



Trekking Tour in Armenia



Day 1: Yerevan

Arrival at Yerevan Zvartnots Airport. Transfer to the hotel. Free time for rest. Walking through the city: Cascade, Opera, park. Coffee - break.

Yerevan is very lively city and has a rich scene. Many rock - and pop groups, opera with almost daily shows in many concert halls. Use one of the evenings to attend a concert or opera. The guide will introduce you to the place, and you will get the card on request. There is a wide choice of restaurants for dinner. Your guide will provide you with detailed information and advice on this issue. Overnight at the hotel. (- / L / D)

Day 2: Geghama Mountain: Lake Akna

Breakfast. About 1 hour we will drive to the village Sevanaberd (about 1600 m). Our 5 - day trek begins with Geghama Mountains. The path leads from the village through a meadow, pasture, and along small streams and beautiful views of the surrounding mountains. Camp and dinner around the lake (about 3000 m from sea level). (Travel time about 1 hour, 50 km, trekking 6 -7 hours).(B / L / D)

Day 3: Mountain Geghama :Lake Akna - Ajdahak (3597 m)

After a hearty breakfast in the camp we will climb 3597 m Mount Azhdahak. Descent to the camp and dinner (3000m). (trekking 6 hours). (B / L / D)

Day 4: Mountain Geghama :Camp - Lake Vank

Breakfast. This mornin, the way takes us to the impressive rock art. A unique experience! Nestled in the mountains about 3,000 meters, where we will see the traces of ancient civilizations. After research and hearty picnic wecomedown from the high mountains to the lake again, Wank (2050 m). (trekking time: about 5 hours). (B / L / D)

Day5:Mountain Geghama: Lake Vank–Havuts Tar Monastery

Breakfast. After it, the path leads us to the monastery of Saint Stephanos. Lunch. Camp under Havuts Tar about 2000 m above sea level. Dinner. Overnight in camp. (Walking time 6- 7h). (B / L / D)

Day 6: Geghama Mountain:Havuts tar–Garni-Geghard

Breakfast.A short trek down from the monastery. A short climb and visit the beautiful temple of Garni. Then visit the monastery of Geghard. Lunch. Here we will have the opportunity to take part in the preparation of national Armenian Bread “Lavash”. In the afternoon we will have a 5-hour drive to the north of Armenia, stopping to look Tikhvin Cemetery Kurdish village. Further walking through Spitak pass (2000 m) to Spitak city. The city was almost completely destroyed in 1988, during a strong earthquake. Drive to Alaverdi. Arriveat the hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel (walking time about 2 - 3 hours journey time of about 240 km, about 5 hours). (B / L / D)

Day7:Monasteries Haghpat and Sanahin(UNESCO world heritage sites)

Breakfast at the hotel. After a 1- hour drive we will visit the monastery of Akhpat (10th century, UNESCO World Heritage Site). Walking through the villages and forests with spectacular views of the Monastery of Sanahin and Haghpat. (10th century, also a World Heritage Site by UNESCO). These two outstanding masterpieces of Armenian architecture have been founded in the Middle Ages. They have been important research centers and were famous for their manuscripts. Take trip to Lake Sevan. Dinner. Overnight. (Walking time 4 hrs. Journey time approximately 1 -2 h). (B / L / D)



Day8: Free Day in Sevan around the Lake Sevan

Breakfast. Free day to relax at Lake Sevan. 3-4 hour walk around the peninsula of Lake Sevan. Lake Sevan is the pearl of Armenia and it is on 1900 m above sea level and it is one of the highest alpine lakes in the world. Lunch. Visit the Monastery of Sevan (9th century) on a former island in walking distance. Dinner. Overnight in Sevan. (B / L / D)

Day 9: Sevan-Selim Caravanserai- Goris

Breakfast. Today is the longest day of driving: we have a 320 km-drive for today. First of all we will drive along the eastern shore of the lake with beautiful scenery of the lake and mountain panorama. On the other side of the lake, visit the famous cemetery Noraduz with hundreds of medieval Armenian cross-stones. Then we will get Goris driving via Selim pass over 2410 m. Dinner and overnight in Goris. (trekking about 1 hour, journey time of about 320 km, about 6 - 7 hours). (B / L / D)

Day 10: Mountain Khustup

Breakfast. We will drive from Goris to city of Kapan near the border with Azerbaijan. It is the main city in the south of Armenia. Trekking to the mountain Khustup (3201 m), we will start from village Vachagan. Then we will walk to our camp, where we will stay for two nights. Dinner. (trekking around 6- 7h.). (B / L / D)

Day 11: Mountain Khustup

Breakfast. After breakfast we will climb the top of mountain Khustup that forms a rocky ridge. After the lunch, return to the camp. (Trekking about 6- 7h.). (B / L / D)

Day 12: Mount Khustup

The last day of the campaign as always starts with a good breakfast after which we will start the trekking route to the village Vachagan. Return to Goris, where we will spend the night. Dinner. (Trekking time 4-5 hours). (B / L / D)

Day 13: Goris–Zorats Karer - Noravank–Khor Virap - Yerevan

Breakfast. Trip to Zorats Karer /Stonehenge/. Then we will continue to the famous monastery Noravanq. A short trek to the hill accompanied by the stunning view of the monastery. In the afternoon we will visit Khor Virap monastery (4 th - 17 th century). This monastery is the point from where the most beautiful view of Mount Ararat is observed. Furthermore, Khor Virap is one of the oldest Christian monuments in Armenia. Drive to Yerevan. Dinner and overnight in Yerevan. (6- 7h. trip). (B / L / D)

Day 14: Lake Kari and Mount Aragats

Early breakfast. We will take trip to north-east of Armenia. We will drive nearly 1.5 hour drive up to to Kari Lich (Lake) 3200 m. We will climb 4030 m high western summit. Then descent and return to Yerevan. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan. (Trekking time 6 - 7h, the journey takes about 2 - 3 hrs, about 90 km). (B / L / D)

Day 15: Ejmiatsin-Yerevan

After breakfast visit Echmiadzin. Here we will visit the main cathedral (303 AD, UNESCO - World Heritage Site), the museum and the church of St. Hripsimeh (618 AD). Echmiadzin is the official residence of the Catholicos, the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church. On the way back visit to Yerevan Zvartnots temple (UNESCO World Heritage) In the afternoon we will be in Yerevan. Farewell dinner in the restaurant. (Walking time about 1 -2ch., About 50 km). (B / L / D)

Day 16: Transfer