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## Overview trip + Extreme

### 1 DAY / Arrival at Yerevan

Meeting at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Check-in. Free (leisure) time at the hotel.



### 2 DAY / Yerevan city tour



After breakfast **City tour** over Yerevan - the capital of Armenia. Visit the **History Museum of Armenia**. The archeological exhibits in the museum include collections dating from 100,000-12,000 BC of Paleolithic era.

Visit the **Cascade monument** (302 m.) surrounded by modern sculptors like Fernando Botero, Lynn Chadwick, Jaime Plensa, and Barry Flanagan and etc.



**Mother Armenia (Mayr Hayastan)** is a female personification of Armenia. Her most public visual rendering is a monumental statue in Victory Park overlooking the capital city of Yerevan, Armenia.



Visit to the **Museum and Memorial complex of Genocide** to pay the last honors to the victims of Armenian genocide in 1915 in Turkey.



**The Matenadaran** officially the Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts is a museum, repository of manuscripts, and a research institute in Yerevan, Armenia. It is the world's largest repository of Armenian manuscripts.

After we visit the open area market "**Vernisage**". The market mainly features a collection of different types of traditional Armenian art works.



At the end of today's tour visit one of the famous brandy factories of Yerevan and taste the **legendary Armenian Brandy** You can pass a pleasant and memorable time in the tasting hall enjoying the delicious brandies.



### 3 DAY / Yerevan – Zvartnots – Echmiadzin – Yerevan



**Zvartnots Cathedral** – the amazing structure, result of extensive experience and creative potential of the Armenian architects of the 7th century. Being based on columns, it staid till the 10th century. At the beginning of the 20th century when excavation on this site was conducted, many experts hardly could accept the reconstruction model developed by the famous Armenian architect Toros Toramanyan as it is difficult to present how such bulky and complex structure was possible be built those days. And after we will go to the spiritual center of all

Armenians, to the city of Echmiadzin.

There are located **Echmiadzin Cathedral** and theological educational institutions are. The wooden cathedral was for the first time constructed in 303 (soon after introduction in Armenia of Christianity as the state religion) and then reconstructed in a stone the 5th and 7th centuries). Return to Yerevan.



## 4 DAY / Free day

## 5 DAY / Jeeping Tour – Aghavnavank – Jukhtak – Dilijan Parz Lake

Breakfast at the hotel. And start the healthy doze of adrenaline and delight with unimaginably wonderful landscapes of Armenia. Drive to **Aghavnavank**.



**Aghavnavank Monastery** is a 12th–13th century monastic complex at **Dilijan National Park** on the outskirts of **Aghavnavank village** of the **Tavush Province** of Armenia.

After **Djuhtak monastery**. The name has a national origin. The complex includes two churches – St. Mary and St. Gregory the Illuminator, from which the name “Jukht”

comes, which means “Couple”. Names St. Petros and Gisheravank (literally the monastery of night) are also mentioned. The medieval cemetery with unique gravestones is located on the territory of two churches.



One of the main tourist destinations in Armenia is cautiously "hidden" in Dilijan like an unpolished diamond, surrounded by natural wonders whose overall combination creates a timeless image. The Armenians would immediately guess that it is about **Lake Parz (meaning "clear")**. Parz Lich is located in **Dilijan National Park**, in the north of the town

of Dilijan at an altitude of 1400 meters above sea level. The lake covers an area of 2 hectares and is 5-10 meters deep, 385 meters long and 85 meters wide. Although the lake is small, its surrounding area has much to offer to each of its visitors, such as four-wheeled motorcycles, boats, crafts, fishing, and camping. Return to Yerevan.

