

Communities for English & Russian Speakers

Learning Armenian

Online Forums and Expat Platforms

- **Expat.com – Armenia Forum** – A dedicated forum on Expat.com for people living in or moving to Armenia. Users (mostly English-speaking) post questions and share advice about life in Armenia ¹. It's a moderated Q&A platform for expats; while activity is moderate, it has threads on moving, jobs, housing, etc., with new members introducing themselves annually.
URL: [expat.com Armenia forum](https://www.expat.com/armenia-forum)
Activity: Active threads in 2023–2024; community size not explicitly stated, but thousands of posts over the years.
- **Expat Exchange – Armenia** – An online forum on ExpatExchange where expats discuss living in Armenia. It includes country resources (healthcare, schools, language, etc.) and discussion threads. The community is smaller and postings are infrequent, but it's a place to find personal experiences.
URL: [expatexchange.com – Armenia Forum](https://www.expatexchange.com/armenia-forum)
Activity: Low; the “Introduce Yourself” thread was created when the Armenia forum launched, and few updates have occurred recently ².
- **InterNations Yerevan Community** – A global expat network with a chapter in Yerevan. Members are mostly professionals (many English-speaking or bilingual) connecting through forums and events. InterNations hosts **Armenia Expat Forums** for advice (e.g. finding services, childcare) ³ and organizes monthly in-person meetups in Yerevan (networking evenings, dinners, hikes). Joining requires a signup, and sub-groups exist for different nationalities (e.g. *Russians in Armenia*, *Americans in Armenia*, etc.) ⁴.
URL: [internations.org – Armenia Expats](https://www.internations.org/armenia-expats)
Members: Not publicly listed, but the Yerevan community has **hundreds of active members** and event attendance can range from a dozen to 100+ people.
- **Couchsurfing Yerevan Group** – Couchsurfing hosts a community of travelers and expats in Yerevan. This group (accessed via the Couchsurfing website/app) regularly organizes weekly meetups (often board game nights or bar gatherings ⁵) for English-speaking locals and foreigners. It's a casual way to make friends and practice languages.
URL: [couchsurfing.com – Yerevan forum](https://www.couchsurfing.com/yerevan-forum) (requires login)
Activity: Weekly meetups are common, with dozens attending; the online discussion board is lightly used compared to in-person events.

Reddit Communities

- **r/armenia** – The main Armenia subreddit (mostly in English) with a broad community of locals, expats, and diaspora (≈60,000 members). Discussions cover life in Armenia, news, travel tips, and language questions. It's **highly active**, and newcomers often ask for expat advice. The community is welcoming and fairly large ⁶. (Note: Some posts are in Armenian or Russian, but English is predominant.)
URL: reddit.com/r/armenia
Members: ~60k (as of 2025) ⁶; daily activity with multiple new posts and comments.
- **r/learnarmenian** – A subreddit dedicated to Armenian language learners. It's a supportive, niche community where learners (of Eastern or Western Armenian) share resources, ask grammar questions, and get help from native speakers ⁷. Common content includes textbook recommendations, translation help, and pronunciation guides.
URL: reddit.com/r/learnarmenian
Members: A few hundred (small but **enthusiastic**); posts weekly or more, with active responders.
- **r/yerevan** – A smaller subreddit (≈2k members) focused on Yerevan, sometimes used by expats to discuss city-specific topics (neighborhoods, meetups, etc.). It's less active than r/armenia, but can be useful for local queries.
URL: reddit.com/r/yerevan
Members: ~2k; occasional posts.
- **r/LanguageLearning** – A large general subreddit where Armenian sometimes comes up. Not Armenia-specific, but learners might share Armenian resources or seek exchange partners there. Posts about lesser-studied languages like Armenian appear periodically.
URL: reddit.com/r/languagelearning
Members: 1+ million (for all languages); Armenian threads get varied visibility.

Facebook Groups

- **Secret Yerevan (Facebook Group)** – A public community (≈18,000 members) for *“all Yerevantsis to share experiences and questions, meet new people, and learn about the city”* ⁸. It's a mix of locals, expats, and repats. Common posts include asking for recommendations (e.g. apartments, gyms, language tutors) and organizing social gatherings. Very active, with daily Q&A and announcements.
URL: Facebook search: “Secret Yerevan” (public group)
Members: ~18k ⁹; high daily activity.
- **Expats in Yerevan** – A smaller English-language expat group (~2.5k members) focusing on foreigners living in Yerevan. Members post about housing, jobs, and meetups. It often serves as a classifieds hub (e.g. people **looking for apartments or selling goods** ¹⁰). The group also coordinates some in-person meetups like hiking trips or coffee gatherings.
URL: Facebook search: “Foreigners/Expats in Yerevan Armenia” (private group)
Members: ~2,500 ¹¹; moderate activity (a few posts each week).

