



# Gastronomic Weekend Tour to Armenia

## Key information

Duration: 4 days / 3 nights

Best season: May - Novemeber

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## What's included:

Transfer to/from the airport, Accommodation in the hotel of Central Yerevan (in 3 nights, double rooms), Meals – 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles, English speaking guide service for all days, Armenian wine and brandy tasting in Yerevan, Master class in making Armenian Sweet "Sudjukh", Master class in making Armenian traditional food "Dolma", 1 bottle (0,5 l) of water per day

## What's not included:

Flights, visa fee, medical insurance

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## Itinerary in Brief

Day 1 - Arrival

Day 2 - Kari Lake - Amberd Fortress - Yerevan

Day 3 - Geghard - Garni - Sevan Lake - Yerevan

Day 4 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival in the airport Zvartnots. Then, transfer to the hotel. Spend free time at night in Yerevan. 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 from tour to Kari Lake located on the slope of Mount Aragats at 3190 m. The clear and pure water of the lake is shining under the sun rays by admiring its beauty. The path continues to the middle-aged fortress of Amberd. Along the road, you will stop following to the abnormal phenomenon, where the river flows up and the car without a driver rolls up the road via picking up speed. Afterwards, the tour continues to Ashtarak town, where you can be guests in an Armenian family. Here master-class baking sweet sujukh will be made special for you (Armenian sweet, baked with walnuts and grape juice). Owners will also show how to marinate meat for Armenian BBQ, called "khorovats", and by your choice, you can fry it on fire independently. In the local resident's garden, you can gather flavoured seasonal fruits and enjoy your lunch at the fresh air (depending on weather). After returning to Yerevan in the evening, you will visit one of the wine bars in Saryan Street, then degustate Armenian wine with various types of cheese.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

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

### Day 3

The third day will start with a tour to the XIII century cave monastery of Geghard, located in the deep gorge, which became a Heritage Site of UNESCO in 2000. This unique monastery is carved into the rocks, also adjacent rocks are the part of the complex. You will visit the only survived exemplar of Hellenistic architecture, Garni Temple in the village of Garni. Here you will visit the resident's family restaurant, where you will have delicious lunch and master-class baking tolma with grape leaves. Finally, after approximately one hour of drive by car, you will be near to Sevan Lake, named as "Ultramarine Pearl of Armenia", which is situated at 2000 m above sea level. You will also visit Sevanavank Monastery where you could enjoy the stunning view of the lake. You will have dinner in a Christian house, where you will degustate local fish BBQ and Sevan cancer kebab. You will return to Yerevan in the evening.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

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

### Day 4

This day you will have free time for walking in Yerevan and shopping. 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.

