



# 12 Day Tour

1 April-31 October, 2010

## DAY 1 Arrival & Welcome dinner

Welcome to Armenia! Arrive in Yerevan, at Zvartnots Airport. You will be met by your friendly driver & transferred to your **Erebuni Hotel** accommodation, where you can unwind & unpack before enjoying your welcome dinner at one of Yerevan's finest restaurants.

**Inclusions:** Transfer, welcome dinner

## DAY 2 City Tour

Distance: 50 km return

Breakfast at hotel. We will start with a sightseeing tour of the capital: Government Houses, National Art Gallery, Republic Square, Houses of National Assembly, Residence of President, Academy of Sciences, National Opera & Ballet House. Then we will visit Matenadaran-Museum Institute of Ancient Manuscripts one of the world's most ancient libraries & now the institute for study and preservation of historic manuscripts. Genocide Memorial -We will also have an opportunity to pay respect to the victims of the Armenian Genocide (1915) and learn more about tragic history of this event at Genocide Memorial and Museum.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, museum entry fee

## DAY 3 Garni & Geghard

Distance: 95 km return

Breakfast at hotel. Today we will discover the pagan temple of Garni (1st AD) and cave Monastery of Geghard (4-14th cc.). The Greco-Roman style temple is the only surviving example of "Pagan" architecture in Armenia and once it was the summer residence of the Armenian kings. The Monastery of Geghard is famous for its rock-carved cave churches and amazing acoustics. Make sure to try some of the sweet "Gata" bread from the local vendors.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, museum entry fee

## DAY 4 Sardarapat & Echmiatsin

Distance: 120 km return.

Breakfast at hotel. Tour to Sardarapat Memorial Complex & Museum. The Complex was built in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Sardarapat battle in 1918. Then we leave for Echmiatsin town. Echmiatsin Cathedral was built in 303AD. Mother Cathedral is the spiritual centre of all Armenians and the 1st church in the Christian world. On Sundays there is a mass ceremony.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, museum entry fee

## DAY 5 Vernissage & Cognac Factory

Distance: 50 km return.

On week-ends you can visit an open air souvenir market of Vernissage Here you can find a great variety of souvenirs at reasonable prices. Remember to bargain!!! At Armenian Brandy Factory you will take a tour around the factory, visit the museum, get acquainted with the history of Armenian Cognac & degust cognac right from the barrels.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, museum entry fee

## DAY 6 Khor Virap & Noravank

Distance: 270 km return.

Depart for Khor Virap & Noravank. Khor Virap is the pilgrim site. From here you can see the impressive panorama of Mount. Ararat (5165m). Noravank Monastery (12-16th cc.) located in a canyon amidst red-colored rocks which give the place an impressing atmosphere.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast

## DAY 7 Oshakan, Ohanavank, Saghmosavank

Distance: 130km return.

Breakfast at hotel. Depart on your tour to Oshakan, Ohanavank, Saghmosavank, Mesrop Mashtots-the creator of Armenian Alphabet in 405AD is buried in Oshakan village. Visit the Monastery of Saghmosavank which perches on the edge of the precipitous gorge of the Kasakh river.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast

## DAY 8 Tsaghkadzor & Kecharis

Distance: 120 km return

Breakfast at hotel. We will travel to the tourists' popular resort town of Tsaghkadzor, Kecharis Monastery Complex. The cable-way will transport you to the top of Teghenis Mount from where you can admire the unique nature of Armenian landscape.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast

## DAY 9 Free day.

## DAY 10 Lake of Sevan

Distance: 120 km return

Breakfast at hotel. We will head to Sevan Lake "the emerald of Armenia". Here we will taste famous local fishes "siga" & "trout".

**Inclusions:** Breakfast

## DAY 11 Amberd & Tegher

Distance: 130km return.

Breakfast at hotel. Depart on your Amberd & Tegher. See wonderful fortress of medieval Armenia-Amberd & Tegher Monastery.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast

## DAY 12 Departure day

Today it marks the end of your holiday with us. You will be transferred to the Airport for your outbound flight.

**Inclusions:** Transfer

- 🏠 Airport pick-up/drop off
- 🏠 11 nights accommodation at Erebuni Hotel
- 🏠 9 days tour around Armenia
- 🏠 Air-conditioned car
- 🏠 Daily breakfasts
- 🏠 2 Dinner
- 🏠 1 Concert
- 🏠 Sightseeing
- 🏠 Museum entry fees

**Price: US \$995** per person/twin share

Our price is per person, based on the shared occupancy of a twin/double room.

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