

Walking Tour in Armenia

Key information

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

Season: May-October

Tour type: small group / individual (starting from 2 persons)

What's included:

airport transfers, accommodation (3* / double rooms / 10 nights), meals – breakfast, all transfers in air conditioned vehicles, English-speaking hiking guide service for all days, local mountain guide service where needed, all admission fees, 1 bottle of water per day (0.5lt.), 24-hour office support

What's not included:

flights, visa fee, medical insurance

Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Transfer to the hotel - Yerevan City Tour - History Museum of Armenia - Garni Pagan Temple - Geghard Cave Monastery

Day 2 - Areni Winery - Noravank Monastery - Proshaberd Citadel

Day 3 - Tatev Monastery - Devil's Bridge - (Old) Khndzoresk - Goris

Day 4 - Hermon Village - Fortress of King Smbat - Tsakhats Kar Monastery - Yeghegis village

Day 5 - Selim Caravanserai - Lake Sevan - Sevanavank

Day 6 - Crystal Lake - Dilijan National Park - Old Dilijan Complex

Day 7 - Gomer Village - Lastiver trailhead

Day 8 - Haghpat Monastery - Sanahin Monastery - Odzun Village

Day 9 - (fortress) Lori Berd - Stepanavan - Yerevan

Day 10 - Stone Lake - Mountain Aragats

Day 11 - Departure



Detailed itinerary

Day 1

This trip begins with a city tour in Yerevan, bustling capital of Armenia having a history of over 2700 years. The cuneiform inscription proving Yerevan was built in 782 AD is in the History Museum of Armenia. You will start your tour with a short walk in the city center, and then visit Armenia History Museum. Excursion in History museum is fascinating Journey through the pages of Armenian History. After lunch you will head to Geghard Cave Monastery, partly carved pure rocks. Garni Pagan Temple is the only preserved in the Caucasus region. You will be back to Yerevan and have opportunity to feel the pulse of Yerevan night life as our itinerary starting from the second day gets you to the regions to hiking routes of this historical country. *(No hiking)*

Overnight: hotel in Yerevan

Day 2

This day you'll begin exploration of Southern Armenia. Our first stop will be Areni wine market where you'll have a chance to taste one of famous wines of Armenia. You will continue trip to beautiful two storied Noravank Monastery through the deep narrow canyon surrounded with red rocks. In the monastery yard awesome landscape of red rocks opens in front of you. You will head to your hotel, check in and get ready for the first hike to Proshaberd Citadel. Here you'll be rewarded for our efforts by the dramatic views of the mountains and the valley below. *(Hiking – 10 km / Ascent/descent – 800 m)*

Overnight: guesthouse in Yeghegnadzor/Areni

Meals: B

Day 3

After wholesome breakfast you will immerse yourself deeper in the southern part of Armenia. This day our trail gets us to the Tatev Monastery, after admiring monastery, a narrow footpath will take us back in time, to the tiny cloister of Tatev Hermitage, a highly evocative place. Our next stop is Devil's Bridge with its limestone caverns and natural hot baths in a gorge. We will continue to explore this region in 19th century Khndzoresk cave town. The hanging bridge heading to picturesque rock formations and gently inviting nature make this one of Armenia's most popular sites. *(Hiking – 5 km / Ascent/descent – 580 m)*

Overnight: hotel in Goris

Meals: B

Day 4

After breakfast you will head to Hermon Village standing amidst a charming valley of Yeghegis river. You will be checked in at hotel and start hike to the medieval well preserved fortress of King Smbat, standing on the elevation of about 1950, you will continue to Tsakhats Kar Monastery on the elevation of 2080 m. You will continue your walk on a slighter note to Yeghegis village where you can find Jewish Cemetery and little churches right in the gardens of villagers. Your hotel in Hermon village has all the amenities (swimming pool, thermal baths and gym) bikes and horses to organize your evening leisure. *(Hiking – 12 km / Ascent/descent – 680 m)*

Overnight: hotel in Hermon Village

Meals: B

Day 5

This day is a relaxed day, you will cover a part of The Great Silk Road, see one of well-preserved caravanserais. Here one has feelings the time has stopped for a long as very little has changed since the times of trade caravans. You will be driven



to Lake Sevan, admire one of the highest freshwater lakes from the hilltop of Sevan Peninsula and visit to monastery complex of Sevanavank. In the evening you will have time to walk along shores of Lake Sevan. *(No hiking)*

