

Best of Armenia - 8 days

AM-02



This eight day tour offers the chance to travel to many of Armenia's most important cultural sites. You'll tour many of the country's captivating monasteries - each has a spectacular setting and you won't tire of such a varied programme. As well as the monasteries of Geghard, Sevanavank, Noravank, Khor Virap, Sanahin and Haghpats, you'll get the chance to explore Armenia's delightful capital Yerevan, taste local wine in Areni and also to visit the spa town of Dilijan.

DEPARTURE DATES:

06.05.2025; 13.05.2025; 20.05.2025; 27.05.2025; 03.06.2025; 10.06.2025; 17.06.2025; 24.06.2025; 01.07.2025; 08.07.2025; 15.07.2025; 22.07.2025; 29.07.2025; 05.08.2025; 12.08.2025; 19.08.2025; 26.08.2025; 02.09.2025; 09.09.2025; 16.09.2025; 23.09.2025; 30.09.2025; 07.10.2025; 14.10.2025; 21.10.2025; 28.10.2025; 04.11.2025; 11.11.2025; 18.11.2025; 25.11.2025; 02.12.2025; 09.12.2025; 16.12.2025.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Yerevan

We'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to your centrally located hotel in the Armenian capital Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan. (D)

Day 2 - Yerevan - Ejmiatsin - Zvartnots - Yerevan

Yerevan, Armenia's charming capital, seamlessly blends Soviet-era architecture with deep historical roots and a lively café culture. Your morning city tour will introduce you to the highlights, including the vibrant Singing Fountains of Republic Square, the bustling Vernissage market filled with antiques and crafts, and the revered Matenadaran, home to ancient manuscripts that chronicle Armenia's rich history. You'll also ascend the iconic Yerevan Cascade, where stunning panoramic views await. On a clear day, you can even catch a glimpse of the majestic Mount Ararat in the distance. In the afternoon, visit the solemn Armenian Genocide Memorial, a moving tribute to the victims of the 1915 genocide and an essential piece of Armenia's heritage. The journey continues with a trip to Echmiadzin, home to the country's oldest cathedral and the spiritual center of Armenia. Afterward, marvel at the ruins of the 7th-century Zvartnots Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its breathtaking architecture. Return to Yerevan in the evening, where a delightful dinner in the heart of the city awaits. Overnight in Yerevan. (B, D)

Day 3 - Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

Close to Yerevan, you'll find two distinct yet equally captivating sights: the Temple of Garni and Geghard Monastery. The 1st-century Garni Temple, an Ionic pagan temple, was built in the Greco-Roman style. Though it was destroyed by an earthquake in the 17th century, it was reconstructed three centuries later. Before visiting the monastery, we'll explore the stunning Garni Gorge, famed for its impressive basalt columns, often called the "Symphony of Stones." Nearby is Geghard Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Gregory the Illuminator. Inside, you'll see a unique architectural feature - a hole in the floor that opens to the church below - and there's a sacred spring that holds special significance for Armenians. Before returning to Yerevan, we'll enjoy a traditional lavash-baking experience. Try your freshly baked lavash with local cheese and herbs for a truly authentic taste of Armenia. Overnight in Yerevan. (B, D)

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

In the morning, the snow-capped peak of Mount Ararat across the border in Turkey looms large on the horizon, making a visit to Khor Virap Monastery particularly rewarding. Noravank Monastery is situated in an even more breathtaking location; as you approach along a narrow canyon, this stunning religious complex comes into view, renowned for its intricate carvings of Jesus with Peter and Paul. Steep steps lead up the outside of the church above its entrance, offering incredible views from the first floor for those willing to make the ascent. Our final stop today will be at Areni, where we'll explore the famous Birds' Cave, known for its archaeological significance, before enjoying a local wine tasting at a popular winery. Overnight in Yerevan. (B, D)

Day 5 - Yerevan - Sevan - Dilijan

We'll take an excursion out of Yerevan to visit Armenia's most beautiful lake. Sevanavank Monastery is located

on a hilltop and from it there are breathtaking panoramic views of the lake. In the churchyard, take a look at the intricately carved stones, known as khatchkhars. From Sevan, we'll drive to the nearby spa town of Dilijan, where we can visit the Geological Museum and Art Gallery which displays archaeological pieces and works of art. There are also plenty of craft workshops in town where you can pick up a souvenir or two. Overnight in Dilijan. (B, D)