- **Expats & Digital Nomads in Armenia** – A private Facebook group centered on expats and remote workers across Armenia. Members (several thousand strong) use it to discuss visas, co-working spaces, and lifestyle tips. It's a go-to place for newly-arrived digital nomads to get oriented.
URL: *Facebook search:* "Expats & Digital Nomads in Armenia"
Members: Not publicly shown (estimated a few thousand); steady activity with Q&A and event postings.
- **Armenian Language Learners ("Learn Armenian")** – An English-language Facebook group devoted to learning Armenian. The group welcomes beginners and provides *"useful content about Eastern Armenian"* ¹² – including shared lessons, vocabulary tips, and links to resources. Learners and occasional tutors post questions or offer help.
URL: *Facebook search:* "Learn Armenian (group)"
Members: Unknown (several hundred likely); engagement depends on user posts (often a few posts per month, with active responses).
- **Jobs for Repats and Expats in Armenia** – A Facebook community oriented toward job postings and career advice for foreigners *and* returning diaspora in Armenia. It aggregates opportunities and also links to other community groups (e.g. "Secret Yerevan – 18K members; Expats Yerevan – 2.5K; Lebanese in Armenia – 2.2K; Armenian Repatriates Net – 12K" as of early 2025 ¹³). This group is a useful hub to network and find employment or volunteer opportunities, and its description provides a directory of related expat groups.
URL: [Facebook – Jobs for Repats and Expats in Armenia](#)
Members: Not listed; serves as a portal to other expat sub-communities.
- **Armenian Repatriates Network** – A large Facebook group (~12,000 members) connecting *repatriates* (diaspora Armenians who moved to Armenia) and expats. Discussions often in English or Armenian, focusing on integration: school options, bureaucratic help, and language learning tips. It's a support network for those transitioning to life in Armenia, and many members are Russian or English speaking.
URL: *Facebook search:* "Armenian Repatriates Net"
Members: ~12k ¹⁴; active with frequent advice posts.

Telegram Channels and Groups

- **"Русские в Армении" (Russians in Armenia)** – A large Russian-language Telegram **chat group** for Russians who have relocated or plan to relocate to Armenia. This is a very active community (≈9,400 members) ¹⁵ where people exchange news, seek advice on daily life, post **classifieds**, and help each other with relocation issues. The rules allow free personal posts (questions, buy/sell) while commercial ads are limited ¹⁶. It's one of the primary support channels for Russian expats adjusting to Armenia.
URL: t.me/RusArmenia (Telegram group)
Members: ~9.4k (with ~900 online typical) ¹⁵; high traffic daily.
- **"Русские в Ереване | Yerevan"** – Another Telegram chat focused specifically on Yerevan for Russian speakers. It has around 3,000 members ¹⁷. Discussions include city-specific tips (rentals in Yerevan, events, meetups). Many members overlap with the broader "RusArmenia" group, but this one zeroes in on the capital.

URL: t.me/erevan_russia

Members: ~3k ¹⁷; very active chat, dozens of messages per day.

- **Relocation and Thematic Telegram Groups** – Beyond the general chats, there are numerous niche Telegram groups for expats in Armenia. The **Move2Armenia** initiative compiled a list of 130+ *Telegram channels and chats across 24 categories* (housing, jobs, banking, etc.) for life in Armenia ¹⁸. Notable examples:

- *Housing:* **@Armenia_relocation** – group for relocation queries (visas, services) ¹⁹; **@armenmarket** – posts apartments and general Q&A ²⁰.
- *Jobs:* **@rabotavarmenii** – job postings for Russian-speakers ²¹.
- *Language/Culture:* **@HayocLezu (Հայոց լեզու)** – a group named “Armenian language” for Russian-speaking learners/practicers (found under *Досуг/Leisure* category) ²².
- *City-based chats:* e.g. Gyumri help chat ²³, Vanadzor relocation chat, etc.
- *Social:* **@YerevanVibes** – English-language social chat for Yerevan expats ²⁴; **ESC (Expats Social Circle)** bot/community for meetups ²⁵.

