



# Tailor-Made Itinerary – Florian



**TRIP OVERVIEW**

<b>Weather</b>	5-15°C - Cool temperatures with possible rain and snow in higher regions
<b>Budget</b>	€10,000 / person
<b>Safety</b>	Low Risk - Stay aware of your surroundings and follow local advice.

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## Introduction

Armenia, a land of ancient monasteries, dramatic mountains, and warm hospitality, is a destination that rewards curious travelers with its blend of history, nature, and living tradition. Florian, you and your group of five friends are considering a two-week adventure here in March 2026, seeking a mix of luxury, authenticity, and discovery. With a driver-guide at your side, you'll be able to explore Armenia's treasures at your own pace, focusing on its legendary churches and cultural highlights. This program is

auto-generated based on local expert experience and our verified partners in Armenia, ensuring a seamless and enriching journey.

## **Why this destination?**

Armenia is a perfect fit for your group's interests: it boasts some of the world's oldest churches, set against breathtaking landscapes, and offers a genuine, welcoming atmosphere. Traveling with a driver-guide means you'll access both iconic sites and hidden gems, while enjoying the comfort of handpicked luxury hotels, eco lodges, and charming guesthouses. March is a quieter period, ideal for immersive cultural experiences without the crowds, and the climate is cool but generally pleasant for sightseeing.

## **Custom Program**

### **Day 1: Arrival in Yerevan**



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- **Morning:** Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport (Yerevan). Private transfer (30 min) to your hotel in the city center. Early check-in arranged if possible.
- **Afternoon:** Leisurely walk through Republic Square and the Cascade Complex. Orientation with your driver-guide; introduction to Armenian culture and history.
- **Evening:** Welcome dinner at a contemporary Armenian restaurant. Explore Yerevan's lively café scene.
- **Highlight:** Sunset views over Mount Ararat from the Cascade steps.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5\*)** - Central Yerevan.  
Luxury with eco-conscious spa treatments. From €200/night.
- **Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel (Boutique)** - Central Yerevan.  
Local artisan decor and sustainable practices. From €125/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm early check-in based on flight arrival time.

## 📍 **Day 2: Yerevan & Echmiadzin – Spiritual Heartland**



- **Morning:** Guided visit to Echmiadzin Cathedral (UNESCO, 40 min drive), the spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Explore

