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Tour is designed for those who discover Armenia for the first time. It is supposed for visiting the main tourist destinations of the capital as well as some outgoing tours in the most famous and impressive places of Armenia.

Tour is designed for family trips, friend trips and for giving as a present.

### 1 day

Transfer: Zvartnots airport-Yerevan (price 40.000 AMD)

Hotel accommodation in Yerevan

**18:00** Walking tour in Yerevan in the evening with guide: sightseeing of North Avenue, Cascade, Opera House.

<u>Northern Avenue</u> is the most modern part of the Armenian capital which connects Yerevan's two main squares: the Republic Square and Freedom Square where the Opera Theater is situated.

<u>Cascade and</u> Cafesjian Center for the Arts is a great architectural complex in the center of historical Yerevan. It is a huge staircase (we counted 740 steps), which ends with a viewing platform. It is an ornament of the city in the form of the original architectural composition which reminds a huge multi-tiered pyramid of Babel.

Opera and Ballet Theatre is one of the greatest attractions of the country. Being located in the heart of Yerevan it was designed by architect Alexander Tamanyan who combined the two auditoria in a single semi-circular building in a very unusual manner.

 ${\bf Excursion \hbox{-}Walking \hbox{ tour, (price $35.000 AMD)}}$ 

20.00- Welcome Dinner (price 180.000 AMD With alcohol)





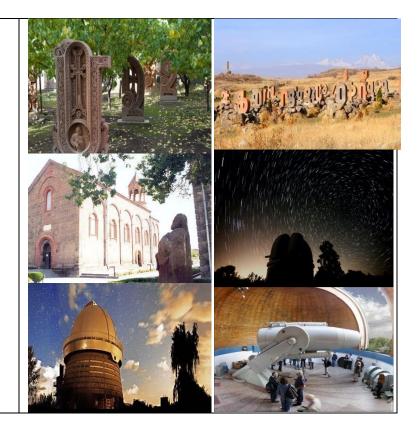
## 09.00 Breakfast at Hotel 10.30Visit to Oshakan

The village of Oshakan is situated in Aragatsotn region. It has more than 5000 citizens and is located 6 kilometers far from Ashtarak, 25 kilometers far from Yerevan. One of the biggest and most important sacred places of Armenia are located here - the mausoleum of the creator of the Armenian alphabet - Mesrop Mashtots, whose body was buried here by trout Vahan Amatuni. His grave is located close to the church after Mesrop mashtots name. This location is a touristic important sight. Here there are international symposiums and seminars held including a fest called "Targmanchats".

### 12:30 Visit to Byurakan

The village of Byurakan is located in Aragatsotn region of Armenia. Byurakan was also known as Pirtakan, Pirakan. St. Hovhannes church is situated in Byurakan. Nearby there is also a church called Artavazik, built in the 7th century. Byurakan is also home to the Byurakan observatory. **Excursion (price 85.000 AMD)** 

14.00-15.00 Lunch in Ashtarak city (price 108 .000 AMD) 20.00- Dinner in Yerevan (price 120.000 AMD)





#### 09.00 Breakfast at Hotel

### 10:00 Visit to Erebuni museum

It was built in 782 B.C. by the Urartian king Argishti the first. During the excavations started in the 20th century a cuneiform inscription was found, according to which the history of nowadays Yerevan starts from this place. On the top of the hill the ruins of the citadel and the frescoes on the wall reveal the high artistic achievements of those remote centuries. The museum down the hill displays the findings that have been excavated in the territory of the fortress.

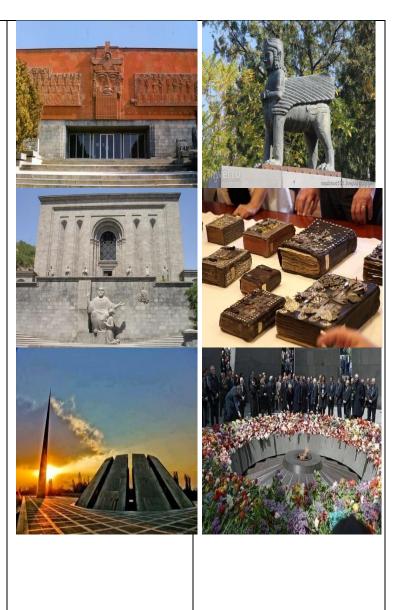
### Visit to Matenadaran

Matenadaran is an institute of ancient manuscripts (a book depository), one of the world's most ancient libraries. Its collections comprise ancient Armenian books and miniature paintings that have gained world-wide fame. Among its unique treasures are the works of ancient classical authors and rare manuscripts that have come to our days only in the Armenian translation. Several monuments to the outstanding Armenian cultural figures are located in the courtyard of Matenadaran.