URL: See [Move2Armenia Telegram directory](#) for a comprehensive list (in Russian).

Members: Range from a few hundred to several thousand per group. (For example, *Relocation 2022* channel had 7k+ subscribers ²⁶.)

- **“Moving to Armenia” Channel** – A Telegram **channel** (one-way broadcast, ~7,100 subscribers) providing answers to frequently asked questions about relocating to Armenia ²⁷. Content is in Russian. It’s run by relocation consultants: posts cover visa steps, residency, and integration tips, making it a valuable resource for potential expats from Russia.

URL: t.me/relocatearmenia

Subscribers: ~7.1k ²⁶.

- **Language Exchange & Learning on Telegram** – There are a few smaller channels for Armenian language practice. For instance, **@ArmenianTraditions** (not official name) and some bilingual groups where learners can ask for translations. One example listed on Move2Armenia is *“Armenia Po-Russki Chat – Переезд, релокация”* which doubles as a relocation and language help chat ²⁸. These tend to have a few hundred members each.

Discord Servers

- **“Learn Armenian” Discord Server** – A community-run Discord dedicated to Armenian language learners (noted by Talkpal as *“the Armenian Language Server”*). It provides multiple text and voice channels for different aspects of learning ²⁹. Features include:
 - *Grammar & Vocab Channels:* Users ask questions and share resources for Eastern and Western Armenian.
 - *Voice Chat Practice:* Regular voice rooms where learners can practice speaking with each other or native volunteers ³⁰.
 - *Community Events:* The server sometimes holds quizzes, study group sessions, or cultural talks to keep learners engaged ³¹.

URL: Invite link usually shared via learning communities (e.g., posted on Reddit). Also listed on Discord directories (e.g. Discord.me) as “**Learn Armenian**” ³² .

Members: A few hundred members; activity is medium (active help from a handful of natives and enthusiasts).

- **Armenian Community Servers (Diaspora)** – There are broader Armenian social servers like “**Srjaran**” (Armenian culture hangout) ³³ and “**Armenia Café**” ³⁴ . While not focused solely on language learning, they have channels for Armenian language practice. English and Russian speakers interested in Armenia often join to mingle with Armenians worldwide.

URL: See disboard.org for *Armenia* tags (e.g., Srjaran).

Members: Varies by server (several hundred in Srjaran); activity mostly social/cultural chat.

Offline Groups and Cultural Centers

- **Armenian Cultural Association of America (ACAA)** – A nonprofit in the USA dedicated to preserving Armenian culture. Many ACAA chapters and Armenian community centers (in cities like New York, Boston, etc.) offer Armenian language **classes** and host cultural events ³⁵ . These classes are often tailored for English-speaking diaspora or anyone interested. They provide a structured learning environment and a chance to meet fellow learners.

Location: USA (multiple chapters)

URL: acaainc.org (and local chapter pages)

Activity: Regular weekly classes (beginner to intermediate) and seasonal cultural gatherings.

- **AGBU Armenian Virtual College (online & diaspora)** – An initiative by the Armenian General Benevolent Union offering **online Armenian language courses** in multiple languages. While online, it fosters a global learning community and sometimes partners with local cultural centers. For example, they have e-learning for Eastern and Western Armenian, and have reached diaspora learners in the US, Europe, Russia, etc. ³⁶ ³⁷ (courses available in English and Russian as languages of instruction).

URL: avc-agbu.org – Online platform

Activity: Self-paced courses with instructor support; has an active Facebook community for alumni to practice.

- **Armenian Museum of Moscow (and Cultural Center)** – A cultural hub for the Armenian community in Moscow, Russia. In addition to exhibits, it runs **Armenian language courses** and classes on Armenian history/culture, in cooperation with the Armenian Student Association of Moscow State University ³⁸ . These classes attract both Russian-Armenian youth and Russians interested in Armenian. The center frequently holds cultural events (concerts, lectures) which double as language practice opportunities.

Location: Moscow, Russia (Armenian Temple Complex) ³⁹

URL: armmuseum.ru

Activity: Language courses are typically semester-based; cultural events monthly.

- **Cultural Center of the Armenian Embassy (Moscow)** – The Armenian Embassy’s cultural center in Russia offers workshops and clubs for Armenian language, music, dance, etc. Over its first five years it formed over ten creative workshops including **Armenian language classes** for the public ⁴⁰ . This is an example of embassy-led outreach; similarly, Armenian embassies or consulates in other

countries (e.g. in **Los Angeles, Paris, Tehran**) often support local Armenian schools or language programs for the diaspora and friends of Armenia.

