

# Armenia– Ancient & Modern

## 5 days / 4 nights

Armenia is located in the southern Caucasus and is the smallest of the former Soviet republics. It is bounded by Georgia on the north, Azerbaijan on the east, Iran on the south, and Turkey on the west. Yerevan, is its capital city and Dram the official Currency. For travellers, easily visited highlights include ancient monasteries, candlelit churches and high-walled forts – leaving a lasting impression of this beautiful modernized country. Visit the beautiful cities of Yerevan & Sevan and the explore the cultural cities of Garni & Geghard.



### Day 1: Arrival in Yerevan – Yerevan City tour

Arrival to Yerevan, transfer to the hotel, check-in.

City tour - Yerevan sightseeing including **City center, Republic square, State University, City panorama, Mother Armenia Monument, Parliament, President’s Palace, Opera, Sports & Concert Complex.**

Walk in the **Cascade** complex, which is considered the modern art center of Yerevan, with art pieces displayed throughout the whole area: the boulevard and up the stairs, from top of which you can enjoy the panoramic view on the city and Mountain Ararat. Cascade is home to Cafesjan modern art museum. This place becomes even more charming in the evenings, when it is full of people, both locals and tourists from all over the world, enjoying the magic and the warmth of the capital.

**Overnight in Yerevan.**



### Day 2 : Tsakhkadzor – Sevan

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to **Tsakhkadzor** town the magical place of forested mountains (means “gorge of flowers”), short walking tour around the small town. Opportunity to go up to the mountain peaks by rope way, where you will catch an unforgettable gorgeous panoramic view of this part of the world (optional, at extra charge 5\$ per ticket for going up the first level and back). In winter Tsakhkadzor is a well-known ski resort with several levels of ropeways leading up the mountains. In summer it’s a pleasant place to spend the afternoon in nature and enjoy the sun. Visit **Kecharis** monastery. Drive to **Sevan**, one of the greatest high mountainous

freshwater lakes of Eurasia, climb on peninsula from where the fascinating view on the Lake is open. Visit **Sevanavank** monastery, which stands in its greatness on the peninsula overlooking the lake for centuries. Drive back to Yerevan.

**Overnight in Yerevan.**



### **Day 3: Vernissage – Garni – Geghard**

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to **Vernisaj**, national crafts/art market (open only on Saturdays and Sundays). Drive to the only remaining **pagan temple** in Armenia devoted to the God of Sun – Myrth, in **Garni**, built in 77 AD by King Trdat (Arshakid Dynasty). The temple is Greco-Roman style with characteristic pillars. It stands proudly on a rocky ridge with a deep canyon presenting a beautiful view. The temple was a summer residence for Arshakid dynasty. Visit to the ruins of **Royal Palace** and **Royal bath-house** nearby. **Canyon of Garni** –magnificent and outstanding scene which creates the image of falling crags. It obtained the name "Symphony of Stones" due to its

view. The fantastic landscape of Garni canyon shakes the human imagination. Drive to the unique caved **temple St. Geghard (12th -13th cc.)**, the name of which means “**holy spear**” in the honor of the long-preserved spear, the same spear that pierced the body of crucified Christ. Geghard Monastery is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list (2000). Drive back to Yerevan.

**Overnight in Yerevan .**

### **Day 4: Shopping Tour – Optional: visit Cognac factory**

Breakfast at the hotel. Shopping in Dalma Garden Mall or Yerevan Mall. *Tour to Brandy factory with brandy testing.*

**Overnight in Yerevan.**

### **Day 5: Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Transfer to the airport.

**COME HOME TO WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE TRIP!!!**

#### **Package Includes:-**

1. Accommodation (4 nights in Yerevan) in a 4 star Hotel Royal Plaza or similar
2. 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
3. Lunches and dinners in Armenian/ Indian restaurants with Indian food
4. Transportation service per program
5. Guide service per program
6. All entry tickets (excepts Tsaghkadzor ropeway)

#### **Package Excludes:-**

1. Air flight ticket
2. Insurance
3. Tour and degustation in Cognac factory-10 USD per pax
4. Tsaghkadzor ropeway-5 USD per pax
5. Visa