

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 14 Day Turkey - Armenia Treasure Tour

Welcome to our combined Turkey and Armenia Tour! Turkey and Armenia are the ultimate destinations for families, couples and singles of all ages' different and exciting activities to keep you busy, as well as a variety of cultures, histories, sights and experiences to tantalise even the youngest traveller. For those with two weeks to experience Turkey and Armenia, this is it! We will take you to all of the must see spots in Turkey and Armenia. If you come to experience Istanbul, the Bosphorus, the Underground Cities and fairy chimneys of Cappadocia and the ancient ruins of Ephesus then visit the best part of Armenia.



**PRICE STARTING FROM**

~~€1234~~ €1234

**DURATION**

14 days

**TOUR ID**

22834

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Istanbul - Arrival Day

Meet at the Istanbul international Airport and transfer to your hotel. You will be given your room key

and the rest of the day is yours to explore Istanbul. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 2 : Istanbul Tour**

Breakfast Included

Guided Istanbul old city tour on foot, visiting Topkapi Palace (closed on Tuesdays) Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Aya Sophia Museum (closed on Mondays), Covered Grand Bazaar (closed on Sundays). Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 3 : Bosphorus and Shopping Tour and Domestic Flight to Kusadas?**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Pick up at 08:30 from the hotel for the tour of Bosphorus and Shopping Tour. During the tour, we will enjoy a Bosphorus Cruise and visit of Grand Spice Bazaar. Tonight we have an evening flight to Kusadasi.

### **Day 4 : Ephesus and House of Virgin Mary Tour**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

Today's pick up time again at 08:30 for the tour of the ancient city of Ephesus and Virgin Mary's House. You will visit: The Temple of Diana, The Old City of Ephesus, Temple of Hadrian and Serapis, Library of Celcius, Lunch in Selcuk, the Last Abode of Virgin Mary and Temple of Artemis. Overnight in Kusadasi.

### **Day 5 : Kusadasi and Cappadocia Tour**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

The day is yours till your flight time. You will be picked up from your hotel and transfer to Airport for your domestic flight to Cappadocia. Upon arrival, transfer and check into your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day 6 : Cappadocia Tour**

Breakfast and Dinner Included

You will be picked up from your hotel at 09:30 for the day tour of Cappadocia. You will visit: Red valley (4 kms hiking), Rose valley (visiting the churches), Cavusin (Old Christian village), Lunch in Pigeon valley, Ozkonak (Underground City) and Ortahisar Castle. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Cappadocia.

### **Day 7 : Cappadocia Tour**

Breakfast Included

Your day starts with a pick up at 9:30 and a tour of the local highlights of Cappadocia. You will visit: Devrent Valley, Monk's valley (Pasabag), Avanos (lunch in Avanos), Goreme Open Air museum, Uchisar (Natural Castle). End of the tour and transfer to Airport for your domestic flight to Istanbul.

Upon arrival, transfer and check into your hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.

### **Day 8 : Istanbul – Armenia**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and depart by international flight to Armenia. Upon arrival in Yerevan, you will meet with our local representative at the Airport and get transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore this historical and cultural city. Overnight in Yerevan.

### **Day 9 : Yerevan City Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, we will pick you up from your hotel at 10.00AM. Firstly, we will go to see the panoramic view of Yerevan. Matenadaran Museum, The Institute of Ancient Manuscripts is one of the oldest and most well-endowed libraries in the world dominates the centre of Yerevan from its location on top of the hill at the end of Mashtots Avenue. The Matenadaran has a collection of more than 17000 books and manuscripts, many from ancient times, covering not only different facets of Armenian history and culture, but also of many other countries as well.

Along the way, you will get to see the Sports and Concert complex, Kievyan Bridge, Baghramyan Avenue-the Presidential Palace, Academy of Sciences, National Parliament, Writers Union, and the Opera House, Republic Square, History Museum of Armenia. State History Museum of Armenia was founded in 1919. The Museum had Archaeology, Ethnography, Historiography and Fine Arts sections. The Museum collections became the main resource for starting up a number of museums (Museum of History of Yerevan, Armenian Ethnographic Museum, etc.). The archaeological groups of the Museum conduct excavations on various sites and publish monographs and collections of research papers. Currently, the Museum has about 400,000 exhibits, over 5,000 of which are on a permanent display. We will visit Old Food Market before we drive back Yerevan and at 19.00. Overnight in Yerevan.

### **Day 10 : Yerevan Etchmiatsin Cathedral Tour**

Breakfast Included

At 10.00AM, we will pick up from your hotel and shall start our tour. When we are on the way to Etchmiatsin, we will visit Hripsime church. Pilgrimage to Etchmiadzin Cathedral which is the first official Christian church in the world, built in 301. Afterwards we will arrive Etchmiatsin, called New City and Vagharshapat in the past, lying 20 km from Yerevan, is the city where the Mother Cathedral - the throne of the Supreme Patriarch and Catholic's of All Armenians - is located. It was founded in the beginning of the 4th century A.D. According to the Revelation of Gregory the Illuminator, Jesus Christ descended from the heavens and pointed to the site on which the Cathedral was to be built.

