**Dilijan, Armenia**

Dilijan is one of the major cities in Armenia, and has a lovely mountain climate and several mountain springs. Dilijan is located in the marz (province) of Tavush, in the Aghstev River gorge among coniferous woods. Famous for its healing aromatic air, Dilijan is famous for those with respiratory diseases.

The climate in Dilijan is mild and sunny, with average temperatures of -2°C (28°F) in January and 20°C (68°F) in July.

Dilijan is a delightful small town surrounded by wild nature. There are velvet hills all around the town, covered with various herbs and thick coniferous and pine woods. The forest mountain climate, with its mild winds, warm winters and cool summers, makes Dilijan a popular resort town, as do the mineral springs that bring water rich in carbon dioxide straight to the surface. The mineral waters here have been compared to the springs in Borjomi, Georgia, and Vichy, France. The exact date of Dilijan’s founding has yet to be determined. Sources in the early 19th century have mentioned the town, as this is when Dilijan began to develop as a resort and hotel town.

There is a large community of Molokans living in the region. Molokans are a sect of the Russian Orthodox Church who adhere to different beliefs that the main church does not accept. Also sometimes called Old Believers, the Molokans moved to Dilijan from Russian provinces at the end of the 19th century. Many of their unique traditions have survived to the prent day.

The center of Dilijan is on the right bank of the Aghstev River, where there is a large residential area and lots of shops. Old Dilijan has been restored, and there are many historical buildings with attics, carved wooden balconies, and decorated windows and doors. The older parts of Dilijan recreates the traditional life of people who lived here long ago, alongside modern craftsmen, bakeries, cafes, and souvenir shops. On the left bank of the Agstev River is the resort zone, where hotels and sanatoria are located. But no matter where you are in the city, you can always see the wooded mountains.

People come from all over the world to enjoy the rich nature and charm of Dilijan. People come to relax, restore their health, breathe the mountain air and taste the pure mineral water. Even just driving through Dilijan is a great way to see this cute and picturesque town for yourself.