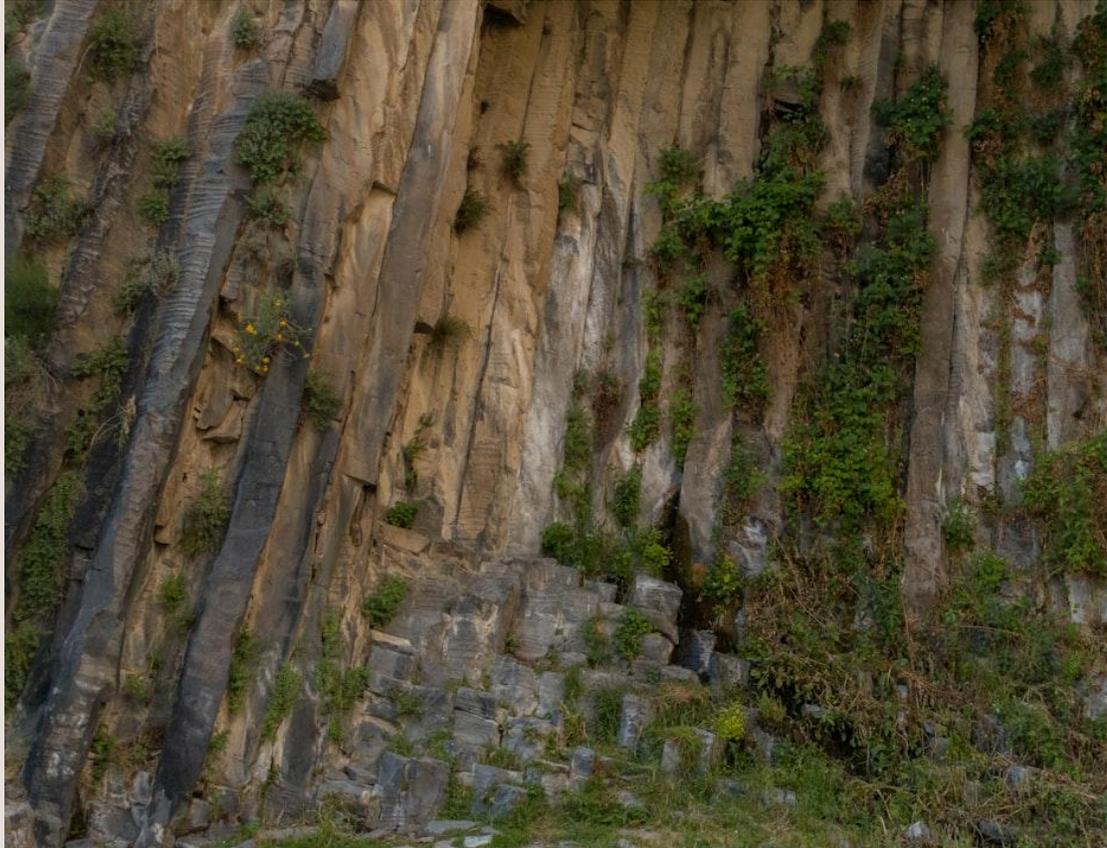
nearby churches of St. Hripsime and St. Gayane.

- **Afternoon:** Return to Yerevan. Visit the History Museum of Armenia or Vernissage open-air market. Optional brandy tasting at Ararat Brandy Factory.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a traditional Armenian tavern with live folk music.
- **Highlight:** Private blessing ceremony at Echmiadzin (on request).

**Accommodation Options:**

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Luxury with eco-conscious spa treatments. From €200/night.
- **Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel (Boutique)** - Central Yerevan.  
Local artisan decor and sustainable practices. From €125/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Arrange blessing ceremony; confirm museum opening hours.

 **Day 3: Garni & Geghard – Pagan and Christian Armenia**



- **Morning:** Drive (1h) to Garni Temple, the only Greco-Roman colonnaded temple in the former Soviet Union. Continue to Geghard Monastery (UNESCO, 20 min), carved into the rock.
- **Afternoon:** Lunch in a village house with lavash bread baking demonstration. Short hike in Garni Gorge (optional, easy, 1.5h).
- **Evening:** Return to Yerevan. Free evening to explore local bars or relax.
- **Highlight:** Participatory lavash baking with a local family.
  - **Accommodation Options:**
    - **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5\*)** - Central Yerevan.

Luxury with eco-conscious spa treatments. From €200/night.

- **Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel** (Boutique) - Central Yerevan.

Local artisan decor and sustainable practices. From €125/night.

- **[To Customize]:** Confirm hike preference and dietary restrictions for lunch.

#### 📍 **Day 4: Lake Sevan & Dilijan – Nature and Monasteries**



- **Morning:** Scenic drive (1.5h) to Lake Sevan. Visit Sevanavank Monastery on the peninsula.

- **Afternoon:** Continue to Dilijan (“Armenian Switzerland”, 1h). Walk in the old town, visit Haghartsin Monastery (30 min drive).
- **Evening:** Dinner at a forest restaurant. Overnight in Dilijan.
- **Highlight:** Forest walk in Dilijan National Park.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex** (Eco-Resort) - Dilijan.  
Rustic-chic with forest immersion. From €120/night.
- **Petit Dilijan B&B** (Boutique) - Dilijan. Family-run with mountain views. From €75/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm room configuration and forest walk difficulty.

