



## Yerevan Wine Days - 8 Days (#20286)

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### Trip Highlights

Yerevan-Yeghegis-Dilijan-Yerevan

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01**

**June 6 - Day 1: Arrive**

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

**Day 02**

**June 7 - Day 2: Yerevan - Maran - Zvartnots - Ejmiatsin - Alluria - Yerevan**



Morning breakfast at the hotel. Later visit to Maran Winery. The origins of Maran date back to 1828-30, when Sargis, son of Eynat, the Prince of Khoy, and his wife Maran repatriated from Persia to the Armenian province of Vayots Dzor. In 1860 Harutyun, Sargis's son, expanded the vineyard his parents had planted and called it Marani as a tribute to his mother. A few years later he built a semi-industrial wine press by the vineyard. "Maran Winery" was founded in 1992. In the same year the first batch of wine was made from Areni grape variety and was named Noravank. By the merit of its distinctive design and high quality the wine immediately stood out in the market of newly independent Armenia. In 1996 we embarked upon a new project with our colleagues from France and started exporting wines to France and internationally. Over years the combination of Armenian tradition and modern technologies gave birth to our wines, each one better and more successful than the previous.

Maran Winery (Packages in our quote)

Malahi» white dry

Bagratuni» white dry

Malahi» red dry

Bagratuni» red dry

Avagini Blanc» white semi dessert or «Avagini Rouge» red semi dessert

M. Parajanov» pomegranate sweet or Maran Apricot» semi-sweet

Ejmiatsin Cathedral - Zvartnots Cathedral - 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 Catholics of Armenia. Echmiadzin is a sacred place for Armenian people and a spiritual heart of Armenian Apostolic Church. We'll continue the trip to Zvartnots Temple, which was built in the 7th century by Nerses Builder. Currently there are only ruins of Zvartnots, but which have not lost its mystery over the years.

Alluria winery - Visit to Alluria winery. Machanyan family winemaking traditions started from a small village named Alyursituated near Van. The name of the village came from the river Alluria, which flowed around the village.

Inspired by the family winemaking traditions coming from several centuries we created Alluria wines from Armenian indigenous grape varieties grown in our own vineyards. Hot climate, sandy and clay soil of st.Echmiadzinof Ararat Valley result in a perfect harvest, which combined with the love and warmth of our hearts ensured the high quality and the unique taste of this wine.

Alluria Winery packages

- Tour in Alluria Wine House
- 5-7 types of wines
- Grape seed oil.
- Assortment of American Cheese.
- Bread



Participation in the festival "Yerevan Days" - The festival takes place every year on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of June, on Moskovyan, Tumanyan and Saryan streets. It is the biggest wine festival of Armenia. In 2023, it had more than 120 thousand visitors. More than 70 winemakers and more than 30 food companies participated. Every year this number increases, and the event begins to include more participants and partners. The festival is not only intended for wine tasting, but also contains educational and social components. The festival features non-stop music from two main stages. Entrance to the festival is free. Visitors can walk around the entire area of the event, talk with winemakers, taste wines from different wine companies, get acquainted with more than 600 wine types, attend concerts.

Return to Yerevan.

Dinner at a traditional restaurant.

#### Day 03

#### June 8 - Day 3: Yerevan - Amberd - Van Ardi - Yerevan

Morning breakfast at the hotel.

Yerevan City Tour - We will start the tour with the capital of Armenia: Yerevan. For ages this city has been known as a "pink city" because of the colour of the stone it has been built with. So, we will visit Republic square, Mashtoc Avenue, the House of Opera and Ballet after Aram Khachaturyan, the park "Cascade".

Amberd Fortress - The tour continues to Amberd Fortress. The medieval fortress of Amberd (7th–13th century AD) is built on the southern slope of Mount Aragats (4091 meters above sea level) and is the only well-preserved from Medieval Armenia.

Lunch at the local house with homemade wine testing.

Van Ardi Winery - Wine tours are an authentic way to discover a country's rural and inland destinations. There's a story behind our wines, and we love to share it. Van Ardi Estate winery is an important stop on the Armenian wine renaissance route and opens doors for visitors to immerse themselves in wine culture. You will embark on a journey to the world of wines. A toast to that! All in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We offer visitors a range of wine tasting and spectacular private tour experiences.

Choose your experience.

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Overnight in Yerevan.

#### Day 04

#### June 9 - Day 4: Yerevan - Khor Virap - Tushpa winery - Areni cave - Momik winery - Noravank monastery - Yeghegis

Morning breakfast at the hotel.

**Khor Virap** - 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.

**Tushpa winery** is nestled below the Biblical Mt. Ararat, in Taperakan village. Our 6 hectares of vines are planted nearly 800 meters above sea level. The soil is clay-based and partially consists of sedimentary rocks. For their winemakers, it is fundamental to enhance their terroir's influence in the end product. Only by sharing these unique qualities will their wines be protected and justified.

**Tushpa Winery package (Option 01 included)**

You will experience a guided wine tasting of 3 of TUSHPA's offerings after the unforgettable tour in our wine cellar. Our fantastic natural wines will also be paired with a delicious Armenian lavash, cheese platter and homemade snacks to taste the true flavors of Armenia.

**Areni Cave** - Continue the tour to Areni Village and Areni Cave. The cave consists of 3 rooms, most of which are not yet explored. During the studies of the cave, metal knives, fruit seeds, grain residues, rope, pottery, clothing, grapes and dried plums attributed to the years 4200-3500 BC were found. The oldest leather shoe in the world (which is more than 5500 years old) was found here. Here the cellar has been found which is the oldest cellar in the world (dating back over 6000 years ago).

