

# ARMENIA

## “Ancient Spirit in Modern World” (Two weeks Classic Tour)

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Arrival and Accommodation – City tour(Short)</b> Arrival in Yerevan. Baggage pick up and transfer from Zvartnots Airport to hotel, accommodation in hotel. Short tour in the city, lunch, free time, dinner and overnight.
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Yerevan City Tour</b> Breakfast at hotel. A city tour in Yerevan, one of the ancient cities in the world, which is believed to be as old as Rome. Visit the Statue of David of Sasun, then visit Erebuni Museum and the ruins of ancient Fortress, where you can see Yerevan’s “Birth Certificate”, a basalt slab with an Urartian cuneiform inscription unearthed by archeologists, which says that King Argishti the First of Urartu founded the fortress of Erebuni in 782 B.C. It was from this fortress that the city emerged. Lunch. Visit Matenadaran, one of the largest depositories of ancient manuscripts in the world. Dinner at Armenian restaurant. Overnight.
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Yerevan – Echmiadzin – Yerevan Brandy Factory – Yerevan</b> Breakfast at hotel. Tour to Echmiadzin, the religious center of Armenia. Visit the Main Cathedral (4 <sup>th</sup> century), Museum and Treasury of the Holy See. Visit St. Hripsime (7 <sup>th</sup> century) Church. Lunch. On the way back to Yerevan take a tour in Yerevan Brandy factory to taste its famous brandy. Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Souvenir shopping at Vernissage in Yerevan/Free Day</b> Breakfast at hotel. In the morning visit the Vernissage open-air market where you can buy Armenian national souvenirs, carpets, paintings and other handicrafts. Lunch in a designated restaurant in accordance to a prior agreement with the guide. Free time. Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Yerevan – Khor Virap – Areni – Noravank – Yerevan</b> Breakfast at hotel. A tour to Khor Virap Monastery (17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> centuries). Enjoy the best view of Ararat Mountain. Lunch in Areni Village. Visit Noravank Monastery (13 <sup>th</sup> century). Visit Areni Wine Factory for wine tasting. Return to Yerevan. Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Yerevan</b> Breakfast at hotel in Yerevan. Tour to pagan Garni Temple (1 <sup>st</sup> century A.D.). On the road stop near Charents Arch for a beautiful view of Biblical Ararat Mountain. Lunch in Garni Village. A visit to Geghard Monastery (13 <sup>th</sup> century) which is included in UNESCO’s list of World Heritage Sites. Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Yerevan – Lake Sevan – Dilijan</b> Breakfast at hotel. Visit Lake Sevan one of the highest freshwater navigable lakes in the world, lying at 1,905m above the sea level. Abundant sunshine, beautiful landscape, fine beaches and crystal-clear cool water make the shore of the lake an excellent holiday spot. Visit Hayravank Monastery, the churches St. Astvatsatsin and St. Arakelots on peninsula. Lunch and rest time or swimming in Lake Sevan. Then continue to Dilijan, a resort town just beyond the Sevan Pass. Among Dilijan’s attractions are several churches and monasteries. Dinner and overnight in Dilijan.
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Dilijan – Haghartsin – Goshavank - Haghpat – Sanahin</b> Breakfast in Dilijan. Visit Haghartsin and Goshavank Monasteries (12th-13th centuries) located not far from Dilijan. Visit Haghpat Monastery. Lunch. Visit Sanahin Monastery (10th-13th centuries) located in the North-eastern part of Armenia. These Monasteries

	are included in UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites. Dinner and overnight in Lori.
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Lori -Yerevan-Souvenir shopping in Vernissage and city tour in Yerevan</b> Breakfast in hotel. Return to Yerevan through Spitak. Visit Vernissage – the open air market of souvenirs, arts and crafts. Free time. Lunch. Visit Mother Armenia Monument for a beautiful view of Yerevan. Dinner. Overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Yerevan – Amberd - Oshakan – Amberd - Saghmosavank – Yerevan</b> Breakfast at hotel. Visit Amberd Fortress and Church perched on the slopes of Aragats Mountain. Tour to Oshakan Village. Lunch. Visit the tomb of St. Mesrop Mashtots, the creator of Armenian Alphabet. Wine tasting in Oshakan wine factory. Visit Saghmosavank Monastery (12 <sup>th</sup> century). Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Yerevan – Tsakhkadzor – Yerevan</b> Breakfast at hotel. In the morning tour to Tsakhkadzor, which is a famous resort town surrounded by lush forests and mountains. Lunch in Tsakhkadzor. Visit Kecharis Monastery. Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Yerevan – Gyumri – Yerevan</b> Breakfast at hotel. Visit Gyumri, the second largest city in Armenia after Yerevan. Sightseeing in Gyumri. Visit Gyumri’s Museums. Lunch. Visit Marmashen Monastery (10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> centuries). Return to Yerevan. Dinner and overnight in Yerevan.
<b>Day 13</b>	<b>Cultural Program in Yerevan</b> Breakfast at hotel. Visit Children’s art gallery. Yerevan sightseeing. Visit Parajanov’s museum. In the evening farewell dinner. Overnight at hotel in Yerevan.
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Free day. Preparation to departure.</b> Breakfast at hotel. City sightseeing, visit the Mother Armenia Monument. Enjoy the view of Yerevan. Check-out at hotel. Transfer from the hotel to the airport with assistance and check-in for departure flight.

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.*

### Price includes

Meals (full board, breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Guide services

All transfers and transportation

Accommodation in double rooms in designated hotels and B&B in Yerevan and in the regions

All entrance fees for museums and historical monuments

All local taxes (VAT, etc)

Map of Yerevan and Armenia

Prepaid SIM card

### Price does not include

Air tickets

Single supplementary rooms

Alcoholic drinks

Visa for Armenia

Insurance

Other services in hotel (telephone, mini-bar, internet etc)

Departure tax (to be paid in airport in Armenian Drams) - 10.000AMD (~ €25)

## Starting from €1020 per person