



## Armenia – ancient and modern 5 days / 4 nights



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City tour- Yerevan sightseeing including City center, Republic square, State University, City panorama, Mother Armenia Monument, Parliament, President's Palace, Opera, Sports & Concert Complex.

Walk in the Cascade complex, which is considered the modern art center of Yerevan, with art pieces displayed throughout the whole area: the boulevard and up the stairs, from top of which you can enjoy the panoramic view on the city and Mountain Ararat. Cascade is home to Cafesjian modern art museum. This place becomes even more charming in the evenings, when it is full of people, both locals and tourists from all over the world, enjoying the magic and the warmth of the capital. You will enjoy spending time in one of the cosy open-air cafes surrounded by beautiful sculptures, redolent flowers shining brightly with magic colors. O/N in Yerevan.



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### Day 2: Sevan –Dilijan-Tsakhkadzor

Drive to Sevan, one of the greatest high mountainous freshwater lakes of Eurasia, climb on peninsula from where the fascinating view on the Lake is open. Visit Sevanavank monastery. Drive to mountainous resort Dilijan, which is well-known for its forests as well as its mysterious flora and fauna. During the drive one can enjoy the unbelievable change of the surrounding environment and land shaft from the mountainous lake to the green and rich forest mountains. Small walking city tour in Dilijan, visit handicrafts street there, where one can watch the preparation of different national souvenirs from wood, stone and ceramics. Visit to Haghartsin Monastery which is located in the secluded place of the forest. Haghartsin dates back to 11-13th century and represents a magnificent piece of history, culture and architecture. Besides the place is so unique and the scenery with the nature surrounding it is so breathtaking that most of visitors are in awe. Appearing unexpectedly, out of the dense forests, in front of the visitors, the Monastery creates a magical impression of the lost world. Drive to Tsakhkadzor town the magical place of forested mountains (means "gorge of flowers"), short walking tour around the small town. Opportunity to go up to the mountain peaks by rope way, where you will catch an unforgettable gorgeous panoramic view of this part of the world (optional, at extra charge). In winter Tsakhkadzor is a well-known ski resort with several levels of ropeways leading up the mountains. In summer it's a pleasant place to spend the afternoon in nature and enjoy the sun. Visit Kecharis monastery. O/N in Yerevan.



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### Day 3: Vernisaj-Garni -Geghard

Visit to Vernisaj, national crafts/art market (open only on Saturdays and Sundays). Drive to the only remaining pagan temple in Armenia devoted to the God of Sun – Myrth, in Garni, built in 77 AD by King Trdat (Arshakid Dynasty). The temple is Greco-Roman style with characteristic pillars. It stands proudly on a rocky ridge with a deep canyon presenting a beautiful view. The temple was a summer residence for Arshakid dynasty. Visit to the ruins of Royal Palace and Royal bath-house nearby. Canyon of Garni –magnificent and outstanding scene which creates the image of falling crags. It obtained the name "Symphony of Stones" due to its view. The fantastic landscape of Garni canyon shakes the human imagination. Drive to the unique carved temple St. Geghard (12th -13th cc.), the name of which means "holy spear" in the honor of the long-preserved spear, the same spear that pierced the body of crucified Christ. Geghard Monastery is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list (2000). Family hosted lunch in Garni Village gives pure authentic experience of Armenia. Drive back to Yerevan. O/N in Yerevan.



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### Day 4: Shopping / Tour to Brandy factory

Shopping in Dalma Garden Mall or Yerevan Mall.  
Tour to Brandy factory with brandy tasting.



### Day 4: Transfer to the airport



### Day 5: Transfer to the airport



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