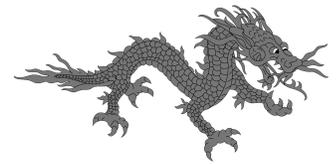


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UNESCO World Heritage Tour

Day -1 Arrival

Arrival at the Zvartnots International Airport and transfer to the hotel.

Day -2 City tour Yerevan

Breakfast. We will start the tour in the capital of Armenia: Yerevan. For ages 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, Mashtoc Avenue, the House of Opera and Ballet and Cascade Park. Then we will visit the Manuscript Museum of Armenia, which is called Matenadaran, where all ancient Armenian Manuscripts are kept. Finally, we visit Erebuni Museum and the Genocide Memorial which is known as Tsitsernakaberd. Overnight at the hotel.

Day- 3 Yerevan-Garni-Geghard-Yerevan

Breakfast. Next, we take a trip to Garni. This Pagan Temple was built in the 1st century AD. It 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 cleanness. In 1679 it was destroyed by an earthquake but restored in 1975. 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. Geghard Monastery and the Upper Azat Valley entered the UNESCO list in 2000. 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 very thin and usually sold in very large forms. It is most often cooked in a ground oven called a tonir. We then return to Yerevan and overnight at hotel.

Day -4 Yerevan- Ejmiatsin-Zvartnoc-Yerevan

Breakfast. We will start the excursion to the centuries-old monuments Ejmiatsin and Zvartnots. These sites are listed in the UNESCO World Heritage list. The Cathedral of Ejmiatsin, founded in 303 AD, is the official residence of the Catholicos of Armenia. We'll continue the trip to Zvartnots Temple, which was built in the 7th century by Nerses Builder Catholicos. We then return to Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan.

Day - 5 Yerevan-Sanahin-Haghpat-Yerevan

Breakfast. Today we will visit two unique monuments of Armenian architecture of the 10th-14th 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", which probably means that this monastery is older than Haghpat. These two monasteries are very close to each other. 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 centres of medieval Armenia. The monasteries of Sanahin and Haghpat were included in UNESCO World Heritage list in 1996. After this, we drive back to Yerevan and overnight there.

Day - 6 Departure

Please enquire for a price for this tour.