



DISCOVERIES BETWEEN ASIA AND EUROPE

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Day 1



Day 2:

Yerevan City tour
Etchmiadzin
Zvartnots
Yerevan

B/-/-

Day 3

Yerevan
Khor Virap
Noravank
Areni
Goris

B/-/-

Day 4

Goris
Khndzoresk
Tatev Monastery
Zorats Karer
Jermuk

B/-/-

Day 5

Jermuk
Selim
Noratus
Sevan Lake
Dilijan

B/-/-

Day 6

Dilijan
Goshavank
Sanahin
Haghpat

B/-/-

Day 7

Akhtala Monastery
Odzun
Hovhannavank
Yerevan

B/-/-

Departure from homeland.
Check-in at the hotel.



Day 8

Yerevan
Matenadaran
Garni
Gueghard
Yerevan

B/-/-

Day 9



Check-out
Departure home!



Day 1

📍 Arrival in Yerevan



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Arrival to Zvartnots International Airport in Yerevan. Transfer to the Hotel. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Cascade



The Republic Square





Day 2

📍 City Tour

📍 Tsitsernakaberd

📍 Etchmiadzin

📍 Zvartnots



80km



10:00-17:00

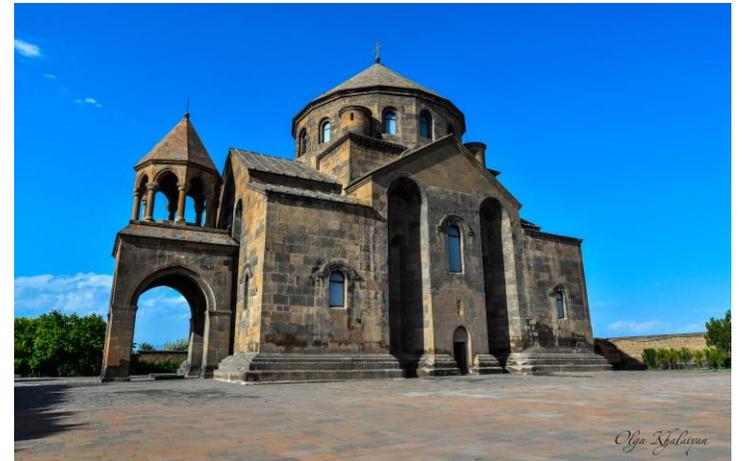


B/-

After breakfast at the hotel, you will meet your tour guide and start a city tour in Yerevan. During the city tour, you will see the most beautiful sights in Yerevan, like The Republic Square, where you may see the stone carpet right in the middle, hiding history of 3000 years underneath, and the opera and Ballet Theatre, projected by the architect of Yerevan, Aleksander Tamanyan. Afterwards, you will admire the enchanting panorama of Yerevan and the biblical Mount Ararat from the top of Cascade Monument, visit the Cafesjian Museum of Modern Arts and Mother Armenia Monument. Drive to Ejmiadzin – the religious center for all the Armenians in the world. Ejmiadzin is one of the first Christian buildings in the world, constructed in 301-303 years, when Armenia officially adopted Christianity as a state religion in 301. On the way back from Ejmiadzin you will visit the ruins of Zvartnots Temple (7th century). This construction is listed as UNESCO Cultural Heritage. Drive back to Yerevan. Free time on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Tsitsernakaberd



Etchmiadzin



Zvartnots

Day 3

270km

09:00-17:30 B/-/-

📍 Khor Virap 📍 Noravank 📍 Areni 📍 Goris

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Khor Virap - the closest point to Mount Ararat. Khor Virap was built as a prison and served as such for the first Armenian Catholicos Gregori Illuminator for his attempt to spread Christianity in pagan Armenia. After 14 years of imprisonment, he was freed and Armenia the first in the world adopted Christianity as a state religion. Drive to Noravank Monastery – a complex with a two-floor church, which is standing in between red cliffs. The existence of the second floor describes the way to God, but the way back is a lot harder. Noravank Monastic Complex belongs to the 13-14th centuries. Then you will visit Areni Wine factory, to taste one of the best Armenian wines. The oldest winery in the world was discovered in this area (6000 years). Drive to Goris, one of the oldest towns in the South of Armenia. Free time on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Goris.



