel in Aghveran on BB/DBL room basis

Included Activities

- Ascend and descend on Mount Teghenis

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch /lunch box/
- Dinner at the hotel

Important Notes

Mountain Teghenis 2,854m, (950m ascent, 950m descent, moderate elevation, total duration is approximately 4hours).

Day 05. Mountain Eghipatrush

The medieval church is the first stop on our program that will be followed by skiing. After the tour, we will head to the Aghveran National Park, the country's national ski center.

Accommodation

- Overnight in Hotel in Aragats

Included Activities

- Ascend and descend on Mountain Eghipatrush
- Medieval church in Eghipatrush
- Aghveran National Park

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch /lunch box/
- Dinner at the hotel

Important Notes

Mountain Eghipatrush 2,825m, (920m ascent and 920m descent, moderate elevation, total durations is approximately 3.5hours).

Day 06. The highest mountain in Armenia Aragats

What an exciting day! We move from the hotel by skidoos to 2700m altitude. Our ascent begins there. We will climb 1300m to reach the eastern summit of the highest mountain of the country (3940m). When the weather is clear, we can observe the most part of Armenia. Not only Ararat is visible from that point, but even the peaks of the Greater Caucasus - the Kazbek (5047m) in Georgia, are recognizable. We go down and a delicious dinner awaits us at the "Aragats" Hotel. (The ascent to Aragats requires safe snow and weather conditions. If this is not the case, an alternative destination will be chosen, if possible).



Accommodation

- Overnight in Hotel in Aragats on BB/DBL room basis

Included Activities

- Ascend and descend on Aragats Mountain

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch /lunch box/
- Dinner at the Hotel

Important Notes

The highest mountain in Armenia, Aragats (east summit 3940m, 1200 m ascent and 1800m descent, total duration is approximately 10 h.)

Day 07. Ararat valley, Vayots Dzor

After collecting unforgettable memories in the Armenian mountains, it's time to explore a bit of Ararat valley.

The legend testifies that Noah planted the first grapevine here after he descended from Mount Ararat. The Ararat valley plays an important role in the country's viticulture. That's the most fertile area of the country. Your travel bucket list in Armenia is not complete without visiting one of the most famous monasteries in the country Khor Virap and having the closest view to the Biblical Ararat.



Another architectural masterpiece is waiting for us at the end of our picturesque road-
Noravank Monastery.



Accommodation

- Overnight in Hotel in Vayk

Included Activities

- Ararat Valley
- Khor Virap Monastery
- Noravank Monastery

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch /lunch box/
- Dinner in Vayk

Day 08. Along the old and famous Silk Road, Vorotan

We continue towards the south of the country to the Vorotan mountain pass. This is the third highest pass in Armenia - about 2350 m high. Today's destination is the Vorotan summit 2780m. After a long rest on the top, we slowly go down.

Our journey continues along the Selim mountain pass that was part of the famous Silk Road. Here we approach the only well-preserved caravanserai from the 14th century and explore it. The view from there is another highlight of the day. Return to the capital.

During our farewell dinner, we'll enjoy legendary Armenian wine or cognac again.

Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan Hotel 3* on BB/DBL room basis

Included Activities

- Vorotan mountain pass
- Selim mountain pass
- Selim Caravanserai

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch /lunch box/
- Dinner in Yerevan

Important Notes

Vorotan 2.780m, (450m ascent, 650 m descent, moderate elevation, total duration is approximately 2,5 hours).

Day 09 Departure

Return flight. Transfer to the airport

Want to tailor made this tour? *Let us know and our flexible system and professional team will help you put together an itinerary that suits you the best and will customize your travel experience.*

Included

- ✓ FB Meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- ✓ Water is open during the entire trip
- ✓ *Transportation/all transfers*
- ✓ Accommodation on DBL room basis. Single room supplement is available at extra cost. Request in advance.
 - ✓ Total Hotels/guest houses in each destination (8 nights)
- ✓ All entrance tickets according to the itinerary, travel permits in restricted areas
- ✓ Welcome package, maps and other important information
- ✓ English speaking ski touring guide

Not Included

- ✗ Air tickets
- ✗ Visas
- ✗ Travel Insurance

Prices and Policies

*** Rates are in USD and per person. Rates and rooms are subject to change and availability due to currency fluctuations, increased taxes, holidays and special events and other reasons, and will be confirmed at the time of final booking.

*** Package is priced on private tour basis. Group rates will be provided based on requested number of participants of the group.

*** Child Policy & Rates: Each hotel has its own policy. Please check with us for the child policy for each hotel at the time of booking.