

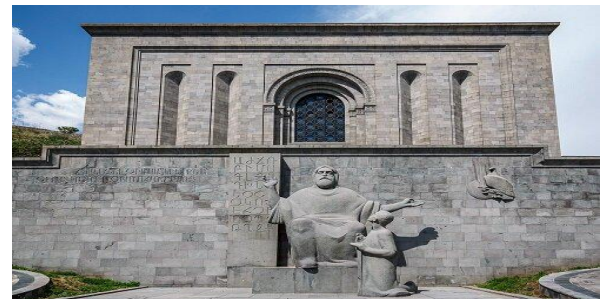
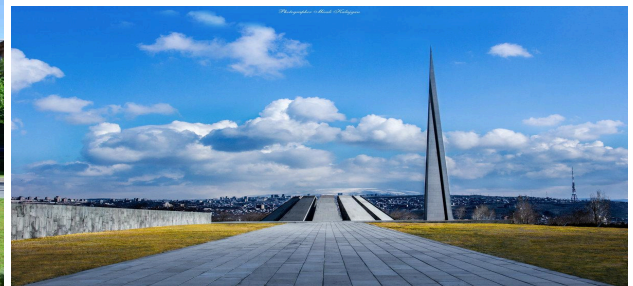


Amazing Armenia #26422 (w. Georgian ext option) - October 2026:

Journey Itinerary - LONG: (see pricing and journey summary [here](#))

Day 1: Our ambassadors arrive. Welcome party dinner with our members, then rest.

Day 2: Breakfast at 9:30am, followed by a Yerevan sightseeing tour. Visit Mother Armenia, a 54-meter monument (including a 22-meter statue) honoring the Soviet Union's WWII victory. Continue to Tsitsernakaberd, a hilltop memorial complex dedicated to the 1915 Armenian Genocide victims. Stop at Republic Square before lunch featuring lahmajjo. End the day at the Matenadaran, the Museum-Institute of Ancient Manuscripts named after Mesrop Mashtots.

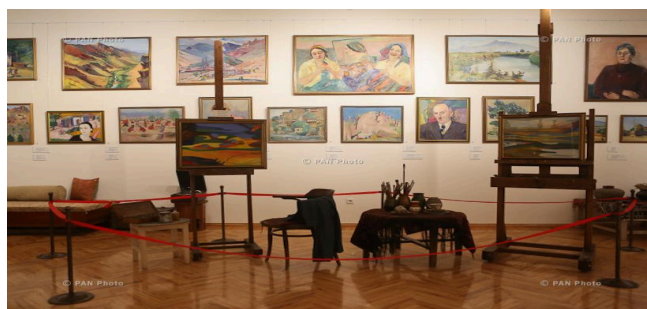
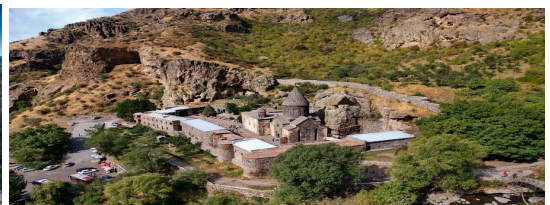


Day 3: Visit Echmiadzin Cathedral and Machanents House, a museum of Armenian culture. Explore Zvartnots, built in 641 when Catholicos Nerses III brought craftsmen from Dvin to

construct the temple near Vagharshapat, the ancient Armenian capital. Nerses III chose this location planning to relocate his residence from Dvin. End with a drawing master class.



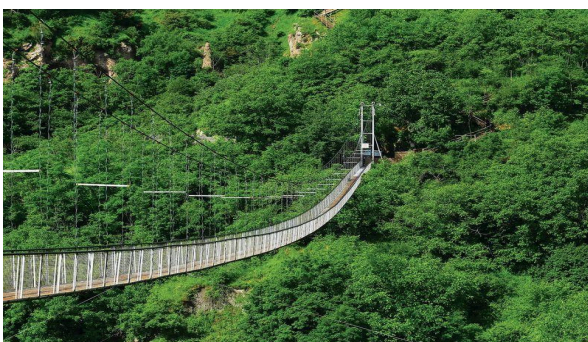
Day 4: Breakfast at 9:30. Visit Garni, an ancient temple built in the early first century and once a strong fortification mentioned in historical manuscripts by Tacitus, Movses Khorenatsi, and others. Continue to Geghard, a Christian monastery and UNESCO World Heritage site located in the Goght River gorge, featuring unique architecture. See the Symphony of Stones, a natural formation of symmetric hexagonal and pentagonal basalt columns. Participate in a lavash-making master class. Visit the Saryan Museum, followed by home gatherings and cooking barbecue.



Day 5: Breakfast at 9:30. Visit Khor Virap monastery, located at the foot of biblical Mount Ararat where Noah's Ark is said to have rested, built above an underground prison. Continue to Noravank monastery, founded in 1205 (possibly on a pagan temple site) and expanded in the 13th-14th centuries when it became the residence of Syunik bishops and a major spiritual center. Stop in Areni, a renowned wine-producing village within Armenia's national park, home to the popular "Birds' Cave." Lunch at a local restaurant. End the day with a visit to Shaki waterfall, one of Armenia's most beautiful. **(Overnight stay in Goris or nearby).**



Day 6: Breakfast at the guesthouse. Travel to Tatev, a stunning 9th-century monastery accessible by the world's longest reversible cable car (5,752 meters), listed in the Guinness Book of Records. Explore Khndzoresk village, famous for ancient mountainside cave dwellings and a swinging bridge spanning a deep canyon filled with rocks and caves. Lunch at home (or local restaurant). Return to Yerevan in the late afternoon.