 **Day 5: Dilijan to Lori – Hidden Monasteries**



- **Morning:** Drive north (2h) to Lori region. Visit Haghpat and Sanahin Monasteries (UNESCO), set in dramatic gorges.
- **Afternoon:** Lunch in a local guesthouse. Optional walk to the Debed Canyon viewpoint (easy, 1h).
- **Evening:** Overnight in a Lori guesthouse or eco-lodge.
- **Highlight:** Private choir performance in a monastery (on request).
  - **Accommodation Options:**
    - **Avan Dzoraget Hotel (Eco-Lodge)** - Lori. Riverside with local stone architecture. From €100/night.
    - **Debed Life Workation & Co-living House (Guesthouse)** - Lori.

Canyon views and solar power. From €60/night.

- **[To Customize]:** Arrange choir performance; confirm guesthouse availability.

## 📍 Day 6: Lori to Gyumri – Art & History



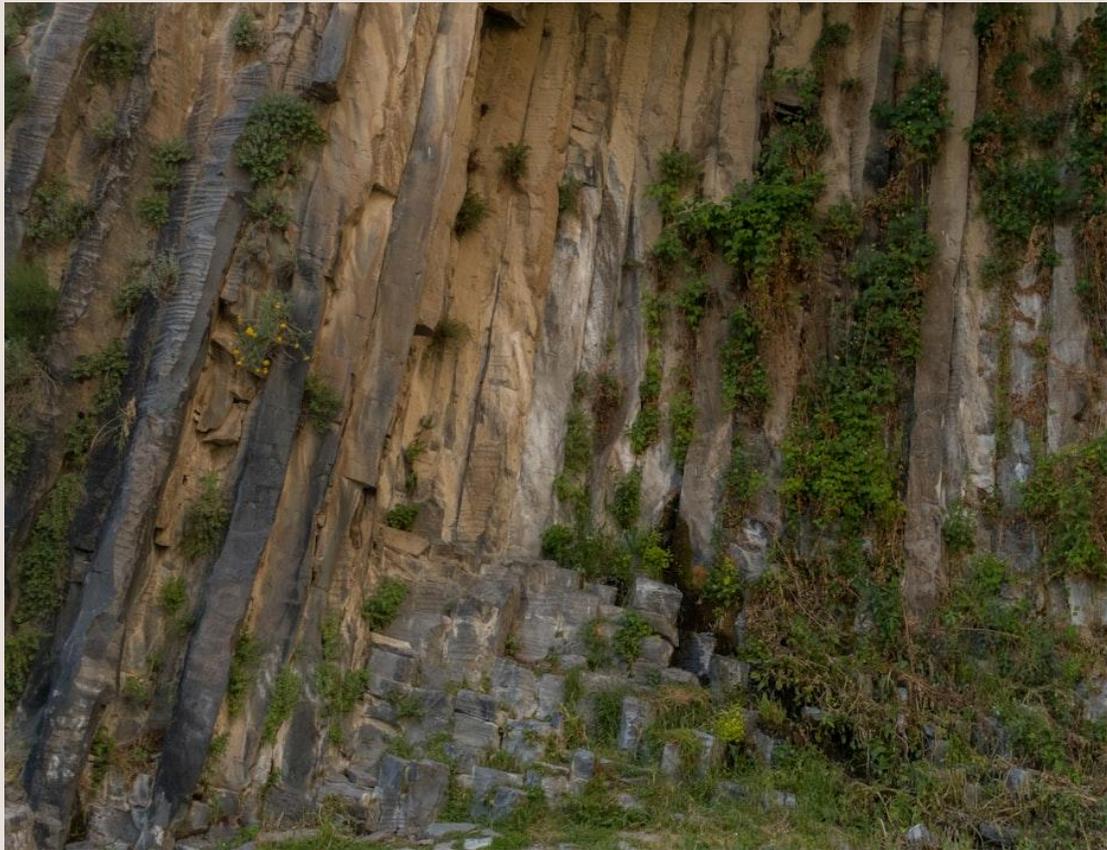
- **Morning:** Drive to Gyumri (2h). Walking tour of the historic center, black tuff stone architecture, and local artisan workshops.
- **Afternoon:** Visit the Aslamazyan Sisters' Museum and Kumayri historic district.

