

TASTES AND AROMAS OF ARMENIA

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Gueghard
Garni
Fruit Market
Megeryan Carpet

B/L/D

Day 7



Check-out
Departure

Day 1

📍 Arrival in Yerevan



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Departure from homeland. Arrival to Zvartnots International Airport in Yerevan. Transfer to the Hotel. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Yerevan



Cascade






Day 2

 City Tour

 History Museum

 ArArAt Brandy

 40km

 10:00-15:30

 B/L/D

After breakfast at the hotel, you will meet your tour guide and start a city tour in Yerevan. During the city tour, you will see the most beautiful sights in Yerevan, like The Republic Square, where you may see the stone carpet right in the middle, hiding history of 3000 years underneath, and the opera and Ballet Theatre, projected by the architect of Yerevan Aleksander Tamanyan. Afterwards you will admire the enchanting panorama of Yerevan and the biblical Mount Ararat from the top of Cascade Monument, visit the Cafesjian Museum of Modern Arts and Mother Armenia Monument. Then you will visit the History Museum of Armenia, to get to know the rich history and culture of the Armenian nation, starting from the Stone Age. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then we will continue our journey to the famous Ararat Brandy factory which offers exclusive degustation of Armenian brandy, during which you will have the chance to admire the liquid's color and feel its aroma. Welcome dinner is going to take place in a local traditional Armenian restaurant, combined with Armenian folk music. Transfer to the Hotel. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Tsitsernakaberd



History Museum



Ararat Brandy



Day 3



250km



09:00-17:00



B/I/D

📍 Khor Virap

📍 Noravank

📍 Areni

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Khor Virap monastery, which is the closest point to the Biblical Mount Ararat. Khor Virap was built as a prison and served as such for the first Armenian Catholicos Gregori Illuminator for his attempt to spread Christianity in pagan Armenia. After 14 years of imprisonment, he was freed and Armenia the first in the world adopted Christianity as a state religion. Drive to Noravank, a complex with a two-floor church, which is standing in between red cliffs. The existence of the second floor describes the way to God, but the way back is a lot harder. Noravank Monastic Complex belongs to the 13-14th centuries. Then you will have lunch and taste the Armenian Barbeque (Khorovats). On the way back we will visit Areni wine factory and taste some Armenian wine. The oldest wine cellar has been recently discovered in this area (6000 years). Here you will be presented to the wine-making history of Armenia. Drive back to Yerevan. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Khor Virap



Noravank



Areni

Day 4



80 km



09:00-16:00



B/L/D

Zvartnots Etchmiadzin Armenia Winery

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Zvartnots Temple (7th century). This construction is listed as UNESCO Cultural Heritage. Drive to the Holy Seat of Ejmiadzin, which is considered to be the Cradle of Christianity. Armenia was the first country in the world to announce Christianity as a state religion in 301. Ejmiadzin complex includes several churches and is one of the first Christian churches in the world, built in 301-303 AD. Visit the Treasury of Ejmiadzin to see the holy remains from all over the world and pieces of religious Christian rituals. You will also visit Hripsime/Gayane churches next to Ejmiadzin, which are listed as UNESCO Cultural heritage. Lunch at a local restaurant to taste the Armenian Dolma. Drive to Armenia Wine to have a tour at the Factory, as well as to taste one of the best Armenian wines. Drive back to Yerevan. Dinner at a local restaurant. Transfer to the Hotel. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Zvartnots



Etchmiadzin



Armenia Winery



Day 5



280km



09:00-18:00



B/L/D

Sevan

Dilijan

Ijevan Winery

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to the blue-eyed lake Sevan, which is the second highest freshwater lake in the world. Reaching the peninsula of Sevan, you may climb the stairs to Sevanavank Monastery and enjoy the view to the blue-eyed lake from above the hill. Moving to the North, passing through a tunnel you will appear in a quite different landscape, reaching Dilijan, another health resort in Armenia, famous for its humidity and forests. Goshavank Monastery, situated in Gosh village on a green hill, was founded in the 12th century and has been an educational center. You will find a unique Khachkar (cross-stone) under the wall of the church, which was created with old simple instruments. Lunch at a local house in Dilijan, where you will have the opportunity to take part in a master-class of preparing an Armenian sweet sujukh. Drive to Ijevan Wine Factory to feel the tastes of one more type of Armenian wines. Drive back to Yerevan. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Sevan



Dilijan



Ijevan Winery

Day 6



100 km



09:00-16:00



B/L/D

📍 Geghard 📍 Garni 📍 Fruit Market 📍 Megeryan Carpet

After enjoying the breakfast at the hotel, you will lead your way to one of the most amazing Monasteries in Armenia – Geghard, inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage. It is also known as Ayrivank, which means “church carved out from the rock”. There is a myth about the healing source inside the church that it can cure any sickness even when you drink a sip of it. Geghard Monastery is the best place to sing spiritual songs, because of its acoustics, and a choir will make you feel the Holy Spirit. You will be fulfilled with all the sounds and the echo inside the Church. Then you will drive to the Garni Pagan Temple (1st century AD), the only Hellenistic temple existing nowadays in Caucasus. It has Parthenon-type structure with 24 pillars, which means the 24 hours of the day. Lunch at a local house to eat Armenian fish Ishkhan. Also, you will take part in the preparation of the Armenian national flatbread “Lavash”. Drive back to Yerevan to visit the famous Fruit market and have the opportunity to take with you the tastiest pieces of Armenian flavors. Then we will visit the Megerian Carpet where you will have the opportunity to see Armenian ancient carpets and after that you will have a delicious dinner while enjoying the master class of an Armenian dish preparation. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Gueghard



Garni



Fruit Market



Day 7



B/-/-

Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Transfer to the airport. Departure home!



Opera and Ballet Theatre



Republic Square



Zvartnots Airport



The package includes

- 6 nights at the hotel in Yerevan
- Transportation according to the itinerary
- Transfers (airport-hotel-airport)
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners
- Wine tastings in Ijevan Wine factory, ArmAs Estate, Areni Wine factory
- Brandy degustation in Ararat Brandy Factory
- Lavash-making master-class in Garni
- Sujukh-making master-class in Dilijan
- Master Class in Megeryan Carpet
- All entrance tickets, mentioned in the program
- Professional English –speaking guide throughout the program
- One bottle of water per person per day



The package excludes

- Flight tickets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Insurance
- Tips and portage
- Visa fees
- Services not mentioned in the inclusions





Hotel Links

In Yerevan

SILACHI HOTEL



DIAMOND HOUSE HOTEL



or similar



Hotel Links

In Yerevan

GRAND HOTEL YEREVAN



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