

## Moto Tour to Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh

### Key information

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

Best season: May - September

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

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### What's included:

Airport transfers, accommodation as per itinerary in double rooms, meals: full board (breakfasts, lunches, dinners), English speaking motorcycle guide in the backup car, 4-wheel drive vehicle support, technical support (bike mechanic in the backup car), motorcycle rental (Yamaha XT660R or similar), all entrance fees as per program, 1 bottle of water per day (0.5lt.)

### What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Yerevan - Free Time

Day 2 - Yerevan - Amberd - Kari Lake - Spitak - Dzoraget

Day 3 - Dzoraget - Odzun - Gyulagarak - Vanadzor - Ijevan - Yenokavan

Day 4 - Yenokavan - Ijevan - Navour - Itsakar - Chambarak - Tsapatagh

Day 5 - Tsapatagh - Dadivank - Stepanakert

Day 6 - Stepanakert - Khndzoresk - Tatev - Kapan

Day 7 - Kapan - Meghri - Kapan - Goris

Day 8 - Goris - Noravank - Herher - Hermon

Day 9 - Hermon - Noratus - Geghard - Garni - Yerevan

Day 10 - Yerevan City Tour

Day 11 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival at the airport, transfer to hotel. Yerevan is the capital of Armenia, its largest city and the administrative, cultural, and industrial centre. Yerevan is often referred to as the city of contradictions where modernity is interweaving with antiquity. It is filled with a cosy atmosphere, there is no hustle and bustle and you will feel friendliness and hospitality. More interesting facts about Yerevan you will learn the next day during your guided city tour.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Yerevan

### Day 2

Ride to medieval fortress Amberd. Excursion to Kari Lake on the slopes of Mount Aragats here you will find a wonderful view, at 3185 meters you will forget everything and enjoy the beauty of nature. Then you will drive through Spitak town, which was demolished by huge earthquake in 1988. The town was reconstructed and it is hardly visible even a hint on the earthquake. Next stop is magnificent Dzoraget canyon- in the Lori Province of Armenia.

**The length of the route:** 210 km (40 km off-road / broken asphalt / the rest is normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Dzoraget

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3

The day will start with a trip to Odzun- major and historic village in Armenia. Here are some Armenian church complexes, which are located in the wonderful surroundings of the nature. Then you will drive through amazing Kurtan gorge to village Gyulagarak. The trip will continue to Vanadzor- the third largest city in Armenia. Then you will drive to Ijevan- the city is located at ridge of Gugark Mountains, on the shores of Aghstev River. The next stop is Yenokavan village and summer resort in the Tavush Province of Armenia. Here you will enjoy a wonderful nature, inspire fresh air and can have fun moments – horse riding, zip-lining (optional).

**The length of the route:** 160 km (30 km off-road / broken asphalt / the rest is normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Yenokavan

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4

The day will start with a ride to Ijevan. Ride through the most evocated and hidden trails of Armenia to Lake Sevan, passing by small mountain villages Navour and Itsakar. The road passes through lush forests and flower covered mountains. Lake Sevan is the second largest fresh water lake in the world on the elevation of 1900 meters. While riding down to the lake you will pass Chambarak village in the mythical fog almost all the year.

**The length of the route:** 140 km (85km off-road / broken asphalt / the rest is normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Tsapatagh

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5

After fresh rural breakfast head to discover Artsakh (Nagorno Karabagh). Ride bikes to the Karvachar village, pass 2500 m mountain pass often frozen in winter time. The road provides excellent views on the surrounding virgin nature, pass under the natural stone bridges, through deep canyons and endless flower covered hills. En route visit Dadivank monastery of 13th century located in the midst of green hills. Continue ride to Stepanakert, capital of Karabagh.

**The length of the route:** 200 km (20 km off-road / broken asphalt / the rest is normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Stepanakert

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Day 6

Start riding back to Armenia, en route stop at Hunot Gorge, to admire spectacular view. Ride to Khndzoresk- Cave Town where people leaved until mid-20th century. Old and new Khndzoresk villages are located on the opposite banks of deep canyon connected with hanging bridge of 160 m. Khndzoresk is widely famous for its canyon with picturesque rock formations and ancient cave settlement. Continue to o Tatev Monastery of 10th century, dramatically standing on the edge of a 370 m deep canyon. Here you have chance to ride the longest cable car in the world. Time permitting visit to Devil Bridge, natural bridge of 30 m. length of 30 meters with natural mineral water pools under it. At the end of the road trip to a small city Kapan.

**The length of the route:** 180 km (50 km off-road / broken asphalt / the rest is normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Kapan

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 7

This day takes us to Armenia – Iran border. Take your maybe highest pass ride from Meghri pass 2535m to Meghri town, the only subtropical zone in Armenia on the elevation of 650 m. This mind-blowing ride will provide the most spectacular views on the surrounding towering sharp cliffs, forests, small villages scattered with smokes out from chimneys, flower covered valleys down to Meghri – pomegranate valley. Ride back to Goris, take a stop to admire small red ruffed town.

**The length of the route:** 240 km (normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Goris

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 8

Ride to Noravank Monastery located in the red rock valley, surrounded by sharp cliffs. The road passes through deep canyon where sun hardly reaches the bottom two hours a day. Visit to Areni 1 Cave where recently archaeologists found the oldest leather shoe in the world and old wine jars and 6000-year-old grapes stones. You will drive by picturesque road through beautiful villages of Hermon and Herher.

**The length of the route:** 210 km (25 km off-road / broken asphalt / the rest is normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Hermon

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 9

The day will start with a trip to major and historical village Noratus. It is famous for the Noratus cemetery- is a medieval cemetery with a large number of early khachkars located in the village. A trip to the cave monastery of Geghard, which is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Continuation of the tour to the village of Garni, famous for its temple built in the Hellenistic style. Off-road trip to the gorge of the River Azat, where you will see the famous Symphony of Stones. The next stop is Yerevan.

**The length of the route:** 250 km (normal asphalt)

**Overnight:** Hotel in Yerevan

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 10

The tour will begin with a city tour around Yerevan – the ancient city which is 29 years older than the Eternal City of Rome. Nowadays Yerevan is a lively and charming city with green parks, pink buildings, cheerful and hospitable people. From the observation platform of the Victory Park, you will admire the whole city from a bird's eye view. The walk will continue to the Cascade – this unique construction is a museum of modern art, as well as a favorite place of Yerevan residents. Further, you will walk along the main street of the city, see the Opera and Ballet Theater and several central streets of Yerevan.





**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 11**

Transfer to the 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 on the spot. 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.