**Momik Winery** - Visit to Momik winery. "We are dedicated to providing our guests with unique wine and dine sets that we hope you will be enjoying with your family and friends very soon! Our pairings feature fresh local foods paired with our delicious wines. You'll also tour our family vineyard".

**Momik winery packages – Option 01 – 3 types of wine (white, rose, red), bread, cheese, tour in the vineyards.**

**Noravank** - 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.



Dinner at the hotel.

**Day 05****June 10 - Day 5: Yeghegis - Selim pass - Noratus - Mikayelyan farm - Sevan - Dilijan**

Morning breakfast at the hotel.

Selim Caravanserai - Today we are going to pass the pathways that have been used by the travelers of Great Silk Road. We will drive through the Selim Caravanserai, which served as an important center of exchange, trade and overnight during the times of Great Silk Road. Here we can see the immortal tracks of world history.

Noratus - Visit Noratus; a village located on the western shore of Lake Sevan in the Gegharkunik Province of Armenia. It is particularly known for its historic cemetery, Noratus Cemetery, which is one of the largest collections of Armenian khachkars (cross-stones) in the country.

Mikaelyan's cheese farm - Our next stop is Mikaelyan Family Farm, where the unique Armenian cheese has been producing for several years by Mikaelyan's family. This family-run company is specialized in the production of wine-cheese, cognac-cheese, "horac" and parmesan-type cheeses.

Hovaz Winery - As the leopard was lost and found in Armenia, winemaking is also experiencing a renaissance in Armenia. Thus, Wine Formula team will not only create favorable conditions for development of our partners in viticulture and winemaking in Armenia but also contribute to wildlife preservation and importance of its protection.

Another aspect of the company's philosophy is to promote women's significant role in the Armenian wine industry thanks to the dedicated work of our team.

Our Core Values Are:

support for sustainable winemaking and viticulture

conservation of wildlife

fair price for the grapes

high level of corporate social responsibility

Hovaz Winey packages (Included) - Sparkling Tasting - Participation in the final steps of sparkling wine production, a glass of sparkling wine, meat and cheese platter.

Dinner at the hotel or local house.



**Day 06****June 11 - Day 6: Dilijan - Haghartsin - Sevan - Manukyan winery - Yerevan**

Morning breakfast at the hotel.

Haghartsin Monastery - Visit the monastery of Haghartsin, which is a prominent structure of Medieval Armenian Architecture.

Sevan - 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 the 10th century.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Manukyan Winery - "Manukyan" wine and brandy company combining the experience of centurial winemaking of Armenia and the technologies and equipment's of modern world introduces a unique culture of wine and brandy-making.

Tour in the winery and tasting

Holani dry red wine

Holani white dry wine

Holani rose dry wine

Cheese assortment, cracker, olive

Return to Yerevan

**Day 07****June 12 - Day 7: Yerevan - Garni - Geghard - Yerevan**

Morning breakfast at the hotel.

Garni Temple - 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 1975 the Temple was restored.

Symphony of Stones - Drive to the Symphony of Stones, located near the village of Garni, not far from the ancient Garni Temple. It is a stunning basalt rock formation that has been shaped by nature over centuries. The rocks in the gorge have taken on various columnar shapes, resembling a natural orchestra of standing stones, which has led to the name "Symphony of Stones".



Lunch at the local house - Abelyan house - Afterwards we will visit a local house for lunch where you will have the chance to see and participate in the preparation of Armenian national bread: lavash. It is 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.

Geghard Monastery - 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.

Gevorkian Winery - A wine tour at Gevorkian Winery immerses you in history through a modern experience. Quality and tradition have always been the priorities of winemaking. Trust us once and you will forever enjoy the experience of tasting our broad range of wines at Gevorkian Winery.

Gevorkian Winery packages (Option 01 included)

Ariats Voskehat white dry wine

Ariats Areni Rose dry wine

Ariats Kes Kakhani red dry wine

365 Pomegranate semi sweet wine

Meat platter

Cheese platter

Lavash chips

Baked potatoes

Grissini

Visit fruit market "Gum"

One of the most vivid places in Yerevan is Gum Market near the Tashir trading center, which opened during former Soviet Union years. It operates every day from morning until late evening. Here you can find fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, spices, many types of dried fruits, cheeses, traditional Armenian bread (lavash), pickles, and more.

Overnight in Yerevan.

**Day 08**

**June 13 - Day 8: Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel. Say goodbye to Armenia! Departure from Zvartnots International Airport



## Inclusions

Transport - Mercedes Sprinter 15-17 seats

Accommodation - 5 x nights in DBL / TWIN rooms in Yerevan 1 x night in DBL / TWIN rooms in Yeghegis 1 x night DBL / TWIN rooms in Dilijan.

Meals - 7 x Breakfasts, 3 x Lunches and 3 x Dinners.

Entertainment and other: Entrance fees, Lavash master class, Wine tastings in wineries (standard packages) One bottle of water per pax per day, Entrance to festival "Yerevan days".

Accompaniment: English speaking wine expert and guide.

## Exclusions

Flight tickets

Alcoholic beverages

Extra personal fees

Meals not mentioned

## Note

Hotels Used OR Similar

Yerevan - Imperial Palace

Yeghegis – Arevi

Dilijan – Armenia

Higher category of hotels available on request.

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Periodic Departure





**06 Jun, 2025 to 13 Jun, 2025**

2-3 pax

AUD 3,503 P P twin share

AUD 4,024 P P single

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4-5 pax

AUD 2,545 P P twin share

AUD 3,067 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 2,388 P P twin share

AUD 2,909 P P single

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