



7 Day Tour

1 April-31 October, 2010

DAY 1 Arrival & Welcome dinner

Welcome to Armenia! Arrive in Yerevan, at Zvartnots Airport. You will be met by your friendly driver & transferred to your **Erebuni Hotel** accommodation, where you can unwind & unpack before enjoying your welcome dinner at one of Yerevan's finest restaurants.

Inclusions: Transfer, welcome dinner

DAY 2 City Tour

Distance: 50 km return

Breakfast at hotel. We will start with a sightseeing tour of the capital and see the most important buildings: Government Houses, National Art Gallery, Republic Square, Houses of National Assembly, Residence of President, Academy of Sciences, National Opera & Ballet House.

Then we will visit **Matenadaran** -Museum Institute of Ancient Manuscripts one of the world's most ancient libraries and now the institute for study and preservation of historic manuscripts.

Genocide Memorial -We will also have an opportunity to pay respect to the victims of the Armenian Genocide (1915) and learn more about tragic history of this event at Genocide Memorial and Museum.

Inclusions: Breakfast, museum entry fee

DAY 3 Garni & Geghard

Distance: 95 km return

Breakfast at hotel. Today we will discover the pagan temple of **Garni** (1st AD) and cave **Monastery of Geghard** (4-14th cc.). The Greco-Roman style temple is the only surviving example of "Pagan" architecture in Armenia and once it was the summer residence of the Armenian kings. The neighbouring monastery of Geghard was founded shortly after Armenia declared Christianity as its state religion and it is famous for its rock-carved cave churches and amazing acoustics. Make sure to try some of the sweet "Gata" bread from the local vendors.

Inclusions: Breakfast, museum entry fee

DAY 4 Sardarapat & Echmiatsin

Distance: 120 km return.

Breakfast at hotel. Tour to **Sardarapat Memorial Complex & Museum**. The Memorial Complex was built in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Sardarapat battle in 1918.

Then we leave for **Echmiatsin town**. **Echmiatsin Cathedral** was built in 303AD. **Mother Cathedral** is the spiritual centre of all Armenians and the 1st church in the Christian world. On Sundays there is a mass ceremony.

Inclusions: Breakfast, museum entry fee

DAY 5 Khor Virap & Noravank

Distance: 270 km return.

Depart for **Khor Virap & Noravank**. **Khor Virap** is the pilgrim site.

From here you can see the impressive panorama of **Mount Ararat** (5165m). **Noravank Monastery** (12-16th cc.) located in a canyon amidst red-colored rocks which give the place an impressive atmosphere.

Inclusions: Breakfast

DAY 6 Tsaghkadzor & Sevan

Distance: 180 km return

Breakfast at hotel. We will travel to the tourists' popular resort town of **Tsaghkadzor** (Valley of Flowers). Visit **Monastery Complex of Kecharis**. The cable-way will transport you to the top of **Teghenis Mount** from where you can admire the unique nature of Armenian landscape.

In the afternoon we will head to the **Lake of Sevan** "the emerald of Armenia", we will admire the mysterious beauty of Sevan, the windswept churches overlooking the lake. Here we will taste famous local fishes "siga" & "trout".

Inclusions: Breakfast

DAY 7 Departure day

Today it marks the end of your holiday with us. You will be transferred to the Airport for your outbound flight.

Inclusions: Transfer

Additional info

Vernissage:

On week-ends visit the open air souvenir market of Vernissage. Here you can find a great variety of souvenirs at reasonable prices. Remember to bargain!!!

Cognac Factory:

Take a tour to **Armenian Brandy Factory**. Here you can get acquainted with the history of **Armenian Cognac** & degust the cognac right from the barrels.

Closed market:

Do not miss your opportunity to visit closed market where you can find fruit & vegetable and Armenian famous sweets and specialities.

Tour inclusions:

- Ⓜ Airport pick-up/drop off
- Ⓜ 6 nights accommodation at Erebuni Hotel
- Ⓜ 5 days tour around Armenia
- Ⓜ Air-conditioned car
- Ⓜ Daily breakfasts

- Ⓜ 1 Dinner
- Ⓜ 1 Concert
- Ⓜ Sightseeing
- Ⓜ Museum entry fees

Price: US \$685 per person/twin share

Our price is per person, based on the shared occupancy of a twin/double room.

Extending your tour:

If you would like to extend your stay with a few days please call us for recommendations and quotations.

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