

ARMENIA

“Dare to Come” (1 Week Active Tour)

The duration of the tour: 7 days

The length of the walking section of the tour: 60km

Season of the tour: Spring – Summer – Fall

Day 1	Arrival and Accommodation – City tour(Short) Arrival in Yerevan. Baggage pick up and transfer from Zvartnots International Airport to hotel. Acclimatization. Welcome dinner and overnight
Day 2	Yerevan – Geghard – Goght – Havuts Tar Breakfast at hotel. Tour to the cave monastery Geghard (13 th century) by bus. Visit Goght village. Begin the walking tour towards Havuts Tar Monastery (5km) through the territory of Khosrov Preserve. Lunch and rest. Continue through Havuts Tar Pass towards St. Stepanos Church (11 th – 13 th centuries) (8km). Set up tents, dinner and overnight.
Day 3	St. Stepanos – Azat Cave Breakfast. Walk from St. Stepanos Monastery towards Azat Cave (15km). Lunch. Set up tents, dinner and overnight.
Day 4	Azat Cave – Kakavaberd Fortress After breakfast head towards medieval Kakavaberd Fortress (10 th century) located in a picturesque site (8km). Set up tents, dinner and overnight.
Day 5	Kakavaberd Fortress – Bayburt Village Breakfast. From Kakavaberd Fortress tour to Bayburt Village (18 km). Set up tents, dinner and overnight.
Day 6	Bayburt Village Breakfast. Sightseeing in Bayburt Village. Meet the villagers, get acquainted with their way of life and experience the local traditions and food. Set up tents, dinner and overnight.
Day 7	Bayburt Village – Garni Pagan Temple – Yerevan Breakfast in Bayburt. Walk to pagan Temple of Garni (1 st century A.D.) (4-5 km). Return to Yerevan by bus. Farewell dinner in restaurant. Prepare for departure. Transfer to the airport. Departure.

The tours start at 10:00. Breakfast at 9:00

Lunch is organized on the route at 14:00 in a designated place.

Dinner at 19:00

The description of the route:

The tour route passes through the territory of Khosrov Preserve, one of the most picturesque and charming places of Armenia. Khosrov Forest was created in the 4th century A.D. by Armenian King Khosrov Kotak. The forest was planted in the place of an arid land and numerous game was released, making the forest the favorite hunting grounds for the Armenian nobility. Even now the Preserve boasts very lush flora, including more than 1800 species of plants, 156 of which are considered rare, endangered or disappearing. The fauna of the reserve is likewise

thriving. In the reserve, one can find amphibians, 7 types of fish, and over 30 varieties of reptiles such as the Levantine Viper, Montpellier snake, dotted and collared dwarf snakes, the Pleskes racerunner, and various lizards. The Preserve also has numerous gorges, mountain lakes, forested areas and caves. You will also visit the cave Monastery Geghard, meaning "the Monastery of the Spear", which originates from the spear which had wounded Jesus during his crucifixion, allegedly brought to Armenia by Apostle Thaddeus, and stored amongst many other relics. Now it is displayed in the Echmiadzin treasury. Havuts Tar and St. Stepanos Church, Kakavaberd Fortress and the ancient Garni Pagan Temple will offer you spectacular experience and memories.

For over 2000 years this area has been the favorite resting place of the Armenian royalty and nobility.

Prices include

- Meals (full board, breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Guide services
- Instructor/Cook services
- Vehicle carrying the inventory
- Tents
- Kitchen appliances
- All transfers and transportation
- Accommodation in double rooms in designated hotels in Yerevan
- All entrance tickets
- First aid
- Official fees for the entrance to the territory of Khosrov Preserve
- All local taxes (VAT, etc)
- Map of Yerevan and Armenia

Prices do not include

- Air tickets
- Single supplementary rooms
- Alcoholic drinks
- Visa for Armenia
- Insurance
- Other services in hotel (telephone, mini-bar, internet etc)
- Other tours not included in the package
- Medical services
- Departure tax (to be paid in airport in Armenian Drams) - 10.000AMD (~ €25)

Starting from € 375 per person