ACTIVITY TOURS

Tours in Armenia : Yerevan, Areni, Sevan Lake, Saghmosavank

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Day 1: Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport. Transfer to the hotel, check-in and overnight.

Day 2 : Yerevan City tour - Etchmiadzin Cathedral - Zvartnots Temple - Yerevan
The day will start with a city tour in the capital of Armenia, Yerevan, one of the world's ancient cities dating back to 782 BC. Yerevan is often called "The Pink City" since most of the buildings are designed with a pink volcanic stone called tuff. We will walk around the center of the city and visit the Republic Square, Opera House, Swan Lake, walk down the Northern Avenue-the coolest street of the city, climb the stairs of Cascade – a giant stairway with works of art exhibited at all levels of the complex and admire the enchanting panorama of Yerevan and the biblical Mount Ararat from the top of the monument.
During our lunch we will participate in a Gata making master class. A delightful experience where participants learn the art of preparing this traditional Armenian pastry. Gata is a sweet, flaky bread filled with a rich mixture of sugar, butter, and flour, often infused with vanilla or cardamom for added flavor.
Next, we will visit Etchmiadzin, the mother church of the Armenian Apostolic Church, built in 303 AD after the adoption of Christianity. The monastery complex of Etchmiadzin is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.
On our way back to Yerevan we will visit the ruins of Zvartnots, another UNESCO listed monument. Zvartnots is one of the magnificent landmarks of medieval Armenian architecture, constructed in the 7th century. Even the ruins of this unique architectural structure give us the idea of its rare and majestic beauty.
The rest of the day will be free to relax and enjoy Yerevan on your own.
Day 3 : Yerevan - Khor Virap Monastery - Noravank Monastery - Areni Cave and Winery- Yerevan
Après After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a one-hour drive to Khor Virap Monastery, the closest point to Mount Ararat. The name Khor Virap means "deep pit" which symbolizes its history. The monastery was built over an underground dungeon, where Saint Gregory the Illuminator was imprisoned for about 14 years by the Armenian king Trdat for spreading Christianity in Armenia.
From the beautiful monastery opens one of the most impressive views to the biblical Mount Ararat.
Our next stop will be Noravank Monastery, a true treasure of Armenian religious art. What makes it especially unique is that Noravank is one of the few monasteries in the world consisting of two floors. Noravank is a must-see place not only for its cultural importance but also for its magnificent location. The stunning architecture of the monastery contrasts amazingly with the red rock cliffs surrounding it.
Moving on, we will visit Areni Wine Cave, where the oldest winery in the world was discovered- dating back to 6100 BC. Here, in Areni we will taste Armenian delicious wine, made from unique grape sort Areni and return to Yerevan. Overnight.

Day 4: Yerevan - Sevan Lake - Diljan - Goshavank Monastery – Haghartsin Monastery - Yerevan
After breakfast we will drive to Sevan and climb the stairs to Sevanavank Monastery, one of the most outstanding historical and cultural sites of Armenia, located on the peninsula of the lake Sevan. The blue-eyed beauty of Armenia lake Sevan, also called the "Blue Pearl of Armenia", is one of the largest freshwater high-altitude lakes in the world, situated at an altitude of 1,900 meters above sea level. Sometimes it seems that the water surface is about to touch the sky. The beauty of Sevan landscapes is especially marvelous from the peninsula, thus Sevanavank monastery has become one of the most famous tourist destinations of the country.
Then we will continue to Dilijan, often referred to as "Armenian Switzerland" due to its rich nature with lush green forested areas. Here we will visit Goshavank Monastery, built in the 12th century. The monastery used to be not only a religious, but also an important educational and cultural center. The view of the monastery is majestic because of its location in one of the most picturesque places of Armenia.
Then we will visit Haghartsin Monastery, one of the most mysterious places of the country located high in the woody mountains. The monastery complex represents an amazing harmony of architecture and nature. Moving on, we will drive back to Yerevan.
Day 5 : Yerevan - Amberd Fortress – Voskevaz Winery – Saghmosavank Monastery – Yerevan
Après After breakfast at the hotel, we will drive to Amberd medieval fortress (the name means "fortress in the clouds") standing on the slopes of Mount Aragats, at an altitude of 2300m. It is located on a rocky cliff protected from three sides with deep gorges. As we wander through the fortress walls, towers, and ancient church, we will learn about its historical significance and strategic role in the region. The hike to the fortress also offers beautiful natural scenery, and our knowledgeable guide will share captivating stories about its past, deepening our appreciation of Armenia's rich cultural heritage.
Our next stop will be Vozkevaz Winery where we will taste Armenian wine and have a tour in the factory. Here we'll enjoy a guided tour through the winery's historic cellars, learning about both traditional and modern winemaking processes.

Having enjoyed our wine tasting, we will head to Saghmosavank Monastery, located at the edge of a canyon with a fascinating view to the precipitous gorge. Its name comes from the word “saghmos” which is the Armenian word for psalm- a spiritual song or a lyric poetry. Legend has it that the first church of the complex was founded by Saint Gregory the Illuminator who taught psalms to clergymen here.
Return to Yerevan. Overnight.
Day 6: Yerevan - Geghard Monastery - Garni Temple – Vernissage – Yerevan
Our last day in Armenia will start with a visit to Geghard Monastery, one of the most stunning monasteries of medieval Armenian architecture. This unique monastic complex, part of which is carved in the rock is included in the UNESCO’s World Heritage list. The monastery was named Geghardavank - the Monastery of Spear. Legend has it that St. Thaddaeus the Apostle brought here the spear with which the Roman soldier had pierced the heart of crucified Christ. The spear had been kept in the monastery for about 500 years (now it is kept in the Museum of Etchmiadzin). The monastery has unbelievable acoustics, the mystery of which has not yet been revealed.
Our next destination will be the pagan temple of Garni, one of the most famous and important tourist attractions of the country. The temple was constructed in the 1st century AD and was dedicated to God Mihr, the Armenian pagan god of the Sun. Afterwards, we will enjoy a local lunch accompanied with lavash-baking masterclass, a pure Armenian traditional bread inscribed on UNESCO’s List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Then we will drive back to Yerevan and visit Vernissage, an open-air market and an exhibition displaying different Armenian artworks and handmade items. It offers various kinds of national souvenirs, rugs, bags, paintings, jewelry and other traditional items. Overnight.
Day 7: Departure. Check-out formalities. Transfer to the airport.

Included
6 overnights according to the program
Meals according to the program (All breakfasts and 2 lunches)
Transfers and transportation according to the program
Professional English-Speaking guide during the program
Entrance tickets
Wine degustation in Areni Winery and Voskevaz Winery
Masterclass of national cuisine: baking UNESCO listed “Lavash” and preparing “Gata”
One bottle of water per person per day

Excluded
Flight tickets
Tips and portage
Alcoholic beverages
Meals not mentioned in the inclusions
Insurance and visa fee
Services not mentioned in the program

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