

## ARMENIA

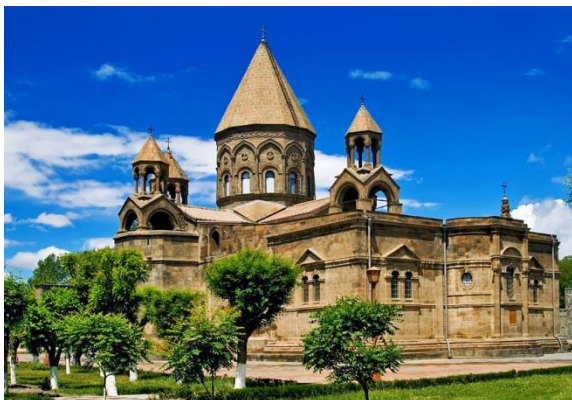
### Armenia Eternal

### 8 days 7 nights

#### Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Zvartnots International airport and transfer to the hotel.

#### RELIGIOUS TOUR



#### Day 2: Yerevan - Echmiatsin - Zvartnots - Yerevan

Breakfast. We will start the excursion to the centuries-old monuments of Ejmiatsin and Zvartnots. These sites are listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The Cathedral of Ejmiatsin, founded in 303, is the official residence of the Catholicos of Armenia. Then, we continue the trip to Zvartnots Temple, which was built in the 7<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. We then return to Yerevan and visit the famous arts and crafts market Vernisage (this is open only on Saturdays and Sundays). Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan. (B/L/-)

#### WINE TOUR

#### Day 3: Khor Virap - Areni - Noravank - Goris

Breakfast. We begin with a trip to Khor Virap Monastery (4-18th century). This monastery is very prominent because of its history; Gregory the Illuminator, who introduced Christianity to Armenia, was imprisoned there about 13 years as at that time there was a prison in the place of the monastery. Here we can enjoy the spectacular view of the sacred Ararat Mountain - an immortal symbol of Armenia. We will continue our tour to Noravank - a monastery of the 12th century situated among amazing sheer rocks on a twisty gorge. On our way back we will visit the village of Areni - an important center of wine production industry. Lunch at a local house in Areni. We then drive to Goris and overnight there. (B/L/-)



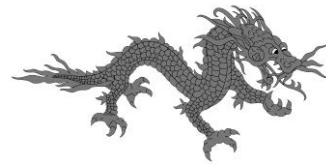
#### THE LONGEST CABLE CAR IN THE WORLD

#### Day 4: Goris - Tatev - Selim - Sevan - Dilijan



Breakfast. Today we are going to ride the pathways that have been used by the travellers of the Great Silk Road. We will drive through the Selim Caravanserai, which served as an important center of exchange, trade and lodging during the times of the Great Silk Road. We will then visit Noraduz and then drive to Lake Sevan which is one of the largest lakes in the world. It stands out astonishingly blue water. Here we can enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the beautiful lake. Then we will visit Hayrivank monastery and Sevanavank complex, which are situated on Sevan Peninsula. They were built in the middle Ages, around the 10th century. Then we will drive to

Dilijan. Walking along Sharambeyan Street, which is one of the oldest streets of the city, we can buy souvenirs and observe the life of the small city. Overnight in Dilijan. (B/L/-)



## UNESCO HERITAGE



returning to Yerevan. (B/L/-)

### Day 5: Dilijan - Sanahin - Haghpat - Yerevan

Today we will visit two unique masterpieces of Armenian architecture of X-XIV centuries: the monasteries of Sanahin and Haghpat which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Literally the name "Sanahin" in Armenian means "this one is older than the other.". These two monasteries are very close to each other and can be easily seen together. Both are located on an uneven plateau, separated by a deep crack formed by a small river that flows into the River Debed. Haghpat Monastery was one of the largest religious, cultural and educational centers of medieval Armenia. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before

## YEREVAN /MUSEUM IN THE OPEN AIR/

### Day 6: Yerevan /city tour



Breakfast. We will start the tour with the tour in the capital of Armenia: Yerevan. For years, this city has been known as a "pink city" because of the colour of the stone it has been built with. We will visit Republic square, Mashtots Avenue, the House of Opera and Ballet after Aram Khachaturyan and Cascad Park. Then we will visit the Manuscript Museum of Armenia, which is called Matenadaran; here all the ancient Armenian Manuscripts are kept. Next, we will visit Erebuni museum and the Genocide Memorial known as Tsitsernakaberd as well as Ararat cognac factory, where we will get acquainted with the long history of Armenian cognac,

which is famous throughout the world. Lunch during the visits. Overnight in Yerevan. (B/L/-)



## CULINARY TOUR

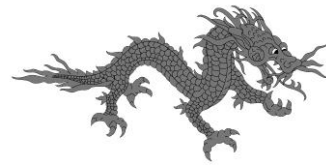
### Day 7: Yerevan-Garni - Geghard - Yerevan

Breakfast. We start with a trip to Garni. This Pagan Temple built in the 1st century AD is the only temple that has been preserved from pagan times in Armenia. It was devoted to the god Mihr, who was the god of cleanliness. In 1679 it was destroyed by an earthquake. In the 1975 the Temple was restored. Then we will continue our trip to Geghard Monastery. Its name came from the legendary lance that was used to pierce the body of Christ. It has been kept here for centuries. Though the exact foundation of the monastery is unknown, the present complex was built in the mid – 13th

century. Afterwards we will visit a local house where you will have the chance to see and participate in the preparation of Armenian national bread: lavash. It is a very thin and usually sold in very large forms. It is usually cooked in a ground oven called a "tonir". In 2015 it was inscribed in the UNESCO intangible heritage list. Here we will enjoy the "Armenian fast food" with lavash and cheese. We then return to Yerevan and Overnight there. (B/L/-)

### Day 8: Departure

Transfer to the airport.



**3\* Hotels**

	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>SGL</b>	<b>Full Board</b>
<b>GBP</b>	690	510	475	430	410	400	375	370	360	350	345	150	85
<b>EUR</b>	780	575	535	485	460	450	425	415	405	395	390	170	95
<b>USD</b>	920	680	630	570	545	530	500	490	480	465	460	200	115

**4\* Hotels**

	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>SGL</b>	<b>Full Board</b>
<b>GBP</b>	740	560	520	475	450	440	420	415	400	395	390	255	85
<b>EUR</b>	835	630	590	540	510	500	475	470	455	450	445	195	95
<b>USD</b>	985	745	690	630	600	585	560	550	530	525	520	305	115

**SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- Transportation with good condition
- Professional English speaking guide service during the tour
- Professional driver service during the tour
- Accommodation in the hotels,
- Water (1 x bottle per person daily)
- Entrance fees in accordance with the program
- HB

**SERVICES EXCLUDE:**

- Visa Fees
- Flight tickets
- Alcoholic beverages
- Extra personal fees
- Meals not indicated in the program