# 14.00-15.00 Lunch (price 120.000 AMD)

Visit to memorial complex dedicated to the victims of Armenian Genocide
Tsitsernakaberd Memorial Complex in Yerevan is dedicated to the memory of
the 1.5 million Armenians who perished in the first genocide of the 20th century,
at the hands of the Turkish government. Completed in 1967, the Genocide
Monument has since become a pilgrimage site and an integral part of Yerevan's
architecture. Set high on a hill, dominating the landscape, it is in perfect
harmony with its surroundings. The austere outlines convey the spirit of the
nation that survived a ruthless campaign of extermination. The complex occupies
4500 square meters of territory and consists of three main buildings: the
Memorial Wall, the Sanctuary of Eternity (Memorial Hall & Eternal Flame) and
the Memorial Column "The Reborn Armenia."

Excursion (price 123.000 AMD including tickets) 19.30- Dinner in Yerevan (price 120.000 AMD)





### 09.00 Breakfast at Hotel

# 10:30 Excursion to the holy city of Ejmiatsin.

Mother Cathedral of Holy Ejmiatsin was built by St. Gregory the Illuminator in 301–303, and it is considered to be the oldest church built by a state in the world. According to the 5th century Armenian annals, Saint Gregory had a vision of Christ descending from heaven and striking the earth with a golden hammer to show where the cathedral should be built. Hence, the patriarch gave the church and the city the new name of Ejmiatsin, which may be translated as "The place where the Only Begotten descended".

It is considered to be not only Armenia's spiritual center but also the spiritual center for Armenians all over the world. The head of the Armenian Apostolic Church is situated exactly in this city which is the residence of the Catholicos. During the tour, you can visit the Churches of St. Gayane and St. Hripsime which are located in Vagharshapat. They are included in the set of Echmiadzin Monastery. These two buildings have been included on the World Heritage list by UNESCO.

## 14.00-15.00 Lunch in Ejmiatsin (price 108.000 AMD)

**16.00 Trip to ARARAT Brandy Factory,** which preserves the tradition of the legendary cognac production since 1887. During the tour one can have a unique opportunity not only to get acquainted with the rich history of the factory, but also to enjoy a few kinds of cognac in the degustation room.

# **Brandy degustation**

Exursion with degustation the 96,000 AMD

Excursion (price 80.000 AMD)

Free evening





09.00 Breakfast at Hotel 10.00 Check out from Hotel

10:30 Trip to, Lake Sevan Dilijan Haghartsin-Goshavanq-Lake Parz

Lake Sevan is, undoubtedly, one of the most exciting in Armenia. This wonder of Nature is located 60 km from Yerevan up a highway. Sevan is considered to be the pearl of Armenia and the largest freshwater pool in the South Caucasus is the second largest alpine lake in the world, after the Bolivian Lake Titicaca. The gentle turquoise of Sevan's waters is always astonishing: the lake is so austere and majestic. The mystery of Sevan's origin has not been fully solved. Some specialists believe that the bowl of the lake is the crater of an extinct volcano, while others think that millions of years ago volcanic lava formed a natural reservoir trapping the water inside.

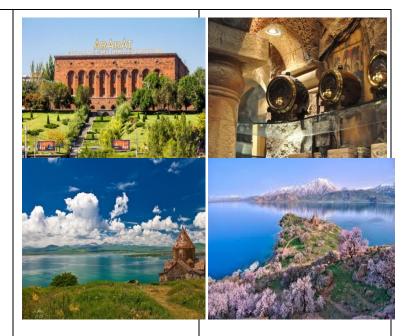
#### 13.00 Hotel accommodation in Dilijan

14.00-15.00 Lunch in Dilijan (price 108.000AMD)

<u>Haghartsin-Goshavanq-Lake Parz</u> -It is said if there were mountains, mineral springs and a forest in the Heaven, it would be in Dilijan. Perhaps the best place of Dilijan is Haghartsin George where the monastic complex Haghartsin is located.

**Haghartsin** was built in XI-XIII century Art. The oldest building of Haghartsin monastic complex is the church St. Gregory. A magnificent pearl warmly embraced within the green pearl of nature – this is how Haghartsin monastery and its surrounding landscape appear to every visitor. It's where people see a perfect harmony of untouched nature and splendid architecture where the human creativity and efforts only added to the overall beauty of the entire territory. As long as you haven't seen a single picture of the monastery you might be in two minds because then it appears just another monastery in Armenia, while get at least one picture and the monastery's look and appearance will simply oblige you to visit it and see this magical piece of architecture with your own eyes.

