

DISCOVER THIS ANCIENT LAND
THROUGH YOUR EYES
ARMENIA



JUNE 29 – JULY 8, 2012

DAY 1 – Friday, JUNE 29 Departure Logan Airport-Air France

DAY 2 – Saturday, JUNE 30 - Arrive at Zvartnotz International Airport; Meeting; Transfer to Hotel

DAY 3 – Sunday, JULY 1 - 9.00 –10.00 – Breakfast served

Today we embark on our Journey to the lands of ancient treasures of Christian history. Mother See of Holy **Etchmiadzin**, you will also participate in **DIVINE LITURGY**. It's the "religious capital" of the country and the seat of the Supreme Patriarch-Catholics of all Armenians. It has 4 main churches, including the Cathedral. Built in 303AD, the cathedral is a masterpiece of Armenian classical architecture and considered to be one of the world's earliest Christian churches. Admire **Hripsime and Gayane Churches** (7th c) named after faithful virgins. **Lunch**



DAY 4 – Monday, JULY 2– 9.00 – 10.00 – Breakfast served

Visit to Lake Sevan – the emerald of Armenia, a beauty under the sky. Lake Sevan is considered to be one of the biggest lakes in the world with sweet water situated at the altitude

of 1,897 meters above sea level. Gorgeous view to Lake Sevan is opened from the peninsula atop which Sevan Monastery is nicely nestled dating to 9th century; Dilijan: “A piece of Switzerland in Armenia” - Earth and sky, woods and fields, rivers, the mountains are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn otherwise... The old approach in the new century ... “Old Town Dilijan” complete with craftsmen workshops, small shops with traditional Armenian products and crafts, museum, showing typical 19th century living with all its local customs and handmade wood furnishings..... 10-13th centuries Goshavank Monastery;
Lunch in Sevan

DAY 5 – Tuesday, JULY 3 - 9.00 – 10.00 – Breakfast served

YEREVAN CITY TOUR - Republic Square, History Museum of Yerevan, Yerevan State University, **Tsitsernakaberd memorial and museum to the 1915 Genocide, Matenadaran** - Depository and Museum of ancient manuscripts,.. It is an adornment and pride of any city.... Sports and Concert Complex, Kievan Bridge, Bagramyan Avenue, Presidential Palace, Academy of Sciences, National Parliament, Opera Theater; **Lunch in Yerevan**–Armenian Traditional Restaurant

DAY 6 – Wednesday, JULY 4 – 9.00 – 10.00 – Breakfast served

Khor Virap Monastery (St. Gregory the Illuminator’s underground pit); amazing view of Biblical Mt. Ararat: “The blessed Mountain for Armenians”; Enjoy and taste a guided wine in the famous “Areni Wine Factory” as in Armenia: “Wine is bottled poetry”; Noravank monastery (9th – 14th centuries): “Human-and-nature-created wonders”; **Lunch in Noravank**

DAY 7 –Thursday, JULY 5 – 9.00 – 10.00 – Breakfast served

Ashtarak – where you can find numerous churches or various ancient buildings at any step; **Artashavan** – New Complex of Armenian Letters: “It is difficult to express the deep feeling Armenians have for their language, which many regard as the lifeblood of their culture”, Saghmosavank Monastery perch on the edge of the precipitous gorge of the Kasakh river. **Oshakan** – the most famous as the last resting place of Mesrop Mashtots; **Lunch** and hospitality in the Armenian Traditional Family within traditional lavash making: “Eat thy bread with joy”

DAY 8 - Friday, JULY 6 - 9.00 – 10.00 – Breakfast served

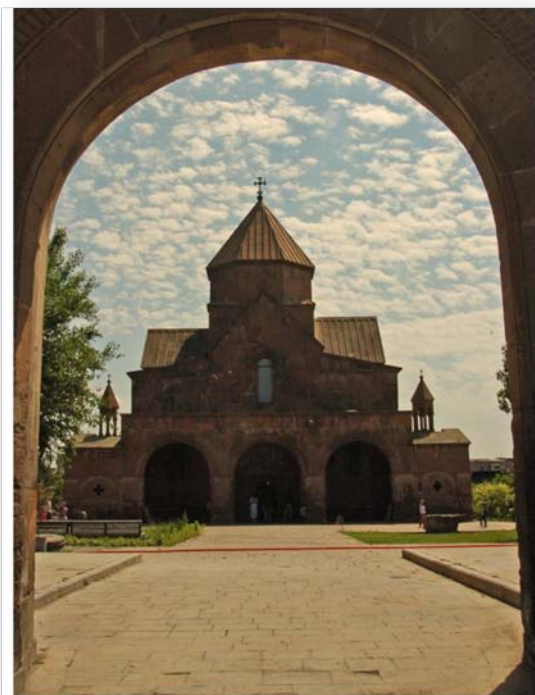
Garni the rare pre-Christian pagan monument maintained in Armenia; wonderful canyon of Garni, where you can see magnificent sheer vertical cliffs, which look manmade; Geghard (Cave monastery) architectural complex in the 12-13th century, cut in one monolithic rock; **Lunch**

DAY 9 – Saturday, JULY 7– 9.00 – 10.00

“Victory” Park with panoramic view of Yerevan and Mt. Ararat; Armen Carpet Factory and Show room: Which brings together time-honored traditions and a range of exquisite aesthetics to create objects of art for modern living; Pak Shuka - a covered bazaar where you can taste the rich yield of our Blessed Ground such as luscious fresh and dried fruits, flavorsome vegetables and delicacies

Vernissage – outdoor market featuring handmade arts and crafts;

Evening:



FAREWELL DINNER in a typical Armenian Restaurant with live Armenian music and Folk Dances, completing your journey with unforgettable memories

**DAY 10 – MONDAY, JULY 8 – 9.00 – 10.00 – Breakfast served
TRANSFER**



****Itinerary is subject to change at any time**

Price includes: Tour Package
Airplane Ticket-Air France
Full transportation and transfers in Armenia as specified in itinerary
Meals as specified in itinerary
Entrance fee to all museums
Tour guide (Armenian/English)
Hotel accommodation based on double occupancy – Congress Hotel

Price per person: \$2,750

Price does not include:

optional: Insurance
Soft and Alcoholic Beverages; Tips, Additional tours and transfers not included in the itinerary