

## Highlights of Armenia - 5 days

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This short introductory tour packs a lot into five days. You'll enjoy Armenia in microcosm, visiting several of its UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the breathtaking Khor Virap and Noravank monasteries, and the unusual Temple of Garni. You'll get to know the capital city Yerevan, with its Soviet-era architecture, bustling market and views from the Cascade of Mount Ararat. Round off your Armenia education with a visit to Areni Winery.

**DEPARTURE DATES:**

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## ITINERARY

**Day 1 - Yerevan**

Today you'll arrive in the Armenian capital Yerevan. Transfer to your hotel is included. Overnight in Yerevan. (D)

**Day 2 - Yerevan - Ejmiatsin - Zvartnots - Yerevan**

This morning, your city tour of Yerevan begins at Republic Square, where you'll admire the grand architecture and the captivating Singing Fountains. Afterward, ascend the Yerevan Cascade for breathtaking panoramic views of the city and the distant Mount Ararat. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll through Vernissage, the city's largest open-air market, where you can browse for antiques and unique collectibles. Next, we'll visit the Matenadaran, a remarkable repository of ancient manuscripts. Following this, we'll head to the Armenian Genocide Memorial and Museum, a poignant site where you can honor the victims of the 1915 genocide and learn about this significant chapter in Armenian history. In the afternoon, we'll venture outside the city to Echmiadzin to visit Armenia's oldest cathedral, and then explore the UNESCO-listed ruins of the 7th-century Zvartnots Cathedral. Return to Yerevan for dinner. Overnight in Yerevan. (Breakfast, Dinner) Overnight in Yerevan. (B, D)

**Day 3 - Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan**

Today's sightseeing programme combines two remarkable historical sites with the natural beauty of Garni Gorge. We'll begin at the Temple of Garni, a rare Ionic pagan temple with Greco-Roman colonnades, unique in Armenia. Originally built in the 1st century AD, it was destroyed by a 17th-century earthquake but was carefully restored in the early 1970s. After exploring the temple, we'll head to the stunning Garni Gorge, renowned for its unique basalt formations, often called the "Symphony of Stones," providing a breathtaking backdrop for photos. Nearby is the UNESCO-listed Geghard Monastery, founded by Gregory the Illuminator in the 4th century and home to a sacred spring within a cave. The current structure dates back to 1315, and you'll have the chance to visit the spring, which holds special significance. Before returning to Yerevan, we'll enjoy a traditional lavash-baking experience, sampling fresh lavash with local cheese and herbs for an authentic taste of Armenia. After the tour, we'll head back to Yerevan, where the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Overnight in Yerevan. (B, D)

**Day 4 - Yerevan - Khor Virap - Noravank - Areni - Yerevan**

We'll begin today's itinerary at the monastery of Khor Virap. Morning's the best time to catch a glimpse of distant Mount Ararat over the border. The views from this spectacular monastery are first rate, but head inside and descend the steps to see its well too. Next up is Noravank. Hidden away up a canyon, this monastery occupies an even more dramatic setting. Climb to the second floor of the church for incredible views back along the valley. After visiting Noravank, we'll explore Birds' Cave, an important archaeological site where ancient artifacts have been discovered. Finally, we'll take you to Areni, where we'll enjoy a wine-tasting at one of Armenia's premier wineries, giving you a chance to pick up a bottle or two to take home. Overnight in Yerevan. (B, D)

**Day 5 - Yerevan**

Today is departure day. We hope you've enjoyed this brief introduction to Armenia and its capital and have made many happy memories. (B)

## TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Included

[International flights](#)  
[Accommodation](#)  
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[Half board meals](#)  
[Evening entertainment](#)  
[Ground transportation](#)  
[Airport transfers](#)

### Not included

[Personal travel insurance](#)  
[Optional excursions](#)

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## AVAILABLE PACKAGES

### COMFORT - 3\* PACKAGE

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## ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Best of Caucasus" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Best of Armenia - 8 days \(AM-02\)](#), Price from £1,295, 8 days
- > [Great Armenian Discovery - 10 days \(AM-03\)](#), Price from £1,695, 10 days
- > [Highlights of Iran and Armenia - 15 days \(CT-04\)](#), Price from £2,595, 15 days
- > [Short Break in Istanbul with a Visit to Cappadocia - 6 days \(TR-02\)](#), Price from £1,095, 6 days

## HOW TO BOOK

### Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Best of Caucasus holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

### Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

**Online:** log on to [www.best-of-caucasus.co.uk](http://www.best-of-caucasus.co.uk) and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Best of Caucasus, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

**Email:** alternatively, you can book your tour per email - [info@best-of-caucasus.co.uk](mailto:info@best-of-caucasus.co.uk), or

**Phone:** call us on **+44 (0)20 30 51 76 40**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel category), and available upgrades.

### Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

### Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full

cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.



