

MB TRAVEL TOUR

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PROGRAM for Armenia 2019

7 Days / 6 Nights



Day 1: Arrival to Yerevan. Transfer to hotel. (-/-/-)

Arrival in Yerevan.

Transfer to the hotel.

Check inn after 15:00.

Lunch and dinner independent.

Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

Day 2: Yerevan (B/-/-)

Half day Tour Lake Sevan- Sevanavank. Drive to Lori region and visit UNESCO World Heritage Site Haghpat monastery. Stunning example of Armenian traditional architecture was erected in 10-13th centuries. Standing on a hillside, Haghpat beautifully overlooks Debed River. Location of monastery was chosen to protect peace and seclusion of its monks. Drive through Dilijan and to Lake Sevan, “The Jewel of Armenia” and one of the largest high-mountainous fresh water lakes in the world. The coastline of Lake Sevan is rich with thick woods, white bare steep rocks, mountain steppes and Alpine meadows. Stop at Sevanavank to visit the remnants of the monastery that include two temples – Surb Arakelots and Surb Astvatsatsin standing among numerous khachkars. The buildings were constructed from black tuff which probably gave the monastery its name Sevanavank – “the Black Monastery”. The view from there is simply magnificent: the mountains surround lake from all sides and snow tops are seen almost on the entire perimeter and disappear behind horizon. Continue to Yerevan for overnight.

Day 3: Yerevan (B/-/-)

One of the oldest cities of the world, Yerevan is famous as a pink city and calls visitors with its humble and at the same time splendid landscapes. Start city tour visiting Cascade Monument which was the main symbol of the cities 2780th anniversary with the equivalent number of stairs. Mega scale staircase is 500 meters high and 50 meters wide. A panoramic view from the monument opens up breathtaking city view with Opera House, Mount Ararat, Swan Lake, Republic Square, and Abovyan Avenue, which you will also walk by during the tour. If it is a weekend, visit Vernissage, the biggest souvenir market in Yerevan. Continue to the Armenian Genocide memorial complex on the hill of Tsitsernakaberd. An excellent round-up of the tour will be a visit to the Megeryan carpet factory where you can observe a process of creating famous Armenian rugs. You will see carpets from different regions of Armenia and find out about hidden meanings of elements used in their design. In the evening, enjoy dinner and traditional folklore show. Overnight at hotel.



Day 4: Yerevan – Garni – Geghard – Etchmiadzin – Yerevan (B/-/-)

Depart Yerevan and drive to Garni, one of the major villages in Armenia famous for its fortress. The fortress is the only pagan sacred place from the 1st century that survived aggressive introduction of Christianity in the 4th century. Next stop is at the monastery complex Geghard (“spear”). A beautiful landscape of Geghard is framed with towering cliffs. Decorative art cut into rocks reflect and explain Medieval Ages development throughout the region. The complex was introduced to the history in the 4th century as a sacred spring inside a cave. Continue to the Holy See of Armenia, Etchmiadzin. Visit Etchmiadzin Cathedral which is the residence of the head of Armenian Apostolic Church the Catholicos of All Armenians. Return to Yerevan for hotel.

Day 5 : Yerevan – Khor Virap – Areni – Tatev – Goris (B/-/-)

After breakfast at 09:00, head to Khor Virap monastery (“deep pit”). According to the legend, St. Gregory the Illuminator, the Baptist of Armenia, had been kept here in the basement during 13 years for the disseminating of Christianity until tsar Tradt decided to adopt new religion. Monastery location allows you to enjoy the best views of the Mt. Ararat.

Continue to Areni, a city known for producing famous Armenian wine from pomegranate and apricot. Have a wine degustation in a local winery.

Drive to Tatev Monastery (9-13 cent.). Approaching the jewel of medieval Armenian architecture on the longest aerial tramway in the world you will see the monastery, the powerful impregnable stronghold towering on a rock. Such a remote position of it was strategically favorable as the monastery was simultaneously religious and political centre of the region. Standing on the edge of the rock, the monastery takes your breath away: somewhere down below the river flows in the valley and crowded velvet green hills stand in silence...

Arrival in Goris at 18:00, accommodation at hotel.



Day 6: Goris – Noravank – Yerevan (B/-/-)

After breakfast at 09:00 check out from the hotel. On the way to Yerevan visiting famous Complex of Noravank, situated on a ledge of a deep winding gorge of a tributary of the Arpa River near the village of Amaghu, Yeghegnadzor District. Noravank ensemble stands amidst the bizarre-shaped precipitous red cliffs. Built in place of an ancient cloister, it grew in the reign of Princes Orbelian of Syunik. In the 13th-14th centuries it became a residence of Syunik’s bishops and,

consequently, a major religious and later cultural center of Armenia, closely connected with many of the local seats of learning, primarily with Gladzor's famed university and library.

Arrive in Yerevan, check-in to hotel. Free time. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7: Yerevan – departure (-/-/-)

Check-out from hotel till 12:00noon.

Transfer to Yerevan International Airport. Departure.

Package price based on double/twin room accommodation:

Transportation by Sedan/ Mercedes Vito/ Viano

2 pax – 1190 USD per person

3 pax – 1025 USD per person

4 pax – 925 USD per person

Transportation by Mercedes Sprinter

5 pax – 910 USD per person

6 pax – 860 USD per person

7 pax – 820 USD per person

8 pax – 800 USD per person

9 pax – 775 USD per person

10 pax – 750 USD per person

Single Supplement: 320 USD per person

PRICE INCLUDES:

5 x overnights at the hotel in Yerevan 3* Silachi Hotel (or similar)

1 x overnight at the Mirhav hotel (or similar) in Goris

Catering: as per program (B – Breakfast)

All breakfast at the hotels.

All transfers and transportation by comfortable vehicle

An English-speaking guide as per program

Entrance fees

1 bottle of water per person per day

PRICE EXCLUDES:

Entrance Visas.

Meals except mentioned above

Alcohol beverages

Airline tickets

Travel insurance

Porters

Early Check in/Late Check out

Services except described