- **Evening:** Dinner in a heritage restaurant. Overnight in Gyumri.
- **Highlight:** Private pottery workshop with a local artist.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Villa Kars Boutique Hotel** (Boutique) - Gyumri. Historic building with artisan workshops. From €100/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm workshop timing; select preferred hotel style.

📍 **Day 7: Gyumri to Yerevan – Free Afternoon**



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**Morning:** Return drive to Yerevan (2.5h). Stop at Saghmosavank Monastery en route.

- **Afternoon:** Free time in Yerevan: shopping, art galleries, or café-hopping.
- **Evening:** Optional jazz club night or relaxed dinner.
- **Highlight:** Time to explore Yerevan at your own pace.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5\*)** - Central Yerevan.  
Luxury with eco-conscious spa treatments. From €200/night.
- **Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel (Boutique)** - Central Yerevan.  
Local artisan decor and sustainable practices. From €125/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Add optional activities based on group interests.

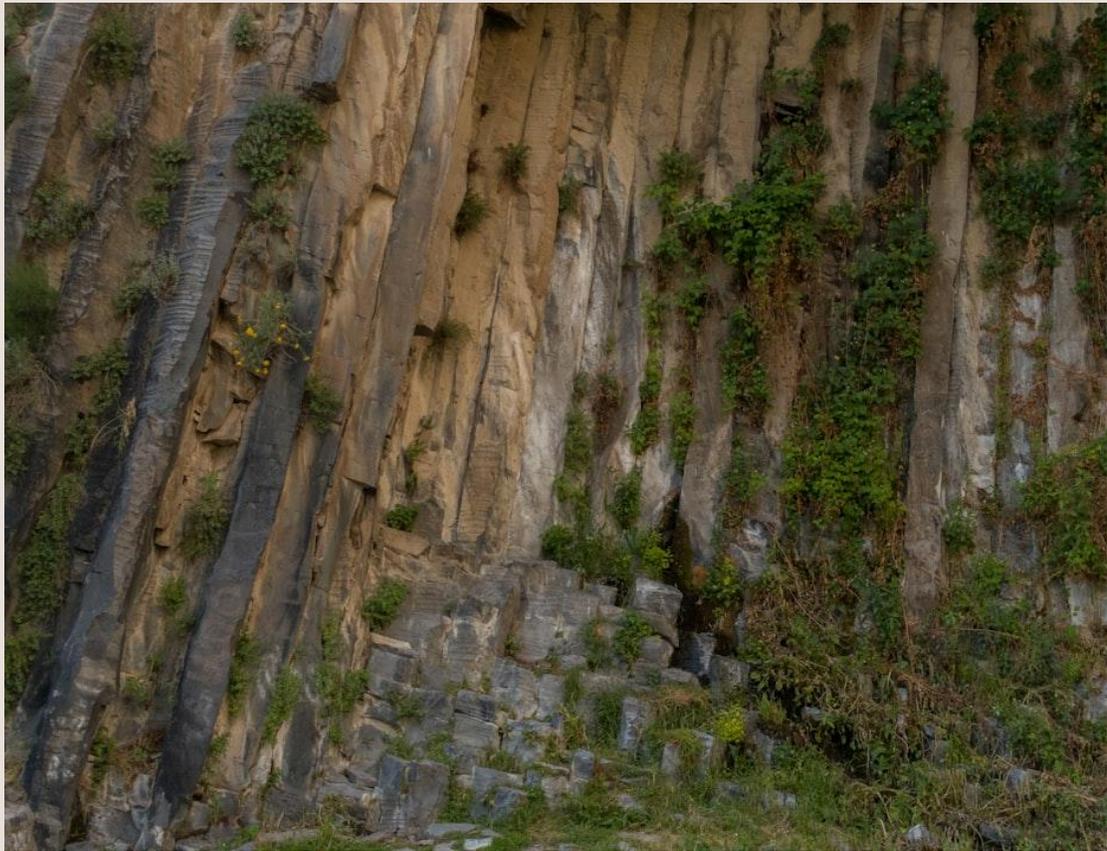
 **Day 8: Khor Virap & Areni – Vineyards and Views**



