

# Guaranteed Departure 2020

## 7 days 6 nights

**4\* hotel - Min 2 - 790 euro**

**21.03-27.06/ 11.04-17.04/ 09-15.05/ 23-29.05/ 13-19.06/ 27.06-03.07/ 18.07-27.07/08.08-14.08/15.08-21.08/05.09-11.09/ 19-25.09/03-09.10/17-23.10/07-13.11**

### Day 1 / Arrival



Arrival at Zvartnoc International airport and transfer to the hotel.

### Day 2 / Yerevan- Ejmiatsin – Zvartnoc-Yerevan (half day tour )

Breakfast. We will start the excursion to centuries-old monuments Ejmiatsin and Zvartnots. These sites are listed on UNESCO World Heritage list. The Cathedral of Ejmiatsin, founded in 303, is the official residence of the Catholicos of Armenia. We'll continue the trip to Zvartnots Temple, which was built on 7th century by Nerses Builder Catholicos. Get back to Yerevan. Drive back to Yerevan. Welcome dinner at traditional restaurant with folk music. (B)

### Day 3 / Yerevan –Khor Virap –Noravank – Areni - Yerevan (full day tour)

Breakfast. Take trip to Khor Virap Monastery (4-18th cc.). This monastery is very prominent because of its history; Gregory the Illuminator, who introduced Christianity to Armenia, has been 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 XII century situated among amazing sheer rocks on the bench of a twisty gorge. This is the only monastery where we may find a unique sculpture of Father God. On our way back we will visit village Areni which is considered to be an important center of wine production industry. You are welcome to taste its excellent wine. Lunch at a local house in Areni. Return to Yerevan and overnight there. (B, L)

### Day 4 / Yerevan -Sevan –Dilijan –Yerevan (full day tour)

Breakfast. We will drive to Lake Sevan which is one of the largest lakes in the world. It stands out with its sweet and astonishingly blue water. Here we can enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the beautiful lake. Then we will visit Sevanavank Monastery which is situated on Sevan Peninsula. There are 2 monasteries actually; one of them is destroyed but the other stands still. They have been built in the Middle Ages, around 10th century. Then we will drive to Dilijan. Walking along the Sharamberyan Street we will come across with many museums, souvenirs' markets, small shops and so on. We will also observe two traditional houses built of wood, with tiled roofs and balconies with meticulously carved being typical examples of Dilijan. Drive back to Yerevan. (B, D)

### Day 5 / Yerevan /City tour/ (tour till 4-5 pm)

Breakfast. We will start the tour with the tour in the capital of Armenia: Yerevan. For ages this city has been known as a “pink city” because of the color of the stone it has been built with. So we will visit Republic square, Mashtoc

Avenue, the House of Opera and Ballet after Aram Khachatryan, the park “CascaD”. Then we will visit the Manuscript Museum of Armenia, which is called Matenadaran; here all ancient Armenian Manuscripts are kept. Then we should visit Erebuni museum and Genocide Memorial known as Tsitsernakaberd. Farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant. Overnight in the hotel. (B, D)

#### **Day 6 / Yerevan - Garni –Geghard - Yerevan (tour till 4-5 pm)**

Breakfast. Take trip to Garni. This Pagan Temple was built in the 1st century AD. It is the only temple that has been preserves from the Pagan times in Armenia. It was devoted to the god Mihr, who was the god of cleanness. In 1679 it was destroyed by 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 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, usually sold in very large forms. It is usually cooked in a ground oven: “tonir”. In 2015 it has been inscribed in UNESCO intangible heritage list. Here we will enjoy the “Armenian fast food” with lavash and cheese. Lunch. Get back to Yerevan and overnight at hotel. (B, L)

#### **Day 7/ Departure**

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.

### **4\* Yerevan - Royal Plaza / Imperial Palace or Similar**

**SGL supplement – 160 euro**

**FB – 130 euro**

#### **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
- Meals /6 breakfasts, 2 lunches /

#### **Services exclude:**

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

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