## 6 DAY / Yerevan – Khor Virap – Noravanq – Yerevan

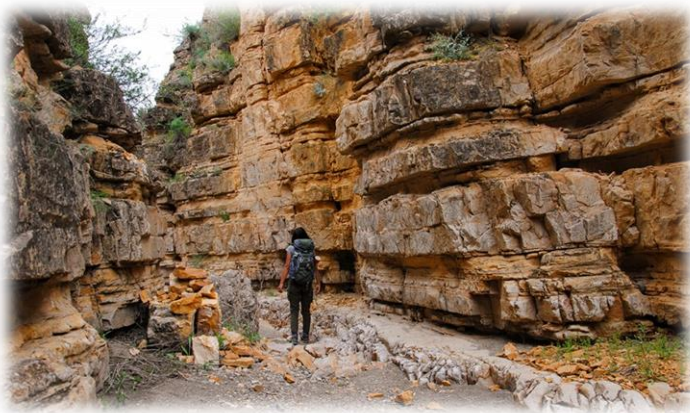
Breakfast at the hotel. Start our trip. And first stop is in **Khor Virap**. Is one of the most scenic monasteries in all of Armenia. Located about 45 minutes outside of Yerevan, Khor Virap is perhaps best known for its stunning backdrop

of Mount Ararat, historically part of Armenia but later annexed by Turkey.



From there we will continue our way to the region **Vayots Dzor** which is the recognized center of the Armenian winemaking. Exactly here, in one of caves, the winery "**Areni-1**", was found the most ancient in the world (with more than 6000-year history).

Here we have the stop and the small excursion in **Areni's Cave 1 (Bird's cave)**.



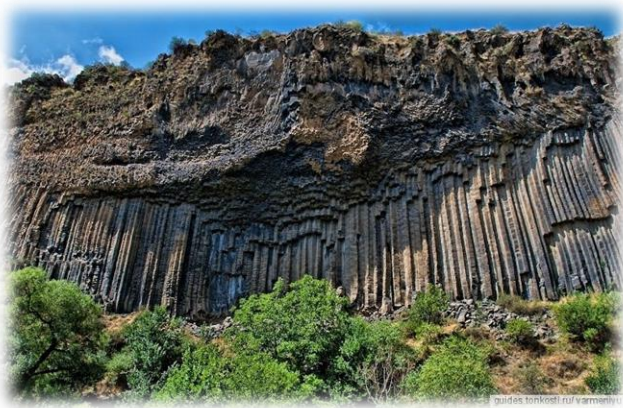
**Angel's Canyon** is located in Ararat Valley, in Armenia, near the village **Dashtakar**. It stands out with its appearance and colors and impresses all visitors. There are many small rocky gorges in the area which make it much more admirable. this place is also famous for its healing mineral water in the area.

**Noravank Monastery** (13-14<sup>th</sup> cc.) - meaning new monastery). It's the only church in Armenia decorated with a unique relief representation of the large-headed and bearded God the Father with large almond shaped eyes blessing the Crucifix with his right hand and holding in his left hand the head of Adam, with a dove — the Holy Spirit — above it. Noravank is a highly artistic monument reminiscent of the tower-like burial structures of the first years of Christianity in Armenia. Return to Yerevan.



## 7 DAY / Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

**Breakfast at the hotel.** Drive to Kotayk region. On the way stop at Charents Arch (view on Mt Ararat).



After we have drive to the village **Garni**, there is the **Azat gorge**, which is famous for the “**Symphony of Stones**” - the result of volcanic flows. The scientific name of this geological formation is columnar separation.

Visit **pagan temple** (1<sup>st</sup> c. A.D.) and the fortress (2<sup>nd</sup> c. B.C.) in Garni village.

Visit **Geghard monastery** (12-13<sup>th</sup> cc.) (Meaning "the Monastery of the Spear", originates from the spear, which had wounded



Jesus during his crucifixion, allegedly brought to Armenia by Apostle Thaddeus, and stored amongst many other relics. You have an opportunity to listen spirituals chants at **Geghard Monestry**. Return to Yerevan.



## 8 day Yerevan – Zvartnots Airport - Departure

*Breakfast at the hotel. Check out. Transfer to Zvartnots Airport.*