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- **Morning:** Drive south (1h) to Khor Virap Monastery, iconic views of Mount Ararat.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Areni wine region (1h). Wine tasting and visit to Noravank Monastery (30 min drive).
- **Evening:** Dinner and overnight in a boutique wine hotel or guesthouse in Areni.
- **Highlight:** Private wine tasting with local winemaker.
  - **Accommodation Options:**
    - **Areni Wine House Guesthouse** (Boutique) - Areni.  
Vineyard-integrated with organic wines. From €80/night.

- **[To Customize]:** Confirm wine tasting preferences; dietary needs.

## 📍 Day 9: Tatev Monastery – The Wings of Tatev

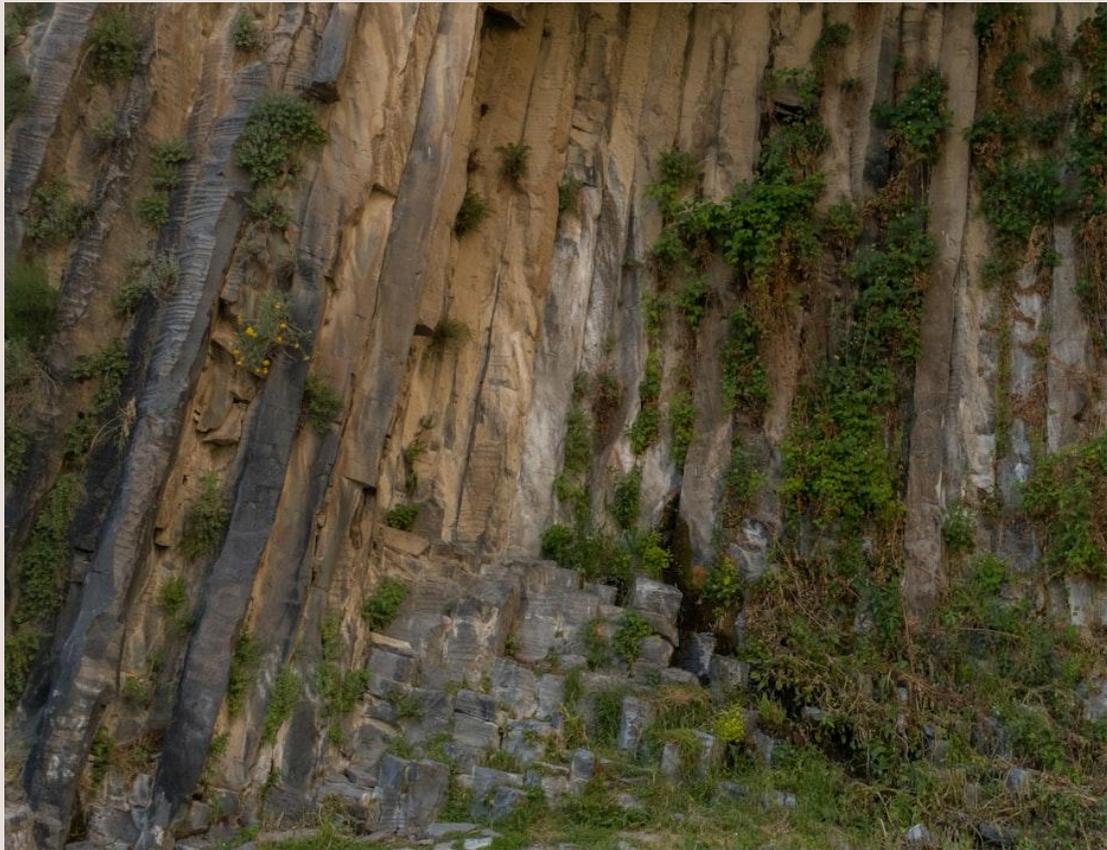


- **Morning:** Drive to Tatev (2.5h). Ride the “Wings of Tatev” cable car (world’s longest reversible aerial tramway) to Tatev Monastery.
- **Afternoon:** Explore the monastery and surrounding village. Optional hike in Vorotan Gorge (easy to moderate, 2h).
- **Evening:** Overnight in a local guesthouse or eco-lodge near Tatev.
- **Highlight:** Cable car journey with panoramic views.

### **Accommodation Options:**

- **Old Halidzor Resort** (Eco-Resort) - Near Tatev. Wooden chalets with orchard views. From €65/night.
- **Harsnadzor Eco Resort** (Eco-Resort) - Goris. Barrel-shaped cottages in Vorotan Gorge. From €50/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm cable car schedule; select preferred accommodation.

### **📍 Day 10: Return to Yerevan via Areni**



**Morning:** Return drive to Yerevan (3.5h with stops). Visit local markets or roadside attractions en route.

- **Afternoon:** Free time in Yerevan for last shopping or museum visits.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the city lights.
- **Highlight:** Toast to your Armenian adventure with local brandy.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5\*)** - Central Yerevan.  
Luxury with eco-conscious spa treatments. From €200/night.
- **Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel (Boutique)** - Central Yerevan.  
Local artisan decor and sustainable practices. From €125/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Adjust timing based on group's departure plans.

