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## *Panorama tour of Armenia*

### 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 - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan



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

After we visit 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 Monastery**.

**Return to Yerevan.**

### 3 DAY / Yerevan – Khor Virap – Noravank – Karahunj – Goris

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).**

**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.



**Karahunj** is a huge complex comprised of Bronze Age tremendous and unique megalithic structures, more specifically tombs, and over 220 menhirs.

After we drive to the **Goris**, is a town and the centre of the urban community in Syunik Province at the south of Armenia. Overnight at the hotel in Goris.

### **5 DAY / Tatev – Orbelyan’s Caravanserai– Noratus – Sevan – Dilijan**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive from Goris to Tatev.

Next visit to medieval **Tatev monastery** on the longest ropeway in the world “**Wings of Tatev**”(5,7 km). “Wings of Tatev” reversible ropeway was constructed within the framework of “Tatev Revival” project. Aerial trip to monastery lasts 12 minutes, whereas the road along the steep **Vorotan gorge** lasts 40 minutes.





Then we go to the **Orbelyan's Caravanserai**

**Orbelian's Caravanserai** is the best preserved caravanserai in the entire country. Ruins of a small chapel may still be seen adjacent to the vestibule, across the road from a spring.

Our next stop is **Noratus**.

Is most famous for its cemetery, the oldest part of which includes over 800 khachkars (stone crosses), carved between the 9th-17th centuries. Nearby the cemetery in the village there is the Holy Virgin church built in the ninth century. One of the khachkars from the cemetery was donated to the British Museum in 1977 by Catholicos Vazgen I.



After we drive to **Sevan. Lake Sevan** - the largest alpine lake in the world. Visit Sevan monastery (9<sup>th</sup> c.) on peninsula. **Sevan Monastery** was established in an island on the lake in the Ninth Century. The last monk left in the 1930's. Since then the lake's water level has been lower somewhat through industrial uses and the monastery now sits on a peninsula. The monastery is still used, but as a retreat site for seminary students.



Travelling north from Lake Sevan, the road climbs and then descends through spectacular gorges to the spa town of **Dilijan**. Surrounded by a heavily forested area of mountains, Dilijan is a popular

resort town, famous for its mineral water. Visit **Goshavank** (12-13<sup>th</sup> cc.) (Meaning Monastery of Gosh) In addition, from the impressive monastery, which has remained in relatively good condition, one of the world's finest khachkars (stones with elaborate engravings representing a cross) is located at the monastery. **Haghartsin** (10-13<sup>th</sup> cc.) monastic complexes - nestled in a temperate rainforest on a mountainside. town is often referred to as the Armenian Switzerland or Little Switzerland by the locals.



Near Dilijan located a small village – **Yenoqavan**.

The canyon near the village is lush with forests, rivers and has caves with ancient carvings. Being located in the heart of the astonishing **Yenokavan mountains Yell Extreme Park** is a real paradise for those who want to combine adrenaline and eco environment. **Yell Extreme Park is a unique destination** where people can try various

activities such as zip-line, paragliding, rope park, via ferrata or horizontal climbing, zorbing, paintball, horseback riding and off-road tour by Yell Truck. (OPTINAL\*)

*Overnight at the hotel in Dilijan.*

### **5 DAY / Dilijan – Haghpat – Sanahin – Yerevan**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to Lori region.

The location of **Haghpat Monastery** was chosen so that it overlooks the Debed River in northern Armenia's Lori region. It was built, not on a peak, but halfway up a hillside



on a site chosen to afford protection and concealment from prying eyes and also in response to a kind of monastic humility. It is built on a verdant promontory located in the middle of a mountain cirque, which is often wreathed in clouds. A peak on the opposite side of the river is over 2,500 meters high. The monasteries of northern Armenia are not isolated, unlike their counterparts in the country's arid regions. They were built in a village environment and Haghpat is surrounded by many hamlets.

Then we go to **Sanahin**.

The name Sanahin literally translates from Armenian as "this one is older than that one", presumably representing a claim to having an older monastery than the neighbouring Haghpat Monastery. The two villages and their monasteries are similar in many ways, and lie in plain view of each other on a dissected plateau formation, separated by a deep "crack" formed by a small river flowing into the Debed river.



Go back to Yerevan. Free (Leisure) time.

Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

[6 DAY / Free day](#)

[7 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, Jaume 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

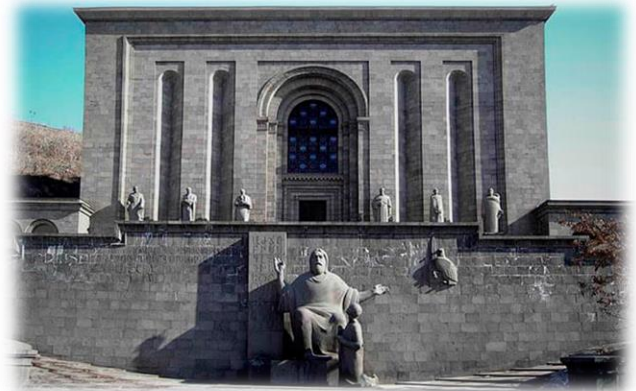


of Yerevan, Armenia.

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. Overnight at the hotel.



### 8 day Yerevan – Zvartnots Airport - Departure



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