Khor Virap



Noravank



Goris



Day 4



120 km



10:00-16:00



B/-/-

📍 Khndzoresk 📍 Tatev Monastery 📍 Zorats Karer 📍 Jermuk

Breakfast at the hotel. After having a short tour in Goris, you will drive to Khndzoresk – a cave village. Afterwards, you will lead your way to the amazing Tatev Monastery. The longest aerial tramway which is included in the Guinness records' book, will take you to the wonderful complex of Tatev. Tatev monastery was built in the 9th century. You may see there the warning stone, which was moving, when the enemy was not far from the area. A beloved place by all the Armenians and everyone who has ever seen it. Then, you will lead your way to an ancient observatory, the Armenian Stonehenge, which is called Zorats Karer or Karahunj. It is 3500 years older than the Stonehenge in England and 3000 years older than the Egyptian pyramids. Drive to one of the best health resorts in Armenia – Jermuk, famous for its natural sources of mineral water. Visit the waterfall of Jermuk. Free time on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Jermuk.



Khndzoresk



Tatev Monastery



Zorats Karer



Day 5



220 km



09:00-17:00



B/-



Selim Pass



Noraduz



Lake Sevan



Dilijan

Breakfast at the hotel. After a short tour in Jermuk, you will head to the North of Armenia, passing through Selim caravanserai and Noratus cemetery. This way used to be the Silk Road, and the Caravanserai worked as a hotel for the merchants. Then the road leads to Sevan Lake, which is the second highest freshwater lake in the world. Reaching the peninsula of Sevan, you may climb the stairs to Sevanavank Monastery and enjoy the view to the blue-eyed lake from above the hill. Moving to the North, passing through a tunnel you will appear in a quite different landscape, reaching Dilijan, another health resort in Armenia, famous for its humidity and forests. Free time on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Dilijan.



Selim Pass



Noraduz



Sevanavank

Day 6



145 km



09:00-16:00



Goshavank



Sanahin



Haghpat

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning Dilijan will awaken you with its freshness and let you enjoy the rest of the trip. You will visit Goshavank Monastery, situated in Gosh village on a green hill, which was founded in the 12th century and used to be an educational center. You will find a unique Khachkar (cross-stone) under the wall of the church, which was created with old simple instruments. In the north part of Armenia, not far from the border with Georgia, you will find Haghpat and Sanahin monasteries (10th century), listed as UNESCO World heritage. Free time on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Haghpat.



Goshavank



Sanahin



Haghpat

Day 7



145 km



09:00-16:00



B/-



Akhtala Fortress



Odzun

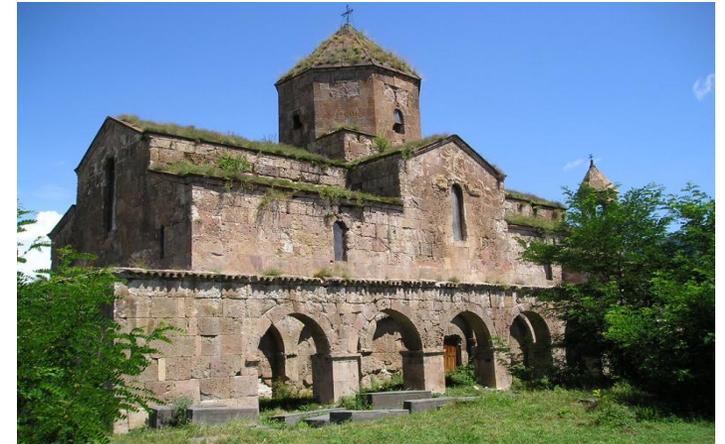


Hovhannavank

After breakfast at the hotel, you will lead your way to Akhtala Medieval Fortress (10th century). The main church belongs to the 6th century. This is one of the most amazing sights in the Northern part of Armenia. Your next stop is Odzun Church (5-7th century). Drive to Hovhannavank (Aragatsotn region), located in Ohanavan village. Part of the church has remained from the 4th century, the other part was built later in the 13th century. Drive back to Yerevan. Free time on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Akhtala Fortress