 **Day 11–13: Yerevan & Surroundings – At Leisure**



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- **Morning:** Flexible days for optional excursions: Amberd Fortress, Byurakan Observatory, or art tours in Yerevan.
- **Afternoon:** Spa treatments, cooking classes, or simply relaxing at your hotel.
- **Evening:** Explore Yerevan's nightlife or enjoy quiet evenings in local wine bars.
- **Highlight:** Time to personalize your experience or rest before departure.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5\*)** - Central Yerevan.

Luxury with eco-conscious spa treatments. From €200/night.

- **Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel** (Boutique) - Central Yerevan.

Local artisan decor and sustainable practices. From €125/night.

- **[To Customize]:** Select excursions and activities based on group interests.

## **Day 14: Departure from Yerevan**

[DAY\_IMAGE\_14:Yerevan Airport]

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Zvartnots International Airport (30 min).  
Assistance with check-out and luggage.
- **Afternoon:** Departure flight (timing TBD).
- **Evening:** —
- **Highlight:** Reflect on your journey through Armenia's timeless landscapes.
- **Hotel options:** —
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm flight details and transfer timing.

## **Customizable Options**

- Upgrade to all luxury 5\* hotels throughout the trip.
- Private culinary masterclass with a renowned Armenian chef.

- Helicopter scenic flight over Mount Ararat or Lake Sevan (weather-dependent).
- Day trip to the wine region with exclusive vineyard access.
- Wellness day: spa treatments and thermal baths in Dilijan or Yerevan.
- Special access to private art collections or backstage at the Yerevan Opera.

## ✦ **Alternative Options**

- **Alternative Option 1:** Faster pace – Focus on central Armenia with fewer overnight stops, reducing hotel changes and maximizing time at key sites.
- **Alternative Option 2:** Slower pace – Add more rest days in Dilijan or Yerevan, with extended stays at eco-lodges for deeper immersion and relaxation.
- **Alternative Option 3:** Budget adjustment – Opt for charming guesthouses throughout, freeing up budget for more private experiences or special meals.

## ✦ **Practical Info & