

Experience World Heritage of ARMENIA MILLENNIA AGO AND TODAY

Travel to the **Routes of Civilization** to get in touch with great **heritage** and the array of **culture** that Armenia offers as a travel destination, experience **genuine interaction with people** and create amazing memories, encounter with **authentic, diverse cuisine and delicious wine**.

Pass through **millennia long history, culture, science and culinary traditions** up to nowadays modern Armenia and its “Pink City” Yerevan.



Start: Yerevan, Armenia

Physical rating: (1 out of 5)

Finish: Yerevan, Armenia

Group size: Min: 2

Tour Theme: Cultural Adventure

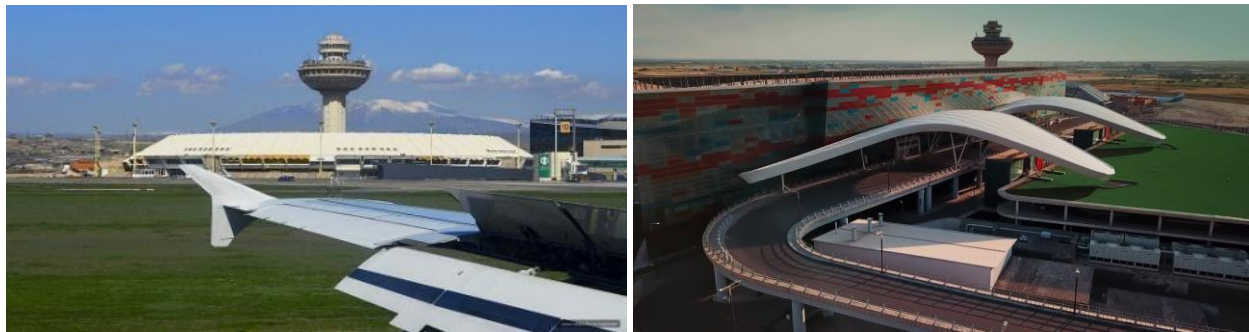
Ages: Min 18 or Family

Duration: 3N/4D

Tour Availability: March - October

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival to Yerevan, City Tour



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

15:00 -17:00 / Time to explore the Armenian capital **Yerevan** – a 2805-year-old and modern city, located in the shadow of the biblical Mount Ararat. It is one of the oldest cities in the world. You will explore The Republic Square with its dancing and singing fountains, Cascade, Opera House, North Avenue, parks devoted to 2700th and 2800th anniversaries of the city. From the impressive Cascade you have a panoramic view of the whole capital.



Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan.

Included Activities

- Yerevan city guided walking tour

Day 2: UNESCO Heritage Site Geghard Monastery, Symphony of Stones, Garni Pagan Temple

09:00 – Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 – Starting the tour

11:00-12:00 / The day starts with departure to the villages of **Goght** and **Garni**. Our first stop is at **Geghard Monastery** - an incredible medieval monastery, being partially carved out of the adjacent mountain, surrounded by cliffs. It is listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** with enhanced protection status. Here you might have a chance to enjoy the performance of a fantastic choir in one of the chambers of the monastery with one of the greatest acoustics you ever saw. The choir will leave you with goose bumps and unforgettable emotions.



12:15-13:00 / Barely recovered from the musical and cultural strong impressions, we take you to **Symphony of Stones** (half of the road to the Symphony of Stones is hiking) where you can listen to the silent music of stones, that the virtuoso nature has created himself.

Garni gorge is one of the most exceptional places for tourists to visit and to see amazing natural rocks known as the **“Symphony of Stones”** or **“Basalt organ”**. The rocks have a shape of long hexagonal vertical columns, which are associated with the church organ. Huge stone pillars are located at an altitude of about 50 meters above the ground. It’s hard to believe that neatly and symmetrically sculpted stones are created by nature itself and not by human.



13:15-14:30 / Lunch will be in a cozy Armenian restaurant with a panoramic view to Temple Garni.

14:30-15:30 / We continue towards **Garni Temple** - the only standing Greco-Roman colonnaded Pagan temple in Armenia and the former Soviet Union. An Ionic pagan temple located in the village of Garni is the best-known structure and symbol of Pre-

Christian Armenia. The structure was built in the 1st century AD as a temple to the God of Sun Mihr.



16:30 / Return to Yerevan.

