



Tailor-Made Itinerary – Florian



✦ **Custom Program**

Day 1: Arrival in Yerevan

[DAY_IMAGE_01:Yerevan Center]

- **Morning:** Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport. Private transfer to your hotel in central Yerevan (30 min, with driver assistance for luggage).
- **Afternoon:** Leisurely orientation walk through Republic Square and the Cascade Complex (2h, easy pace, flat terrain). Time to relax or explore cafes.
- **Evening:** Welcome dinner at a contemporary Armenian restaurant with local wines.
- **Highlight:** First sunset view over Mount Ararat from the Cascade steps.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel** (5*, Kentron district, elegant urban luxury with spa and panoramic views, from €160/room/night)
 - **Boutique guesthouse in Kentron district** (boutique, central location near Republic Square, cozy authentic charm, from €80/room/night)
 - **Eco-friendly hotel near Lovers' Park** (eco-boutique, green

neighborhood, sustainable design with garden terrace, from
€100/room/night)

- **[To Customize]:** Confirm early check-in and flight details.

TIP: March weather in Yerevan is mild (10-15°C); pack layers for cool evenings.

Day 2: Yerevan Culture & History

[DAY_IMAGE_02:Republic Square]

- **Morning:** Guided visit to the History Museum of Armenia (1.5h) and Vernissage craft market (1h walking, easy pace, all ages suitable).
- **Afternoon:** Explore the Genocide Memorial and Museum (2h, emotional site with outdoor views). Optional visit to the Brandy Factory for a tasting (1h).
- **Evening:** Dinner in the vibrant Saryan Street wine bars.
- **Highlight:** Private introduction to Armenian music with a local ensemble (on request, 45 min).
- **Hotel options:** Same as Day 1.
- **[To Customize]:** Reserve music experience; dietary preferences for group dinners.

Day 3: Echmiadzin & Zvartnots – The Spiritual Heart

[DAY_IMAGE_03:Echmiadzin]

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Echmiadzin Cathedral (UNESCO, 40 min). Guided tour of the “Vatican of Armenia” and nearby churches (2h).
- **Afternoon:** Visit the ruins of Zvartnots Cathedral (1h). Return to Yerevan with a stop at a local bakery for lavash-making workshop (30 min, hands-on).
- **Evening:** Free time or optional jazz club outing.
- **Highlight:** Hands-on lavash baking with local artisans.
- **Hotel options:** Same as Day 1.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm church opening hours; reserve bakery workshop.

TIP: Wear comfortable shoes for uneven cathedral grounds; modest dress required (shoulders/knees covered).

Day 4: Garni Temple & Geghard Monastery

[DAY_IMAGE_04:Garni Temple]

- **Morning:** Private 4×4 transfer to Garni Pagan Temple (45 min). Explore the only Greco-Roman temple in the region (1h).

- **Afternoon:** Short transfer to Geghard Monastery (UNESCO, 20 min). Guided tour (1h). Optional short hike in Azat Gorge for panoramic views (easy/moderate, 1.5h, suitable for groups).
- **Evening:** Return to Yerevan (45 min). Dinner at a family-run restaurant featuring traditional music.
- **Highlight:** Acoustic performance inside Geghard's rock-hewn chapel.
- **Hotel options:** Same as Day 1.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm hike preferences and accessibility.

Day 5: Lake Sevan & Dilijan Forests

[DAY_IMAGE_05:Lake Sevan]

- **Morning:** Private transfer from Yerevan to Lake Sevan (1.5h). Visit Sevanavank Monastery on the peninsula (1h, 1,900m altitude).
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Dilijan National Park ("Armenian Switzerland", 1h). Walk in the Old Town and visit Haghartsin Monastery (easy trails, 2h).
- **Evening:** Check into accommodation in Dilijan. Evening bonfire and local herbal tea tasting.
- **Highlight:** Lakeside monastery views at Sevan.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex** (boutique, historic center,

- restored Soviet-era charm with spa, from €120/room/night)
- **Eco-lodge in Dilijan National Park** (eco-lodge, forest setting, wooden chalets with nature trails, from €90/room/night)
- **Luxury lakeside hotel at Sevan** (luxury, peninsula location, modern resort with lake views, from €140/room/night)
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm room configurations; dietary restrictions for eco-lodge meals.