Location: Moscow, Russia (and other cities via embassies)

URL: Embassy websites / social media (e.g. Embassy of Armenia in RF)

Activity: Regular weekly classes and events (often free or low-cost).

- **Repat Armenia Foundation** – An organization in Yerevan that supports repatriates and expats. They organize **free Armenian language courses** for newcomers in multiple tracks: *“Elementary Armenian for Russian-speaking repatriates”*, *“Elementary for English-speaking repatriates”*, as well as intermediate and business Armenian ⁴¹. These courses are aimed at helping foreigners and diaspora integrate socially and professionally. Repat Armenia also hosts networking meetups and talks. Its community counts over **12,000 members (repatriates and expatriates from many countries)** ⁴². Joining their events (often in English/Russian) is a great way to practice Armenian in an encouraging environment.

Location: Yerevan, Armenia (headquarters)

URL: repatarmenia.org

Activity: Language classes run in sessions throughout the year (often twice a week ⁴³ for volunteers/repats); social mixers monthly.

- **Birthright Armenia & Armenian Volunteer Corps (AVC)** – These sister programs bring young diaspora (Birthright) and non-Armenian international volunteers (AVC) to Armenia. They provide extensive cultural immersion, including **free Armenian language lessons twice a week** for participants ⁴³. Volunteers are typically English or Russian-speaking and reach basic conversational proficiency during their stay. The programs also foster an offline community: volunteers live with host families, attend forums and excursions together. Alumni often remain connected and continue language exchange after the program.

Location: Yerevan (and nationwide placements)

URL: birthrightarmenia.org / armenianvolunteer.org

Activity: 50–100 volunteers per year, classes and forums ongoing; active alumni networks online.

- **Aspirantum – Armenian Language School in Yerevan** – A private language school that offers **intensive Armenian courses** (as well as Persian and Russian) in Yerevan. They run summer and winter schools (4 to 10 weeks) with a full immersion approach – including homestays, excursions, and networking with fellow students ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵. Students are often academics, expats, or diaspora looking to deeply learn Eastern Armenian. This is a great in-country program to meet other international Armenian learners.

Location: Yerevan, Armenia

URL: aspirantum.com

Activity: Intensive cohorts each summer/winter (class size ~10-15); alumni maintain group chats for practice.

- **Local Language Exchange Meetups (Yerevan)** – Informal but important: Yerevan has a growing scene of language exchange gatherings. For example, a **“Language Exchange Yerevan”** Facebook page/community organizes weekly meetups where Armenians and expats trade languages (English, Russian, Armenian, etc.). These are often free events at cafes. Additionally, platforms like Meetup.com list events such as *“Armenia Language Exchange Club”* ⁴⁶ or **Nerdy Yerevan** meetups for social and language practice ⁴⁷. Such offline groups are excellent for real-life practice and

making local friends.

Location: Yerevan (various cafes or venues)

URL: e.g. Meetup.com ("Armenia Language Exchange Club"), Facebook "Yerevan Language Exchange"

Activity: Weekly or biweekly meetups; attendance can range from 10 to 30 people, mixed locals and foreigners.

Each of these communities offers a unique channel to reach English and Russian speakers interested in learning Armenian. By engaging with these forums, groups, and centers, one can both promote a language-learning website and connect with motivated learners. The key is to tailor outreach to the platform: a helpful introduction post on Reddit, sharing resources in Facebook groups, or partnering with offline cultural classes can all be effective ways to reach this expat and repat audience ⁴³ ⁴¹.

¹ ³ ⁴ Russians in Armenia - Find Jobs, Events & other Expats

<https://www.internations.org/armenia-expats/russians>

² Armenia Expat Forum: Introduce Yourself | Expat Exchange

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⁵ How to make friends in Armenia? : r/armenia

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⁶ r/armenia - Subreddit Stats & Analysis - Gummy Search

<https://gummysearch.com/r/armenia/>

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<https://talkpal.ai/best-armenian-learning-groups/>

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⁹ Secret Yerevan | Facebook

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<https://t.me/RusArmenia>

¹⁷ Telegram: View @erevan_russia

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<https://disboard.org/en/servers/tag/armenia>

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<https://www.meetup.com/armenia-language-exchange-club-meetup/>

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<https://www.meetup.com/find/am--yerevan/meet-new-friends/>