



## Explore Armenia

7 Nights

01 January 2017 – 30 September 2017



### Summary

Explore Armenia, an open air museum, combining modernism and History. Take a walk through the downtown of Yerevan, Armenia's unrivaled hip capital and visit the academy of sciences, the opera house and the National Parliament. Explore the traditional Armenian architecture in Dilijan a secluded resort with radiant green forested valleys.

### Overview

**Dates:** 01 January 2017 – 30 September 2017

**Interest:** group, couple, family

**Level of Comfort:** 4/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** none

**Maximum # of passengers:** none

### Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Yerevan (economy class)  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
7-night accommodation at hotel  
Meal: daily breakfast  
All transfers by air conditioned motor coach  
English speaking local guides  
Full day Yerevan city tour  
Full day Etchmiadzin tour  
Full day Ararat Valley tour  
Half day visit of a carpet factory  
Half day tour of Sevan  
Full day shopping tour  
Assistance of our representative in Armenia

### Prices Exclude

Airport taxes  
Fuel surcharge  
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
Optional Tours  
Visa fees  
Travel insurance  
All other expenses

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**Day 1: Arrival in Yerevan**

Upon arrival at Yerevan, meet greet and transfer to hotel

**Day 2: Yerevan**

Today you will enjoy a Yerevan city tour visiting:

The city center, Republic square, State University, City panorama, Mother Armenia Monument, Parliament, President's Palace, Opera, Sports & Concert Complex

Later on, visit Matenadaran & Cascade complex

**Day 3: Yerevan - Etchmiadzin - Zvartnots**

In the morning, drive to Etchmiadzin, the spiritual and administrative center of Armenian Apostolic Church

Visit to Etchmiadzin Cathedral, the museum, St. Hripsime's Church & the ruins of Zvartnots temple

Drive back to Yerevan

**Day 4: Ararat valley - Silk Road Way/ Noravank**

Today you will drive to Ararat valley and visit to Khor Virap Church – the place of imprisonment of St. Gregory the Illuminator

After visiting Khor Virap drive through the spectacular canyon between the red rocks toward Noravank Monastery

Drive back to Yerevan

**Day 5: Carpet factory - Garni - Geghard**

On this day you will have a visit to Factory of Handmade Carpets and watch carpet hand-making process

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)

Photo stop at Charents Arc. The temple is Greco-Roman style with characteristic pillars

Visit to the ruins of Royal Palace and Royal bath-house nearby

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. It is now exhibited in the museum of Etchmiadzin Cathedral. Geghard Monastery is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list (2000).

Drive back to Yerevan

**Day 6: Sevan - Armenian Switzerland Dilijan**

Today you will drive to Sevan, one of the greatest high mountainous freshwater lakes of Eurasia, climb on Akhtamar 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 to mountainous resort Dilijan, or so called “Armenian Switzerland”, which is well-known for its forests as well as for its mysterious flora and fauna. During the drive one can enjoy the unbelievable change of the surrounding environment and land shaft from the mountainous lake to the green and rich forest mountains. Small walking city tour in Dilijan: visit to handicrafts' street, where one can watch the preparation of different national souvenirs from wood, stone and ceramics.

Drive back to Yerevan

**Day 7: Vernissage**

This morning you will proceed for a shopping tour

Visit Vernissage (an open-air exhibition-market, where you can find unique examples of art and craft work, traditional carpets, jewellery, old collections of coins and medallions, musical instruments, electronics)

**Day 8: Yerevan**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

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#### Starting price per person in US\$

Hotel	Double	Single
Royal Plaza 4*	1320	1540
Imperial Palace 4*	1410	1710
Metropol hotel	1410	1710
Double Tree by Hilton 5*	1685	2310
Royal Tulip 5*	1635	2105
National hotel 5*	1735	2445

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Yerevan	ME 275	08:25	12:35
Yerevan	Beirut	ME 276	13:35	13:35

#### Payment facilities available with CFC

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