Odzun



Hovhannavank

Day 8



100km



10:00-16:00



B/-/-



Matenadaran

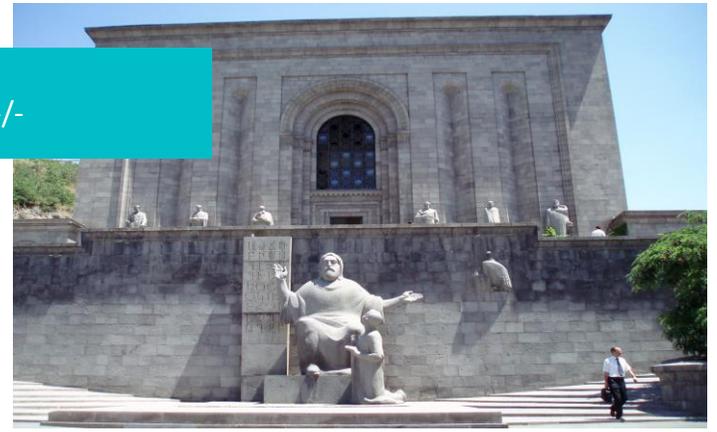


Garni



Geghard

After enjoying the breakfast at the hotel, you will visit Matenadaran- a depository of one of the oldest and richest manuscript collections in the world (about 17,000 manuscripts and approximately 300 0000 other archived documents that have been collected and passed from one generation to the other, starting from 405 AD, when the Armenian alphabet was created). Afterwards, you will lead your way to the Garni Pagan Temple (1st century AD), the only Hellenistic temple existing nowadays in Caucasus. It has Parthenon-type structure with 24 pillars, which means the 24 hours of the day. Your next destination will be one of the most amazing Monasteries in Armenia – Geghard, listed as UNESCO World Heritage. It is also known as Ayrivank, which means “church carved out from the rock”. There is a myth about the healing source inside the church, according to which, it can cure any sickness even when you drink a sip of it. Geghard Monastery is the best place to sing spiritual songs, because of its acoustics. Drive back to Yerevan. Free time on your own. Overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.



Matenadaran



Garni



Geghard

Day 9



B/-/-

📍 Departure.

Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Transfer to the airport. Departure home!



Zvartnots Airport



Opera and Ballet Theatre



Cascade



The package includes

- Transportation according to the itinerary
- Transfers (airport-hotel-airport)
- Professional English – speaking guide throughout the program
- 4 nights at the hotel in Yerevan
- 1 night at the hotel in Goris
- 1 night at the hotel in Dilijan
- 1 night at the hotel in Jermuk
- 1 night at the hotel in Haghpat or Dzoraget
- All breakfasts
- Entrance tickets
- Ropeway in Tatev
- One bottle of water per person per day



The package excludes

- Flight tickets and visa fee
- Alcoholic beverages
- Insurance
- Tips and portage
- Lunches and dinners
- Services, not mentioned in the inclusions