**Goshavanq** (New Getik) - It is one of the masterpieces of ancient Armenian architecture. Monastery is located in the dense oak forests of Dilijan district,





in the village of Gosh on the bank of Getik River. Once Goshavanq was one of the most important medieval universities. Different languages like Armenian, Greek, Latin ana others were studied here.

<u>Lake Parz (Parz lich)-</u> It is located in Dilijan National Park, to the north of the city of Dilijan. The lake covers an area of 2 hectares and is 5 meters deep, 385 meters long and 85 meters wide. While Parz Lich is a smaller-in-size lake, it has much to offer to each of its visitors.

19.30-20.30 Dinner (price 108.000 AMD)

Transfer, excursion (price 150.000 AMD)

6 Day

09.00 Breakfast at Hotel 10.00 Check out from Hotel 10.30 Trip to Haghpat-Sanahin

Visit to Haghpat.Monastery.

Haghpat Monastery is a medieval monastery complex in the Lori Province of Armenia. This venerable institution of the Armenian Apostolic Church, perched on the lip of the Debed Canyon, has a UNESCO World Heritage Site status, along with Sanahin Monastery. These two magnificent monastic complexes are among the most outstanding examples of Armenian religious architecture and were the major centers of learning in the Middle Ages.

# 14.00 -15.00 Lunch (price 108.000 AMD) 16:00 Visit to Sanahin Monastery.

Moss-covered Sanahin is a fascinatingly detailed church and monastery complex in the Lori Province of Armenia, packed with ancient graves, darkened chapels and medieval gallery schools (study halls where pupils sat on benches on either side of a corridor). The inner sanctum of the St. Astvatsatsin Church (The Holy Virgin), located in the middle of several buildings, is the oldest structure here, dating back to 928, while its adjoining gavit or entrance hall is one of the later buildings, built in 1211. A library was created at Sanahin in 1062, and a medical school flourished in the 12th century. The name "Sanahin" literally translates from Armenian as "this one is older than that one", presumably representing a claim to having an older monastery than the neighboring Haghpat Monastery. There are more than 50 khachkars in Sanahin.

18.00 Check in Hotel











Free evening

Transfer, excursion (price 190.000 AMD)





7 Day

09.00 Breakfast at Hotel

10.00 Check out from Hotel

11.00 Trip to Yerevan

13.30 -14.30 Lunch /price 108.000 AMD/

Transfer, 170.000 AMD

17.00 Arrival to Yerevan

**Hotel accommodation in Yerevan** 

20.00- Gala Dinner (price 180.000 With alcohol)











# 09.00 Breakfast at Hotel Free day

#### We offer: A visit to Vernissage, market.

**Vernissage**- Yerevan's Flea Market is probably one of the best open air markets in world. It is called VERNISSAGE (varnishing, from French) — a term used for a preview of an art exhibition. It is *o*ne of the most crowded places in Yerevan despite the season and weather, which goes live on every Saturday and Sunday, no matter it's hot outside, cold or heavily raining. It's an open air market where the best and most impressive souvenirs are offered. Throughout the years it has turned into one of the most significant elements of Yerevan's cultural life.

<u>Market -</u> One of the most vivid places in Yerevan is Gum Market near the Tashir trading center. The displays of fresh and dried fruits at this covered market are pretty as a picture. In summer, the fresh fruit is magnificent, with peaches, cherries, apricots and berries of every description tempting shoppers. In winter, dried fruits and nuts, including the strings of syrup-coated walnuts known as *sujukh*, are popular purchases. Other produce includes fresh vegetables, aromatic herbs, pungent *basturma* (finely cured ham) and huge blocks of cheese.

13.00 Check out from Hotel Excursion (price 30.000 AMD) Transfer to Airport Zvartnots( price 40.000 AMD)





# Tour package for 12+ persons

All prices for the air ticket, accommodation<sup>1</sup> are not included in the tour package.

		AMD
1.	Excursion, Transfer*	943.000
2.	Brandy tasting	96.000
3.	Lunch and Dinner**	1.368.000
	Total	2.407.000 AMD / 4962 USD

<sup>\*</sup>free bottle of natural water per person /0.5 l/ for each transfer and excursion

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<sup>\*</sup>Transportation service (Comfortable air-conditioned bus, minibus, car corresponding to the number of pax)

<sup>\*</sup> Professional English-speaking guide service

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please tell us in advance your preferences for food or your special diet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We could also assist you to choose the best hotels for best prices