ALTITUDE: Lake Sevan at 1,900m; drink plenty of water, take it easy first day to acclimatize.

Day 6: Tavush Region – Nature & Wine

[DAY_IMAGE_06:Tavush Vineyards]

- **Morning:** Explore Dilijan's forest trails or visit Parz Lake (easy hike or lakeside stroll, 1–2h, flat paths available).
- **Afternoon:** Private transfer to Tavush vineyard for wine tasting (45 min, 1.5h experience). Optional visit to Goshavank Monastery (1h).
- **Evening:** Return to Dilijan. Dinner at the eco-lodge or local tavern.
- **Highlight:** Vineyard sunset with local cheeses.
- **Hotel options:** Same as Day 5.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm hiking preferences and wine tour availability.

Day 7: Lori Highlands & Haghpat

[DAY_IMAGE_07:Haghpat Monastery]

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Lori region (2h, with scenic stops). Visit Haghpat and Sanahin Monasteries (UNESCO, 2h total).
- **Afternoon:** Picnic lunch in the highlands (1,300-1,500m). Optional walk to Debed Canyon viewpoints (easy, 1h).
- **Evening:** Check into accommodation in Lori. Private folklore evening with local musicians (on request).
- **Highlight:** Twin UNESCO monasteries with canyon backdrop.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Boutique guesthouse in Alaverdi** (boutique, near monasteries, family-run with home-cooked meals, from €70/room/night)
 - **Eco-lodge in Debed Canyon** (eco-lodge, riverside location, hiking access and fresh air, from €90/room/night)
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm folklore evening and dietary needs.

ALTITUDE: Lori highlands 1,300-1,500m; light activity recommended, stay hydrated.

Day 8: Gyumri – Armenia’s Creative Hub

[DAY_IMAGE_08:Gyumri Old Town]

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Gyumri (2h). Walking tour of historic Kumayri district, artisan studios, and local cafes (2h, easy pace).
- **Afternoon:** Visit Black Fortress and local museums (1.5h). Time for independent exploration.
- **Evening:** Dinner in a bohemian restaurant with live music.
- **Highlight:** Meet local artists for a creative workshop (on request, 1h).
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Luxury hotel in Gyumri center** (luxury, central, modern comfort with cultural vibe, from €110/room/night)
 - **Boutique guesthouse** (boutique, old town, artistic decor and courtyard, from €70/room/night)
- **[To Customize]:** Reserve artist workshop; check museum opening days.

TIP: Gyumri has a vibrant arts scene; great for group photos and souvenirs.

Day 9: Amberd Fortress & Mount Aragats

[DAY_IMAGE_09:Amberd Fortress]

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Amberd Fortress (1.5h). Explore the medieval stronghold and views of Mount Aragats (2,000m, 1.5h).
- **Afternoon:** Optional short hike in the foothills (easy/moderate, 1–2h) or visit Saghmosavank Monastery. Picnic lunch with panoramic views.
- **Evening:** Return to Yerevan (1.5h). Free evening for shopping or relaxation.
- **Highlight:** 360° views from Amberd ramparts.
- **Hotel options:** Same as Day 1.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm hiking preferences and weather at higher altitudes.

ALTITUDE: Amberd at 2,000m; monitor for headache/fatigue, descend if needed.

Day 10: Khor Virap & Areni Wine Country

[DAY_IMAGE_10:Khor Virap]

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Khor Virap Monastery (1h, 900m). Iconic views of Mount Ararat (1.5h visit).
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Areni wine region (1h). Wine tasting and tour of Noravank Monastery in red-rock canyon (2h).
- **Evening:** Check into accommodation in Areni. Private wine cellar

dinner (on request).

- **Highlight:** Ararat sunrise from monastery pit.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Boutique guesthouse in Areni** (boutique, village center, wine-focused with terrace, from €70/room/night)
 - **Eco-lodge in the vineyards** (eco-lodge, rural setting, organic breakfasts and views, from €90/room/night)
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm wine cellar dinner and room preferences.