The rest of the evening is free. Evening Yerevan is another highlight that should be added to your bucket list. Cafes and bars are full of locals at night. Join them for glass of local Armenian wine. You'll not regret!

Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan.

Included Activities

- Geghard Monastery
- Symphony of Stones
- Garni Pagan Temple

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel

Day 3: Lake Sevan, Sevanavank Monastery, Paragliding (Optional activity), Dilijan, Haghartsin Monastery, Honey House

08:00 – Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 - Starting the tour

10:00-11:00 / The program starts with **Lake Sevan** ("The Blue Pearl of Armenia") - the highest freshwater mountain lake in Europe, and surrounded by the Lesser Caucasus Mountain range. Set 1900m above sea level, Sevan is the largest lake in the Caucasus, it's also one of the largest freshwater high-altitude lakes in the world. Its colors and shades

change with the weather and by its own mysterious processes, from a dazzling azure to dark blue and a thousand shades in between.



The tour around the lake also includes a visit to the [Sevanavank monastery](#). Enjoy a visit to the picturesque site of monastery, an ancient religious complex that overlooks Lake Sevan. Situated on a peninsula that was once an island before the water level dropped, the monastery stands atop a hill, with scenic views of the lake and the often-snow-capped slopes in the backdrop. You'll need to climb a number of stairs to reach the site, but you'll be rewarded with inspiring panoramic views. Explore the two historic churches, most likely dating from the 9th century and exhibiting a typical, simple Armenian style of architecture.



06:00 AM

For the lovers of high sky, we offer in Sevan an amazing [Paragliding adventure](#) as an optional activity at extra cost. A must do when visiting Armenia, with Armenia's leading experts in tandem paragliding flights. The team of highly qualified and professional pilots will make sure to give you the experience of a lifetime.

*** Paragliding is offered as an optional activity at extra cost. Depending on weather conditions, Paragliding may be cancelled if the weather is not suitable for flying on that specific day of the tour. Please wear warm/thermal clothes and sunglasses/goggles for paragliding. If you wish to do paragliding, the transfer from Yerevan to Sevan will be very early – 05:00am.



11:30-12:00 / After our day continues to beautiful city of **Dilijan** that is sometimes referred to as the forest kingdom of Armenia. In this cozy town, you can find vivid examples of traditional wooden house architecture. The mountains and gorges are covered with rich forests changing to alpine meadows and dotted with small farms, hiking tracks, lakes and rivers. The mountainous landscape is highly diverse, with different terrains, climates, soils and water resources. Many natural and man-made features enrich the national park: monasteries, lakes, archeological sites, forests, rivers and farmland create an endlessly-changing environment.



12:15-13:15 / The day wouldn't be complete without visiting **Haghartsin Monastery** that rises among the majestic mountains where eagles fly. The name of monastery is associated with them: Haghartsin in Armenian means "game of eagles". The most ancient building of Haghartsin is the Church of St. Grigor built in the 11th century by monks who fled from Western Armenia fleeing persecution. Haghartsin used to be a major center of culture and spirituality in Armenia since the 13th century.



Visiting **Honey House** - located in a cozy corner right in the heart of nature, where you can taste different types of delicious homemade honey, jams, and the most unique and authentic wine — a kind you probably have never tasted before — Honey Wine. Couldn't resist the taste? Buy from these delicious treats and take with you.



13:30-14:30 / Lunch will be in Dilijan.

16:30 / Back to Yerevan.

Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan.

Included Activities

- Lake Sevan
- Sevanavank Monastic Complex
- Dilijan
- Haghartsin Monastery
- Honey house

Optional Activity at extra cost

- Tandem Paragliding (*Included photos and videos during the flight with GoPro camera)
- Tandem Flight 10 min – 38,000 AMD
- Tandem Flight 20 min – 55,000 AMD

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel

Day 4: Departure

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Departure 3 hours before your flight.

See you soon in Armenia!



We hope that while looking at Armenia pinned in your travel map, will bring back unforgettable memories and experience during your two wheels adventure with us!

Included

- ✓ Accommodation.
 - Total Hotels in each destination – 3 nights
- ✓ Meals - BB meals
- ✓ Water during trips
- ✓ Transportation and all transfers
- ✓ All museum and entrance tickets according to the program
- ✓ Tour guide

Not Included

- × Air tickets (will be provided upon request)
- × Visas (will be provided upon request)
- × Travel Insurance (will be provided upon request)
- × Any meals that are not specified in the itinerary

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