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The Livery Committee International Travelling Club presents

Armenia 2021

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2021



Located in the southern Caucasus, between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, Armenia is a country of rugged mountains and extinct volcanoes. Its national symbol is Mount Ararat, which is linked with the biblical accounts of Noah's Ark. Once an important crossroads on the Great Silk Route, it

became the first country to adopt Christianity in 301AD, and the country is still dotted with medieval churches and monasteries. Our tour will take in exotic scenery and sacred buildings, as well as enjoying Armenian hospitality.

In the early 1920's the Armenian Soviet architect Alexander



Tamanyan transformed Yerevan, seen here, from a small provincial town to a compact capital city of wide boulevards and neoclassical buildings, blending Soviet design with unique Armenian touches such as the use of pink stone and traditional carvings.

OUR PROGRAMME

SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONDITIONS OR UNEXPECTED RESTRICTIONS. Aeroflot operates Boeing and Airbus aircraft on all international routes and has the youngest fleet in Europe. Through check in, 23 kg luggage, no Visas required. Moscow time: UK +3h, Yerevan UK +4h.

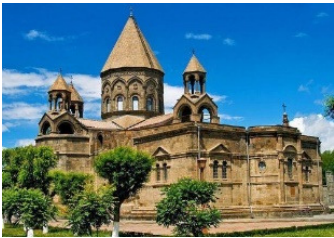
DAY 1 Sunday 26 September

Aeroflot → SU2571 Heathrow T4 0850/Moscow 1440,

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Transfer to at 4* Hotel Hyatt Place. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 Monday 27 September



Echmiatsin Cathedral (said to be the oldest cathedral in the world) is the spiritual heart of Armenia and the seat of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholics of All Armenians, the Armenian Apostolic Church, and the 132nd successor of Saint Gregory the Illuminator. We attend part of a service, and visit the complex of churches, learning about Armenian church architecture, which dates from the 6th century, (long before Byzantine, Romanesque or Gothic styles). After lunch we visit the State History of Nature Museum. Dinner in a local restaurant, overnight in Yerevan.

DAY 3 Tuesday 28 September



On today's long drive our first stop is at the C17th Khor Virap Monastery, with its stunning views of Mount Ararat. After lunch, the spa town of Jermuk, the source of Armenia's drinking water, with the biggest waterfall in Armenia. Dinner and overnight Grand Resort Jermuk

DAY 4 Wednesday 29 September



Today we visit the Tatev Monastery, once the most important medieval monastery in Armenia, reaching it by the world's longest non-stop double track cable car, 3½ miles long, the "Wings of Tatev". After lunch, we see the prehistoric archaeological site, Zorets Karer, known as Armenia's "Stonehenge".

Dinner and overnight, Grand Resort Jermuk.

DAY 5 Thursday 30 September

First, we see the Selim Caravanserai built in 1332, by Prince Chesar Orbelian for weary travellers on the silk route. After lunch (on the shores of Lake Sevan, the highest freshwater lake in the Caucasus) we take a boat trip to visit the Sevanavank Monastery on a peninsula high above the lake. We return by coach to Yerevan. Dinner & overnight Hotel Hyatt Place.

DAY 6 Friday 1 October

The Matenadaran (officially the Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts) is named after the inventor of the Armenian alphabet and has the world's largest collection of medieval Armenian manuscripts. Then a complete change: a visit to the Armenian Genocide Museum, which commemorates the extermination and expulsion of 1.5 million ethnic Armenians from 1915-1923 by the Ottoman government, though most were Ottoman citizens. Lunch, then return to the hotel. It may be possible to arrange a visit to the Opera. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Hyatt Place.

DAY 7 Saturday 2 October

The modern and the ancient! First the Arch of Charents (1957) named after the famous Armenian poet. Then UNESCO World Heritage site, the monastery of Geghard (from the peak of Armenian medieval architecture in the C4th). The churches and tombs are cut into the rock. We will enjoy a professional performance of Armenian sacred songs. After lunch, a Greco-Roman temple at Garni, on a cliff which overlooking the Azat Gorge and the Gegham mountains (C1st), the only survivor of the pre-Christian period in Armenia. Farewell Dinner and Overnight Hotel Hyatt Place, Jerevan

Day 8 Sunday 3 October

Markets today: food, souvenirs, and a visit to the National Art Gallery.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation Yerevan: half board including drinks and dinner 5 nights - 4* Hotel Hyatt Place, Yerevan Fitness centre, lap swimming pool.
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/armenia/hyatt-place-yerevan/evnzy>
- Accommodation Jermuk: half board including drinks and dinner 2 nights - 5* Grand Resort Jermuk has Spa, swimming pool, gym and sauna.
<https://www.grandresortjermuk.com/>
- 7 lunches including drinks.
- De-luxe coach for detailed programme of visits.
- Local guide throughout the tour
- Entry fees to all sites in the programme.
- All gratuities (except for the guide and driver.)
- Porterage at the hotels
- Complimentary water is available on the bus.
- "Whisperer" Audio system
- Guidebook
- The services of your tour director

Millennium Tours Director Tony Giambruno will accompany us

This visit is proposed by Chris Khoo, on behalf of the Livery Committee International Travelling Club and will be possible if we have a minimum of 25 participants. If you are interested in joining us, please contact tony@millenniumtours.co.uk and you will be sent an application form to book. Maximum numbers will be limited, and participants will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis.

- (1) PRICE £2,195 PER PERSON SHARING STANDARD DOUBLE INCLUDING MEALS AS SPECIFIED, PRIVATE TRANSPORT, ENTRY FEES, GUIDE SERVICES, PORTERAGE.
- (2) SOLO TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT £395 (DOUBLE ROOM FOR SINGLE USE).
- (3) DEPOSIT of £350 PER PERSON PAYABLE UPON BOOKING.
- (4) OPERATED BY MILLENNIUM TOURS - ATOL 10040