Hotel Links

In Yerevan

SILACHI HOTEL



DIAMOND HOUSE HOTEL



or similar



Hotel Links

In Goris

DIANA HOTEL ★★★★★



or similar



Hotel Links

In Dilijan

DILIGENCE HOTEL



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or similar



Hotel Links

In Jermuk

VERONA HOTEL



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Hotel Links

In Haghpat

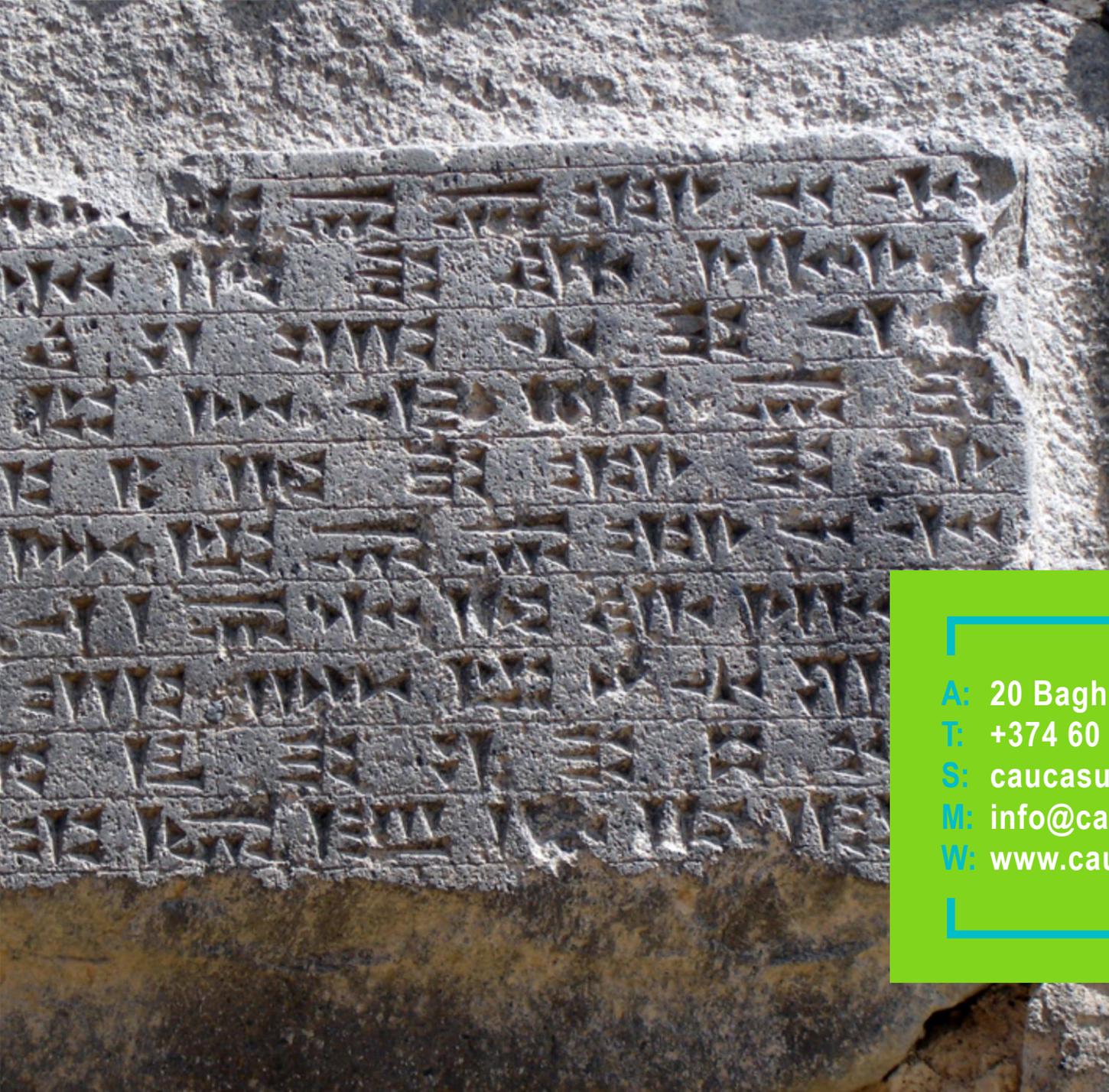
QEFILYAN HOTEL



Avan Dzoraget HOTEL



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