Day 11: Tatev Monastery & Vorotan Gorge

[DAY_IMAGE_11:Tatev Monastery]

- **Morning:** Early private transfer to Tatev (2.5h, with rest stop). Ride the “Wings of Tatev” cable car (world’s longest, 12 min) to the monastery (1,700m).
- **Afternoon:** Explore Tatev Monastery and Vorotan Gorge (2h). Optional hike or visit to Devil’s Bridge (easy/moderate, 1–2h).
- **Evening:** Overnight near Tatev or return toward Areni based on preference (1h transfer option).
- **Highlight:** Cable car journey over the deepest gorge in Armenia.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Eco-lodge near Tatev** (eco-lodge, gorge views, simple comfort

with nature immersion, from €80/room/night)

- **Boutique guesthouse in Goris** (boutique, cave town nearby, modern amenities, from €70/room/night)
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm cable car schedule and weather conditions.

ALTITUDE: Tatev at 1,700m; cable car is scenic and effortless.

Day 12: Return to Yerevan via Areni

[DAY_IMAGE_12:Areni Vineyards]

- **Morning:** Leisurely breakfast and vineyard stroll in Areni. Private return to Yerevan (3h, with rest stops).
- **Afternoon:** Free time in Yerevan for last-minute shopping or museum visits.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with panoramic city views.
- **Highlight:** Toast to the journey with Armenian brandy.
- **Hotel options:** Same as Day 1.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm departure transfer details.

Day 13: Free Day in Yerevan

[DAY_IMAGE_13:Yerevan Vernissage]

- **Morning:** Optional guided market visit to Vernissage or art gallery tour (flexible 2h).
- **Afternoon:** At leisure—explore, relax, spa time, or revisit favorite sites at your own pace.
- **Evening:** Light dinner or night out as desired.
- **Highlight:** Flexibility to enjoy Yerevan at your group's pace.
- **Hotel options:** Same as Day 1.
- **[To Customize]:** Finalize any last-minute requests or experiences.

TIP: Perfect day for souvenir shopping or group reflections.

Day 14: Departure

[DAY_IMAGE_14:Yerevan Airport]

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Zvartnots Airport (30 min, allow 3h before flight). Assistance with check-out and luggage.
- **Afternoon:** Departure (timing based on flight).
- **Evening:** —
- **Highlight:** Smooth, stress-free departure.
- **Hotel options:** —
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm flight details and transfer timing.

✦ Customizable Options

- Private guided hiking in Dilijan or Tatev regions
- Cooking class with an Armenian chef
- Wellness day: spa and thermal baths in Jermuk (add-on)
- Helicopter scenic flight over Mount Ararat (premium upgrade)
- Exclusive monastery access with a local historian
- Winery visits with food pairing masterclass

✦ Alternative Options

- **Alternative Option 1:** Focus on Central & Southern Armenia only, reducing travel time and allowing more in-depth exploration of Yerevan, Garni, Geghard, Areni, and Tatev (ideal for a slower pace).
- **Alternative Option 2:** Add a short extension to Georgia (Tbilisi) for a cross-border Caucasus experience (requires additional logistics, visas, and time).
- **Alternative Option 3:** Emphasize active experiences: more hiking, horseback riding, and adventure sports in Dilijan and Lori regions (suitable for an energetic group).

✦ Practical Info & Budget

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodation (13 nights)	€900–€1,200
Driver-guide & private vehicle	€500–€600
Meals (half-board)	€250–€350
Experiences & entrance fees	€200–€300
Total Group Budget (5 adults)	€9,250–€12,000
Total Estimated Cost	€1,850–€2,400

- **What's included:** Accommodation, private driver-guide, local experiences, breakfasts, selected dinners, entrance fees, airport transfers.
- **Not included:** International flights, travel insurance, lunches, personal expenses, tips.
- **Visa:** Most EU/US citizens can enter Armenia visa-free for short stays; check latest requirements closer to departure.
- **Health & safety:** No specific vaccinations required; standard travel health precautions apply. Weather can be variable—bring layers and waterproofs.
- **Partner verification and availability check recommended for final booking.**

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