

## Travel to Nagorno-Karabakh – 7 days

### Key information

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Best season: April - November

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

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### What's included:

Airport / hotel / airport transfers, transportation services with comfortable air conditioned vehicles, accommodation in DBL/TWN room at 3\* hotels (6 nights), breakfasts and 4 lunches, local SIM card, 1 bottle water per day (0.5lt.), English speaking guide-driver's service, entrance fees, "Wings of Tatev" ropeway tickets, wine tasting in Areni, Nagorno-Karabakh Republic Visa fee

### What's not Included:

Flights, medical insurance, alcohol drinks

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### Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Yerevan - Free day

Day 2 - Yerevan - Khor Virap - Areni - Tatev - Goris

Day 3 - Khndzoresk - Shushi - Stepanakert - Shushi

Day 4 - Skhtorashen - Amaras - Shushi

Day 5 - Gandzasar - Dadivank - Sevan - Yerevan

Day 6 - Free day

Day 7 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival. Meeting at the airport, transfer to Yerevan and check-in at the 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

The day will start with a trip to the South of Armenia to Khor Virap monastery - a historic site located amidst the Ararat Valley. Nowhere else the Biblical Ararat has such a magnificent view. Vayots Dzor region of Armenia is famous for its unique Areni grapes sort hence where Areni wines are derived from. Here you will stop at a local winery for tasting some of locally produced, exquisite wines. After the tour, you will head to Halidzor village, from where you'll take the world's longest aerial tramway (5,7 km) "Wings of Tatev" which stretches over the Vorotan River gorge to the monastery of Tatev. Besides possessing a unique beauty, in the Middle Ages Tatev was the great centre for education and science, as the most famous Armenian medieval university was located here. In the evening you will be in Goris – the town of red roofs and green gardens.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Goris*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

### Day 3

This day you will continue to explore Syunik Region. The tour will start with a trip to the 19th-century Khndzoresk cave town. The hanging bridge heading to picturesque rock formations and gently inviting nature makes this place one of Armenia's most popular sites. Sometime later will start an amazing trip to Artsakh (Nagorno Karabakh) - the region of Armenia unique by its nature and beauty. Here you will stop in the heroic town of Shushi that used to be the administrative, cultural, political and religious centre of the whole Artsakh. In Shushi, you will visit the city museum and the picturesque Hunot gorge. Next, you will head to the capital of Artsakh - Stepanakert - a nice city with friendly people and a cosy atmosphere. Return to Shushi.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Shushi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

### Day 4

The day will start with a trip to Skhtorashen village to see the Skhtorashen sycamore (Tnjri) - the most ancient and the highest tree in the region. The height of the giant tree of the age of 2028 is more than 54 meters. The way will continue to the early medieval Amaras Monastery where the first Armenian school was founded in the 5th century by Mesrop Mashtots - the creator of the Armenian alphabet. Return to Shushi.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Shushi*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

### Day 5

This day you will have a trip to the monastery of the 13th century - Gandzasar ("The Treasure Mountain" in Armenian). Gandzasar is one of the masterpieces of Armenian medieval architecture and really surprises by its splendour. From here opens a magnificent view of the Khachen river valley. Next, you will have a trip to Dadivank Monastery surrounded by fantastic nature. The legend says that the first monastery chapel of the 1st century that stays even today was built on the grave of Dadi - the apprentice of Thaddeus apostle. The day will end with a trip to Lake Sevan, the "Blue Pearl of





Armenia” and one of the highest freshwater lakes in the world located at 1900 meters above the sea level.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

### **Day 6**

Free time in Yerevan, when you can visit the numerous museums (Matenadaran, History museum, Sergey Parajanov’s museum) souvenir shops or local food market of the capital. If the day is weekend, you can also visit Vernissage open market to buy national souvenirs and hand-made crafts.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

### **Day 7**

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.