That is why it was named Etchmiatsin which means 'The Only Begotten Descended'. We will lead you to visit the ruins of Zvartnots Temple where is the architectural masterpiece of Zvartnots was built by the order of the Catholic's Nurses between the years 641 and 662. It was damaged by an earthquake in the 10th century and unearthed nearly a thousand years later in 1900-1907, in the town of Etchmiatsin. After we will drive back to Yerevan to visit our last stop for our tour today - Arts and Crafts Vernissage. At the end of the tour, we will transfer you back to hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Yerevan. Overnight in Yerevan.

## **Day 11 : Yerevan-Khor Virap Monastery - Noravank - Selim Caravanserai - Lake Sevan Tour**

### **Breakfast Included**

After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Yerevan and we will pick you up at 09.00AM. Firstly we will drive to Ararat Region, visit Khor Virap Monastery. If you want to see Mt. Ararat at its best, our tour highly recommend you to visit Khor Virap. The latter was a royal dungeon in Artashat (Artaxata), the ancient capital of Armenia which is located just in front of the biblical mountain. Afterwards, we will keep moving on, we will drive to Vayots Dzor Region to visit Winery and tasting in Areni Village. Also we will visit Noravank - The architectural complex of Noravank (13-14th centuries). Then we shall keep continue our tour. We will visit Noravank where is the architectural complex of Noravank (13-14th centuries) Afterwards, we will drive to Selim by passing the Old Caravanserai.

The Selim Caravanserai is situated on the celebrated "Silk road" on the way from Gegharkunik to the Vayots Dzor. It located on the Selim Mountain whose summit is 2410m above sea level, this unique inn was founded as a transit point along the most famous of the caravan routes of old. Marco Polo is known to have passed through this locale and described how the local Armenians lived amidst the rugged mountains. And then, we will keep driving to where we stay for tonight - Lake Sevan. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel and given your room key. Overnight in Sevan.

## **Day 12 : Lake Sevan – Dilijan Tour**

### **Breakfast Included**

After your breakfast, check out from your hotel in Sevan. At 09.00AM, we will pick you up from your hotel and shall start our tour. We will accompany you to visit Lake Sevan and Sevan Monastery on the peninsula. Then, we will drive to Dilijan where is a small paradise in Armenia with its charming nature and extraordinary architecture.

In Dilijan, we will visit Sharambeyan Street that has been preserved as an Old Town Dilijan complete with craftsmen's workshops, small shops with traditional Armenian products and crafts, museum, showing a typical 19th century home with all its locally made furnishings, guest house and a Tufenkian Restaurant. Afterwards, we will visit Goshavank Monastery in Dilijan before we drive back Yerevan. At the end of the tour, drive back to Yerevan and transfer you back to your hotel. The rest of the day is leisure. Dinner and Overnight in Yerevan.

## **Day 13 : Yerevan - Garni Temple - Geghard Monastery Tour**

### **Breakfast Included**

Today our tour starts with a pick up from your hotel at 10.00AM. Firstly, we will drive to Garni village to visit Garni Pagan Temple where is the ancient architectural complex of Garni (3rd century B.C. - 1st c. A.D.), 28 kilometers away from Yerevan, in the province of Kotayk, includes a fortress, a palace and a pagan temple. On this triangular plateau, plunging from a height of 300 meters to the rushing River Azat, stand the ruins of a powerful fortress with huge basalt slabs designed for defense of the royal summer residence of Armenia. Also we will visit Rustic House in Garni with you. In here, we will organize Armenian bread-lavash making ceremony and the visitors will participate in it. Then we will visit Geghard Monastery with you. The cave monastery of Ayrivank or Geghard.

Six kilometers from Garni, dates back to the 4th century. Subsequently destroyed, it was rebuilt in the 12th century. The main Cathedral of the Virgin Mary was erected in 1215. The spear that pierced

Christ's body is believed to have been kept here. That is why the monastery was named Geghard ('Spear' translated from Armenian). It is a unique complex of churches carved into the mountain and linked to each other by a series of tunnels and caves. At the end of the tour, we will transfer you back to your hotel in Yerevan. The rest of the day is leisure, enjoy your last night in Yerevan. Dinner and Overnight in Yerevan.

## **Day 14 : Yerevan - End of the Tour**

Breakfast Included

After breakfast, check out from your hotel. In line with your flight departure time, we will arrange your Airport transfer for your international flight back home. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- 2 nights hotel in Cappadocia
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Guided Ephesus tour
- 2 nights hotel in Kusadasi
- Arrival airport transfer from Istanbul airport
- 3 nights hotel in Istanbul
- Return airport transfer to Istanbul Airport
- Arrival Airport transfer from Yerevan Airport
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Sevan
- Guided Yerevan Tour
- Return transfer to Yerevan Airport
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation in Yerevan
- Guided Khor Virap Monastery Tour and Wine Factories
- All entrance fees mentioned within the itinerary
- 13 breakfasts and 4 Dinners
- 2 guided Istanbul City Tours
- 2 guided Cappadocia tours
- Guided Lake Sevan Tour

## **Excludes**

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section
- Optinal land excursion
- Domestic flight from Cappadocia to Istanbul

- Domestic flight from Istanbul to Izmir
- City tax
- Tipping
- Domestic flight from Izmir to Cappadocia
- Hotel room taxes
- Armenia entry visa

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

26 August, 2020 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

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