Day 6 - Dilijan - Haghpat - Sanahin - Lermontovo - Goshavank - Dilijan

The twin monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin face off across the Debed Canyon. Haghpat is a mediaeval complex largely completed in the 9th century. Grey stone is topped with terracotta roof tiles, but it's the floor that's most interesting - the holes in it were originally designed to keep wine cool. Sanahin is Haghpat's twin; its name means "older than that one". The floor of the cavernous interior is covered with tombstones, though it's considered good luck to step on them as it's thought doing so will free the dead of their sins. From there, we'll head to the village of Lermontovo, named after the Russian poet Mikhail Lermontov, who's often called "the poet of the Caucasus". Our final stop is at the 12th century monastery of Goshavank before we return to Dilijan for dinner. Overnight in Dilijan. (B, D)

Day 7 - Dilijan - Yerevan

Today, we'll retrace our steps and return to Yerevan. The drive takes about two hours from Dilijan so there'll be plenty of time today to fit in some independent sightseeing. Overnight in Yerevan. (B, D)

Day 8 - Yerevan

After what's been a fascinating and enjoyable week, it's time to return to the airport in good time to catch your flight home. (B)

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

- [International flights](#)
- [Accommodation](#)
- [Guided tours & cultural programme](#)
- [English - speaking guides](#)
- [Half board meals](#)
- [Evening entertainment](#)
- [Ground transportation](#)
- [Airport transfers](#)

Not included

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

Practical information

- [About Best of Caucasus company](#)
- [How our tours are run](#)
- [Contact our travel consultants](#)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
06/05/2025 - 13/05/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
13/05/2025 - 20/05/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
20/05/2025 - 27/05/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
27/05/2025 - 03/06/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
03/06/2025 - 10/06/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
10/06/2025 - 17/06/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
17/06/2025 - 24/06/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
24/06/2025 - 01/07/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
01/07/2025 - 08/07/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
08/07/2025 - 15/07/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
15/07/2025 - 22/07/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
22/07/2025 - 29/07/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
29/07/2025 - 05/08/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
05/08/2025 - 12/08/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
12/08/2025 - 19/08/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
19/08/2025 - 26/08/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
26/08/2025 - 02/09/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
02/09/2025 - 09/09/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
09/09/2025 - 16/09/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
16/09/2025 - 23/09/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
23/09/2025 - 30/09/2025	£1445	£1845	£195

30/09/2025 - 07/10/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
07/10/2025 - 14/10/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
14/10/2025 - 21/10/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
21/10/2025 - 28/10/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
28/10/2025 - 04/11/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
04/11/2025 - 11/11/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
11/11/2025 - 18/11/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
18/11/2025 - 25/11/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
25/11/2025 - 02/12/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
02/12/2025 - 09/12/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
09/12/2025 - 16/12/2025	£1445	£1845	£195
16/12/2025 - 23/12/2025	£1445	£1845	£195

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
06/05/2025 - 13/05/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
13/05/2025 - 20/05/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
20/05/2025 - 27/05/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
27/05/2025 - 03/06/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
03/06/2025 - 10/06/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
10/06/2025 - 17/06/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
17/06/2025 - 24/06/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
24/06/2025 - 01/07/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
01/07/2025 - 08/07/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
08/07/2025 - 15/07/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
15/07/2025 - 22/07/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
22/07/2025 - 29/07/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
29/07/2025 - 05/08/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
05/08/2025 - 12/08/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
12/08/2025 - 19/08/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
19/08/2025 - 26/08/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
26/08/2025 - 02/09/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
02/09/2025 - 09/09/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
09/09/2025 - 16/09/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
16/09/2025 - 23/09/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
23/09/2025 - 30/09/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
30/09/2025 - 07/10/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
07/10/2025 - 14/10/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
14/10/2025 - 21/10/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
21/10/2025 - 28/10/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
28/10/2025 - 04/11/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
04/11/2025 - 11/11/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
11/11/2025 - 18/11/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
18/11/2025 - 25/11/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
25/11/2025 - 02/12/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
02/12/2025 - 09/12/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
09/12/2025 - 16/12/2025	£1545	£1945	£225
16/12/2025 - 23/12/2025	£1545	£1945	£225

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:

- > [Great Armenian Discovery - 10 days \(AM-03\)](#), Price from £1,795, 10 days
- > [Luxury Armenia Tour - 8 days \(AM-06\)](#), Price from £1,795, 8 days
- > [Discover Armenia, Georgia & Azerbaijan: from the Highlands to the Caspian - 16 days \(CT-02\)](#), Price from £2,995, 16

days

> [Highlights of Iran and Armenia - 15 days \(CT-04\)](#), Price from £2,595, 15 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 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, 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 BJ100) 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.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

[illegible]