

## Uncover Armenia

### Key information

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Best season: April - November

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

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### What's included:

Airport transfers, accommodation for 7 nights (double rooms, 3\* hotels/guesthouses) meals – breakfast and lunches, all wine tasting as per itinerary, all transfers in air conditioned vehicle, English speaking guide-driver's service for all days, all admission fees, 24-hour office support, 1 bottle of water per day

### What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Transfer to Yerevan - City Tour of Yerevan - Museum of Armenian History - Genocide Memorial

Day 2 - Garni Pagan Temple - Geghard Cave Monastery - Matenadaran

Day 3 - Khor Virap Monastery - Noravank Monastery - Areni - Karahunj - Goris

Day 4 - Tatev Monastery - Jermuk - Jermuk Waterfall - Yeghegnadzor

Day 5 - Selim Caravanserai - Lake Sevan - Dilijan

Day 6 - Sanahin Monastery - Haghpat Monastery - Saghmosavank Monastery - Yerevan

Day 7 - Echmiadzin Cathedral - Ruins of Zvartnots Temple

Day 8 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival in Yerevan, transfer to hotel.

Drive through Yerevan with various stops along the way, admire at architecture and daily life of 2800-year-old city. Visit to the Genocide Memorial to commemorate innocent victims of one of the biggest crimes against humanity of 20th century. A visit to the Museum of Armenian History is a fascinating journey through the rich history of Armenia.

*Overnight: hotel in Yerevan*

*Meals: L*

### Day 2

Drive to the scenic canyon of the Azat River to Geghard Cave Monastery at the bottom, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Continue trip to Hellenistic-inspired Garni temple built in 77 AD, dedicated to the Armenian God of the Sun Mitra. Enjoy lunch in the courtyard of a family in Garni village, consisting of local traditional cuisine. Visiting Matenadaran institute museum, which houses over 17,000 ancient and medieval manuscripts.

*Overnight: hotel in Yerevan*

*Meals: B, L*

### Day 3

At about 40 km south of Yerevan stands Khor Virap Monastery at the foot of Biblical Mount Ararat. Drive through a narrow canyon in order to reach the valley of red rocks where Noravank Monastery is located. En route visit wine factory to taste local wine made of unique grape sort "Areni". Next stop is Qarahunge, a 6,000-years-old observatory, known as the "Armenian Stonehenge. Reach town of Goris encompassed by rocky caves and mountains.

*Overnight: hotel in Goris*

*Meals: B, L*

### Day 4

The day is dedicated to the pearl of Armenian Medieval architecture, the Monastery and University of Tatev. Here you have chance to ride on the longest cable car in the world 5.7 km over the 320 meter-deep Vorotan River Canyon. Stop at natural bridge named "Devil's Bridge" at the bottom of deep canyon. Next stop is the resort town of Jermuk, famous for its hot mineral springs and scenic landscape.

Enjoy walk through the Arpa River Canyon to admire the Jermuk Waterfall. In the evening you will head to Yeghegnadzor for an overnight in a cozy guesthouse.

*Overnight: guesthouse in Yeghegnadzor*

*Meals: B, L*

### Day 5

This day takes you through a section of the Great Silk Road towards the Selim Pass. Stop at 14th century Selim Caravanserai – one of the most well preserved hostels along the ancient Great Silk Road. En route immerse yourself at the azure of Lake Sevan 2000 m above sea. After lunch continue trip to Dilijan, a lush town immersed in green forests.

*Overnight: guesthouse in Dilijan*

*Meals: B, L*

### Day 6

Drive to the north of country to visit Haghpat Monastery and Sanahin Medieval University, which are both listed by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. Admire at beautiful landscapes of lush forests, the rocky deep canyon of Debed river and quaint little villages scattered along the canyon. Enjoy lunch in a family-run local restaurant where Armenian traditional dishes are introduced to the palate. Stop at Saghmosavank Monastery located atop the yawning Kasakh River Gorge.



**Overnight:** hotel in Yerevan

**Meals:** B, L

### **Day 7**

Trip to Echmiadzin, the religious center of all Armenians around the world. On your way to you'll visit St. Hripsime church that is named after a Christian nun who escaped to Armenia from Roman Emperor. In Echmiadzin the first official Christian church was founded in the first half of the 4th century, later it was reconstructed and stands today with the whole charm of Echmiadzin Cathedral. You'll see the ruins of Zvartnots temple (7th century, UNESCO World Heritage Site), that was a miracle of its time. The Food Market of Yerevan is another highlight of this day with opportunity to wonder through the aisles of locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables.

**Overnight:** hotel in Yerevan

**Meals:** B, L

### **Day 8**

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.

Please note, that our tours require a minimum number of participants – 2 persons. We reserve the right to cancel the trip, if any tour will not have the minimum number of participants. We will inform you about the cancellation of the tour no later than 30 days before the start and will do the full refund of the amount paid, including the prepayment.

We also request immediately and promptly report all complaints and any claims during the tour. If possible, all problems will be solved. If the tourist does not report any complaint, the compensation will not be implemented.

Please, also note that the company AraraTour is not liable for services not included in the tour price. Our responsibility is limited only to the extent provided by our tour.

Force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control and which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part frees both parties from liability or obligation. In case of Force majeure, we don't issue any refund.

### **Insolvency or bankruptcy insurance**

Tour operator Arara guarantees the refund of clients' money for unfulfilled services even in the case of company's own insolvency or bankruptcy.

