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## 8 Days Armenia Monuments Adventure Tour

### Day 1, Arrival Yerevan

Arrival to Yerevan, meeting at Zvartnots International airport. Transfer to the hotel.

\*\*Yerevan is the capital and largest city of Armenia and one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Situated along the Hrazdan River, Yerevan is the administrative, cultural, and industrial center of the country. **Area:** 227 km<sup>2</sup>, **Population:** 3262200. **Currency:** Dram (AMD)



### Day 2: Yerevan City Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. The guide will meet group at the lobby of the hotel lobby. Today we visit: **Ethnographic Museum of Erebuni**, built in



782 BC and located on a hill of Arin Berd. **Tsitsernakaberd Memorial Complex** dedicated to the memory of victims of the genocide of 1915 and **Armenian Genocide Museum**. Lunch time. In the evening a



panoramic tour of the capital of Armenia, which is one of the oldest cities in the world. We'll see the **Republic Square**, the **National Opera and Ballet Theater**, cultural - architectural complex **Cascade**, the monument "Mother Armenia". Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.

### Day 3: Yerevan / Khor Virap / Noravank / Areni / Yerevan

Breakfast. The road from Yerevan leads through the plains of Ararat, where all of a sudden an attractive picture of **Khor-Virap Monastery**



appears, where first Catholicos of the Armenian Apostolic Church was imprisoned for 13 years for promoting Christianity. The monastery is located 200 meters



away from the Turkish border. It is the nearest spot to Ararat Mountain from Armenia. Then we visit **Noravank Monastery** which is built in an inaccessible location among stunning nature. The monastery is overhanging the gorge of the river Arpa. Lunch in a local restaurant. On the way back we'll visit **Areni wine factory** to taste local wines. Return to Yerevan.





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## Day 4: Yerevan / Sanahin / Haghpat / Dilijan

After breakfast we start to the Northern region of Armenia. Inspection of the medieval **Sanahin bridge** over the river Debed. Excursion to the **Monasteries of Sanahin** and Haghpat (10 -13 cc),



which are among the outstanding works of medieval Armenian architecture. In their artistic merits they transcend the limits of national culture and they are now listed in the UNESCO World Heritage Property. We will continue our trip to Dilijan, which

is famous for its forests and health resorts, its spectacular scenery and cultural centres. After lunch we will drive through a lush forest to reach the **Haghartsin Monastery**, an 11th-13th century church situated deep in the woods. Dinner and overnight in Dilijan.



## Day 5: Dilijan / Lake Sevan / Yerevan

Breakfast. Walk along one of the most beautiful and oldest streets of the Old Dilijan - Sharambeyan where we will find small art schools and souvenir shops. Visit the



beautifully landscaped 12th century **Monastery of Goshavank**. A trip to lake Sevan - one of the most



beautiful and large mountain lakes in the world, the lake is bordered on all sides by high mountain ridges. Lunch time. After we will visit **Sevanavank Monastery**, which is standing on the peninsula that offers magnificent panoramic views of the lake and surrounding mountains. Return to Yerevan.

## Day 6: Yerevan / Echmiadzin / Zvartnots / Yerevan

After breakfast we will visit **Matenadaran - Institute of ancient manuscripts**. Here are kept more than 15,000 manuscripts and a collection of constantly updated with new discoveries, acquisitions and gifts. A trip to Echmiadzin,



the spiritual and administrative center of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Inspection of the pearls of Armenian architecture of the **Church of St. Hripsime**



(618AD), and the world's first Christian Cathedral (301AD). We will visit the unique museum of Echmiadzin Cathedral. Visit the **Church of St. Gayane** (5-7 cc). On the way back we will stop at the ruins of one

of the most famous temples in Armenia - **Zvartnots** (7th century). Return to Yerevan. Lunch in a national restaurant.



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## Day 7: Yerevan / Geghard / Garni / Yerevan

Breakfast. On the way to Geghard we'll stop at the "**Arch of Charents**", which offers a splendid view of the Biblical Ararat valley.



A trip to the **cave Monastery Geghard**

(5-13cc), which consists of three churches and a huge mausoleum carved into the mountain. Continuation of the tour will bring us to the **pagan temple** of Garni (77 AD) - the only Hellenistic

temple extant in the region. Inspection of "Temple of the Sun" and the ancient royal baths, situated on the edge of the picturesque valley. Lunch in a local restaurant. Return to Yerevan. Visit to "**Ararat**" brandy factory. In the evening, enjoy your farewell dinner in a traditional Armenian restaurant.



## Day 8: Departure

Check out and transfer to the airport.