Day 7: Breakfast at 9:30. Tour of Alaverdi, where the surrounding mountains and neighboring villages hide many spiritual Armenian treasures, including ancient monasteries, temples, and fortresses. Visit Haghpat and Akhtala.





Day 8: Breakfast at 9:30. Tour of Amberd Fortress, purchased by the Bagratuni princely dynasty in the early 11th century, who began large-scale construction inside. The temple remains the best-preserved structure, while the fortress itself lies in ruins. The Mongols destroyed the fortifications and buildings in 1236, and the castle was abandoned. Numerous underground passages lead from the fortress to the gorge—some still accessible, others buried under stones, silently guarding their secrets. Visit the Armenian Alphabet Monument in Oshakan village, whose name means "a wonder to the eyes." This picturesque village, framed by vineyards and pomegranate gardens, is one of Armenia's largest. End at Voskevaz winery.



Day 9: Rest day, with optional outings to local museums and / or local cultural events. Goodbye dinner. For those continuing to the Georgia extension, use this free day for rest, laundry or suggested local activities to do (individually).

Day 10: Breakfast 6:30. Those not joining the Georgia extension will fly out today. Those continuing on to the extension will join the 6 hour drive to Georgia after breakfast.

 **Georgia Extension Begins:**  After the 6 hour drive from Yerevan to Georgia, you will arrive at the City tour of Tbilisi, capital and largest city of Georgia, located on the banks of the Kura River in the Tbilisi Basin. A noisy, cheerful, traditional and at the same time actively developing city with one and a half million residents. Dinner and settle into the accommodations. **(Georgia Accommodation, night 1)**



Day 11: Breakfast 9:00am. Tbilisi Signaki = Signaghi is a "city of love" with houses that look like they came from Italy. Its main attraction is the 18th century fortress. You will learn about the history of the building and discover stunning views of the Alazani Valley. Bodbe Monastery in Georgia. The Tomb of St. Nina is a national shrine of Georgia, located in the southern aisle of St. George's Cathedral. People believe in its healing powers, which help to cope with illnesses and ailments, both physical and mental. **(Georgia Accommodation, night 2)**



Day 12: Breakfast 9:00am. Tour to Jvari. Jvari = You will go to the most beautiful landscape - the confluence of the Aragvi and Kura rivers, which harmoniously complements the magnificent Jvari temple. You will visit the place where the first cross was erected in Georgia in the 4th century, feel the ancient energy of the temple, learn about its legends and bright events and admire the panorama of Mtskheta. The Shrines of Mtskheta bring you to a place called the "altar of Georgia" and its soul. In the ancient capital of Sakartvelo, cozy streets will lead you to the Svetitskhoveli Temple, at the base of which rests the chiton of the Lord. You will learn the main things about the birth of Christianity in Georgia and the importance of religion in the life and culture of Georgians. And you will also hear how and why pagan frescoes appeared in the Orthodox church. **(Evening drive to Yerevan)**



Day 13: Travel & Departure Day, Ambassadors have three choices on this last day:

- **Option 1)** Either fly out of Tbilisi / Georgia
- **Option 2)** Do a local Georgia extension or drive back with us to Yerevan.
- **Option 3)** Drive back with the group to Yerevan, and fly out from Yerevan that night or the next morning (6 hour drive back). Those who drive back are welcome to join us for a final dinner.



Airports:

- **Yerevan:** Zvartnots International Airport (IATA: EVN, ICAO: UDYZ), located about 15 km (9.3 miles) west of Yerevan Wikipedia, is Armenia's main international airport.
- **Tbilisi:** Shota Rustaveli Tbilisi International Airport (IATA: TBS, ICAO: UGTB), located 17 km (11 miles) southeast of Tbilisi Wikipedia, is Georgia's busiest international airport.

 **About our Club, FF Yerevan:** We're a growing club with 4 official members, and we're excited that new members are starting to join more events! With each new event we host, a new member joins us, around their existing jobs and other responsibilities, whether it's for outings or just dinner together. Since our members work full-time and live in small apartments, we can't offer home-hosting yet, but we'd love to have you stay at our guesthouse while we build up that capacity. It's centrally located in Yerevan with private bathrooms in each double room, plus a shared kitchen and dining area where we all get together for meals. We also offer

an optional Georgia extension that blends sightseeing with day hosting and, when their schedule permits, meetups with our new growing Georgia club. (*More on this in the “Georgia” extension section.*) Given our limitations with English, our dear tour guide Margarita joins us on many occasions to help narrate the history of our beautiful country in detail for ambassadors.



 **About Riverside Guesthouse Accomodations:** For the majority of their stay in Yerevan, our guests will stay at our preferred local guest house, close to Armenia’s central famous Republic Sq. → [ **Photos and videos of guesthouse, [here](#)**]

This guesthouse is a comfortable option with single and double occupancy options, each room with its own bathroom, but with a shared kitchen and dining area for shared meals.

