



# Unveil Armenian Heritage in 11 days

## Key information

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

Best season: April - October

Tour type: small group/individual (2-13 pax)

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## What's included:

Airport transfers, Accommodation for 10 nights at 3\* hotels (double rooms, free Wi-Fi), Meals: breakfast, All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles, English speaking guide/driver service for all days, All admission fees, 1 bottle (0,5 liter) of water per day per person, Tatev cable car ticket, Wine tasting

## What's not included:

Flights, Medical insurance, Visa fee

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## Itinerary in Brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Yerevan - Haghartsin - Goshavank - Dilijan

Day 2 - Sevanavank - Selim Pass - Jermuk

Day 3 - Karahunj - Tatev - Khndzoresk - Goris

Day 4 - Goris - Areni - Noravank - Khor Virap - Yerevan

Day 5 - Yerevan City Tour

Day 6 - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

Day 7 - Gyumri City Tour

Day 8 - Harichavank - Saghmosavank - Amberd - Yerevan

Day 9 - Echmiadzin - Zvartnots - Yerevan

Day 10 - Free Day

Day 11 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Upon your arrival at the airport, we'll meet you and your journey in Armenia will start. Our first delightful stop will be at the charming resort town of Dilijan, renowned for its vibrant arts and crafts scene, surrounded by picturesque lush nature and fresh air. After a captivating excursion to the medieval monasteries of Haghartsin and Goshavank, you'll have some well-deserved rest in Dilijan. As the day comes to a close, we'll head to Sevan for an overnight stay.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Sevan

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 7-8 hours

**Length:** 260 km

### Day 2

This day you will have a tour in Gegharkunik province which is home to the awe-inspiring Lake Sevan, one of the world's highest freshwater lakes, nestled at an altitude of 1900 meters. Your journey will continue with a visit to the Hayravank Monastery before we trace the footsteps of ancient traders along the Great Silk Road, reaching the Selim Pass. There, you'll have the opportunity to explore the well-preserved 14th-century Selim Caravansary, a testament to the region's historical significance. Our day will conclude in Jermuk, a captivating resort town famous for its hot mineral springs and natural wonders.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Jermuk

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 7-8 hours

**Length:** 200 km

### Day 3

Get ready for a day of wonder as we head to the pearl of Armenian medieval architecture - Tatev Monastery. Brace yourself for an unforgettable experience as you take the world's longest cable car ride, crossing the 320-meter deep Vorotan River Canyon to reach the monastery. Our adventure will continue to Khndzoresk - a cave town nestled on the slope. A suspension bridge now connects the town, once isolated, allowing for an exciting exploration.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Goris

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 8-9 hours

**Length:** 260 km

### Day 4

Our journey resumes, leading us through a narrow canyon to Noravank Monastery, surrounded by the red rocks. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to taste the local wine made from the distinctive "Areni" grape variety at a renowned wine factory. The next destination is Khor Virap Monastery, nestled at the foot of the legendary Mount Ararat. As the sun sets, we'll return to Yerevan, the vibrant capital of Armenia, where you'll spend the night.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Yerevan

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 7-8 hours

**Length:** 260 km



### **Day 5**

Delve into the history and culture of Yerevan with a captivating city tour. Stroll through the heart of the city, visiting landmarks like Cascade, the Opera and Ballet Theater, Mashtots Avenue, and the Republic Square. The tour also includes a visit to the History Museum, offering an enlightening journey through Armenia's past.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Yerevan

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 5-6 hours

**Length:** 40 km

### **Day 6**

Today's adventure will take you on a short drive to the Azat River Canyon, leading to the Geghard Monastery, carved into the nearby rocks. The awe-inspiring view from the monastery will not leave indifferent. Next, we'll head to the village of Garni, where you'll visit the Garni temple, a remarkable example of Hellenistic architecture in the region.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Yerevan

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 6-7 hours

**Length:** 90 km

### **Day 7**

In the morning we will head to the vibrant city of Gyumri, known for its rich cultural heritage. Explore the museum of local lore, the historical and cultural reserve, and discover the city's churches, monastery, and Orthodox chapel. The church Amenaprkich (the Church of the Savior) is especially notable for its beauty and historical significance. Continue your exploration with a visit to the Marmashen Monastery complex, a true gem from the 10th-11th centuries.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Gyumri

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 7-8 hours

**Length:** 140 km

### **Day 8**

Your next stop will be at the monument of the Armenian Alphabet founded in 2005 to celebrate the 1600th anniversary of the alphabet foundation. Then you will head to Saghmosavank Monastery located at the yawning gorge carved by the Kazakh River. Amazing view of the Canyon will open in front of you once you reach the monastery. After that we will visit the Amberd Fortress which was built from the 7th to the 10th centuries. The castle itself and part of the fortress walls were built in the 7th century, under the reign of the princely family Kamsarakan. In the evening you will be back to your hotel in Yerevan.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Yerevan

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Duration:** 7-8 hours

**Length:** 190 km

### **Day 9**

A short morning drive will take you to Echmiadzin town – the religious center of all Armenians around the world. Here, you'll visit one of the oldest Christian temples in the world, the Echmiadzin Cathedral, housing an important religious relic, the Holy Lance spear. Next you will continue your cultural exploration with a visit to the ruins of the Zvartnots





temple, a UNESCO-listed heritage site and a marvel of its time. The day will also include a visit to the Genocide Memorial, a solemn tribute to the tragic events of the past.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

**Duration:** *5-6 hours*

**Length:** *40 km*

### **Day 10**

Savor a leisurely free day in Yerevan, giving you the chance to explore the city at your own pace, visit local markets, or indulge in cultural experiences.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Yerevan*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **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 200 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 200 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 (200 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 200 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 Arara Tour 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.

