

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**. During this 4-day tour you will pass through **millennia long history**, culture, science and culinary traditions up to nowadays modern Armenia and its “Pink City” capital Yerevan. To make this adventure more than just another tour, you can choose to **spice it up** with **Rafting on River Debed** and enjoy the variety of adventure activities that Armenia has to offer.



Start: Yerevan, Armenia

Physical rating: (1 out of 5)

Finish: Yerevan, Armenia

Group size: Min 2 Pax

Tour Theme: Cultural Adventure

Ages: Min 18 or Family

Duration: 3N/4D

Tour Availability: March - October

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival to Yerevan, City Tour, Megerian Carpet Cultural Center



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. After a welcome briefing meeting with the tour leader, you will check in to your hotel.

15:30 – 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.



17:30 – 20:00 / Welcome Dinner will be organized at **Megerian Carpet cultural center**, including a visit to Armenian handmade rugs factory and museum where you will see traditional carpet making process, participate in an interactive Armenian food preparation master class with one of the most demanded and famous chefs of today's Armenia - Mr. Sedrak Mamoulian, taste the diversity of Armenian cuisine and enjoy Armenian music.



Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan.

Included Activities

- Yerevan city tour
- Megerian Carpet Cultural Centre

Day 2: UNESCO World Heritage Site Haghpat Monastery, Mendz Er Cave, Rafting or Kobayr Monastery

08:00 - Breakfast in the hotel and check out

09:00 - Starting the tour

12:00 – 13:00 / We start the day by visiting the [Monastery Haghpat](#) - The monastic complex is included in UNESCO World Heritage list. It represents the highest flowering of Armenian religious architecture of that era. The functional role, location and stylistic characteristics were taken into consideration during the construction of the building that stands in perfect harmony with the picturesque landscape.



13:00 – 14:30 / Our next stop will be in [Mendz Er Cave](#), where we will have nice lunch. Here you can admire the beautiful view and also have a walking tour in the cave.



15:00 – 17:00 / Another highlight of the day full of emotions and adventure – **Rafting on river Debed**. Enjoy almost 90 minutes and 11km of rafting through the amazing landscapes and have that adventure thrill on the river Debed. The daring travellers can also choose to jump from the bridge or slide on the raft into the river for a wider spectrum of emotions. Your Rafting guide will take amazing pictures and videos and share them with you.



Those who are not into Rafting, will have a small hike to **Kobayr Monastery** as a little tour. The steep walk takes 10 to 15 minutes. Perched above the hamlet of Kobayr is the 12th-century monastery of the same name. The main church has some partially restored Georgian-style frescoes and a detached 13th-century bell tower. There are also three chapels, one with a scenic circular balcony. Behind the main church is a beautiful slow-dripping waterfall that's also worth seeing.

20:00 / Back to Yerevan.

Accommodation

- Overnight in Yerevan.

Included Activities

- Monastery Haghpat (UNESCO world heritage)
- Mendz Er Cave
- Kobayr Monastery hike

Optional Activity at extra cost

- Rafting on Debed River – 12,000 AMD per person

Includes

- 90 min rafting

- Jumping from bridge
- Sliding from the raft
- Transfer from end point to start point
- Tour guide (professional rafting instructor)
- Rafting gear (helmets, life jackets, oars)

Meals Included

- Breakfast at the hotel

Important Notes

For those who would like to do rafting as an optional activity, please make sure to have extra dry clothes with you to get changed, and a small towel to dry. It is recommended to have rubber water shoes or similar closed shoes proper for the activity.

Day 3: 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 4: Departure

Breakfast at the hotel and normal checkout.

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 trip with us!

Included

- ✓ Accommodation
 - Total Hotels/Guest houses in each destination – 3 nights
- ✓ Meals - BB meals
- ✓ Daily water during trips
- ✓ Transportation and all transfers
- ✓ All museum and entrance tickets according to the program
- ✓ Welcome package, maps and other important information
- ✓ Tour Guide
- ✓ Food Preparation Master Class
- ✓ Optional Activities (at extra cost upon request)

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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