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**5 days tour to Armenia – Guaranteed Departure – 2025**

## Day 1: Arrival - Yerevan / City tour /



### Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport.



### Yerevan City Tour

We will begin our tour with the capital of Armenia: **Yerevan**. For centuries, this city has been known as the “**pink city**” due to the color of the volcanic tuff stone used in its construction. Yerevan is one of the world’s oldest continuously inhabited cities, founded in 782 BC, and its streets are filled with history, culture, and vibrant energy.

During our tour, we will explore some of the city’s most iconic landmarks:

- **Republic Square** – The heart of Yerevan, surrounded by government buildings and the History Museum. At night, the square comes alive with its famous dancing fountains.
- **Mashtots Avenue** – Named after **Mesrop Mashtots**, the creator of the Armenian alphabet, this central avenue is lined with shops, cafes, and cultural institutions.
- **Aram Khachaturian Opera and Ballet Theatre** – This grand structure, named after the famous Armenian composer, is a cultural hub for opera, ballet, and concerts in Yerevan.
- **Cascade Complex** – A massive staircase that connects the downtown area with the Monument neighborhood, offering stunning views of the city and **Mount Ararat**. The Cascade is also home to the **Cafesjian Center for the Arts**, featuring modern sculptures and art exhibitions.
- **Mother Armenia** – A towering statue that symbolizes peace and strength, offering a panoramic view of Yerevan. Located in **Victory Park**, the statue serves as a reminder of Armenia's resilience.

Throughout the tour, we will also have the chance to explore **local markets**, **parks**, and enjoy the city's lively cafe culture. Yerevan blends the old and the new, offering visitors a unique glimpse into Armenia's rich past and vibrant present.



### Overnight in Yerevan

## Day 2: Yerevan - Sevan - Dilijan - Haghartsin - Yerevan



### Breakfast



### Sevan

We will drive to Lake Sevan, one of the largest freshwater high-altitude lakes in the world, often referred to as the "Pearl of Armenia." The lake stands out with its sweet and astonishingly blue water, reflecting the surrounding mountain landscapes. Situated at an altitude of about 1,900 meters (6,200 feet) above sea level, it is a vital ecological and cultural landmark for Armenia. Visitors can enjoy the breathtaking scenery and serene ambiance, making it a perfect spot for relaxation and photography. Next, we will visit Sevanavank Monastery, a historic complex located on the Sevan Peninsula. Originally, the peninsula was an island, but due to a decrease in the water level of the lake, it has transformed into a peninsula.



### Dilijan

Then we will drive to Dilijan. Walking along the Sharambeyan Street, which is one of the oldest streets of the city, we may buy souvenirs and see the life of the small city. During the walk you will breathe the clean mountain air.



### Haghartsin Monastery

Visit the monastery of Haghartsin, which is a prominent structure of Medieval Armenian Architecture.



### Overnight in Yerevan.

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

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### Breakfast



### Khor Virap

Take trip to Khor Virap Monastery (4-18th cc.). This monastery is very prominent because of its history; Gregory the Illuminator, who introduced Christianity to Armenia, has been imprisoned there about 13 years as at that time there was a prison in the place of the monastery. Here we can enjoy the spectacular view of the sacred Ararat Mountain - an immortal symbol of Armenia.



### Noravank

We will continue our tour to Noravank - a monastery of XII century situated among amazing sheer rocks on the bench of a twisty gorge. This is the only monastery where we may find a unique sculpture of Father God.



### Return to Yerevan



### Overnight in Yerevan

## Day 4: Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

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### Breakfast



### Garni Temple

Take a trip to Garni, home to the only standing Pagan temple in Armenia, built in the 1st century AD. This unique structure was dedicated to Mihr, the god of light and purity, showcasing Armenia's ancient pre-Christian beliefs. While the temple was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1679, it was meticulously restored in 1975, bringing back its classical Greco-Roman architectural style. Set atop a rocky hill with stunning views of the Azat River gorge, the Temple of Garni provides a fascinating insight into Armenia's pagan history and its preservation efforts.



### Master class of Lavash Baking

Afterwards we will a local house where you will have the chance to see and participate in the preparation of Armenian national bread: lavash. It is a very thin, usually sold in very large forms. It is usually cooked in a ground oven: "tonir". In 2015 it has been inscribed in UNESCO intangible heritage list. Here we will enjoy the "Armenian fast food" with lavash and cheese.



### Geghard Monastery

We'll continue to the Monastery of Geghard, named after the legendary lance that pierced Christ's body and was kept here for centuries. Although the exact founding date of the monastery remains unknown, the current complex dates back to the mid-13th century. Built partially into the cliffs of a spectacular gorge, Geghard Monastery is a masterpiece of medieval Armenian architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site, symbolizing both faith and artistry.



### Return to Yerevan



### Overnight in Yerevan

## Day 5: Yerevan - Ejmiatsin - Zvartnots - Departure

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## Breakfast



## Ejmiatsin Cathedral - Zvartnots Cathedral

We will start our excursion to the centuries-old monuments of **Ejmiatsin** and **Zvartnots**, both of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

- **Cathedral of Ejmiatsin:** Founded in 303 AD, the Cathedral of Ejmiatsin is the official residence of the **Catholicos of Armenia** and holds great significance as the spiritual heart of the Armenian Apostolic Church. This ancient cathedral is not only a place of worship but also a symbol of Armenian identity and faith. Its rich history and architectural beauty attract pilgrims and visitors from around the world.
- **Zvartnots Temple:** After our visit to Ejmiatsin, we will continue our trip to **Zvartnots Temple**, constructed in the 7th century by **Nerses the Builder**. Although only ruins remain today, the site is steeped in history and still holds an air of mystery and grandeur. Once a magnificent architectural marvel, Zvartnots was known for its unique design, featuring a circular structure with an impressive dome. As we explore the ruins, we will delve into the temple's historical significance and the reasons for its eventual abandonment.

Both sites provide a deep insight into the rich religious heritage of Armenia and reflect the architectural brilliance of their time. As we visit these sacred places, we will appreciate their lasting impact on Armenian culture and spirituality.



## Transfer to the airport

Say goodbye to Armenia!



## Departure

Departure from Zvartnots International Airport

## Information & Documents



### Price includes

#### Transport:

- 10+1 pax – Mercedes Sprinter 15-17 seats
- 15+1 pax - Middle bus 25-30 seats
- 20+1 pax and more - Big bus 45-49 seats

#### Meals:

- 4 x Breakfasts
- 1 x Lunches

#### Entertainment and other:

- Entrance fees
- 1 Bottle of water per pax
- Accommodation in 3\* hotel

#### Accompaniment:

- English speaking guide



### Price Excludes

- Flight tickets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Extra personal fees
- Meals