Overnight: *hotel near Lake Sevan*

Meals: *B*

Day 6

This day you will be transferred to Crystal Lake. Start hike in Dilijan National Park along stunning forest trails, cross the wildly beautiful Areguni Pass and reach Goshavank Monastery, named after the great scholar of the 13th century Mkhitar Gosh. In the evening you will be driven to cozy Town of Dilijan, which captures the spirit of rural Armenia. You will visit Old Dilijan complex. *(Hiking – 8 km / Ascent/descent – 370 m)*

Overnight: *guest house in Dilijan*

Meals: *B*

Day 7

After breakfast at hotel you will head to Gomer Village near Ijevan where we you will take a short transfer to the Lastiver trailhead. A wonderful forested route into the most unpolluted and rugged area of north-eastern Armenia as you will head into a deep gorge before descending to cascading waterfalls and the most scenic meadows in Armenia, perhaps Armenia's best-kept secret. Explore ancient caves of Lastiver. In the evening you'll be back to town of Ijevan for rest and overnight. *(Hiking – 7 km / Ascent/descent – 480 m)*

Overnight: *guesthouse in Ijevan*

Meals: *B*

Day 8

This day takes you Lori region where Haghpat and Sanahin Monastery complexes (UNESCO World Heritage Sites) are situated. They both are equally beautiful but have very different atmosphere. You will hike from Haghpat to Sanahin through beautiful meadows and small villages. The hike is easy, around 3 hours. On the way you will explore formidable Kayan fortress and enjoy the best viewpoints over dramatic Debed gorge. You will be driven to Odzun Village where Odzun 3 nave basilica is located. This church is unique by its construction domed basilica. *(hiking – 10 km / Ascent/descent – 550 m)*

Overnight: *guesthouse in Odzun/Alaverdi*

Meals: *B*

Day 9

Walking trip to Lori Berd. The ruins of medieval town-fortress Lori, are situated not far from Stepanavan, on the left bank of the Dzoraget river. The fortress was founded in 1005-1020. Being situated on the Northern trading way, Lori was a huge trading and cultural center of medieval Armenia. In XI-XIII cc. It had a population 10 thousands of people. Visiting Stepanavan Dendropark, where there is a unique collection of trees, bushes and flowers from all over the world. Exotic types of trees and rare plants are spread through the parks of the reserve. On the rest of the territory there is a wild forest. The air is fresh and mild as there are a lot of coniferous trees. Returning to Yerevan. *(Hiking – 5 km / Ascent/descent – 100 m)*

Overnight: *hotel in Yerevan*

Meals: *B*





Day 10

On the last day of your trip you will hike to the highest mountain of Armenia. The first point of your hiking adventure is the Stone Lake on the slope of mount Aragats an extinct volcano. You will start your hike to the Southern Summit If the day is clear you will have a great view from here on Mount Ararat. In the evening you will head to Yerevan for another lovely evening in the city. (*Hiking – 4-5 km / Ascent/descent – 700 m*)

Overnight: hotel in Yerevan

Meals: B

Day 11

Transfer to airport, departure.





Booking terms and conditions

Once we received your application, confirmed all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 50-100 euro per person (depending on the tour price) is received, we will start your hotel reservation and other service booking and will send your Tour Voucher with all the trip details.

Payment Terms

After you have booked the tour, it is necessary to make a non-refundable deposit of 50-100 euros, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after your arrival in Armenia. We reserve the right to cancel your booking and apply the relevant cancellation charges (detailed below) if we do not receive all payments at the due time.

Cancellation of the tour

If you or a member of your group wants to cancel the tour, please, inform our company as soon as possible in writing form. Please, note that the prepayment (50-100 euros) is non-refundable, however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, our company will have to charge an extra 100 euros for re-booking the hotel.

Rights and obligations

Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before its inception and are not the subject of change or cancellation. Under the obligation of forced circumstances (weather, holidays) we can make some changes in the itinerary, however, all that relates to services and attractions will remain unchanged.

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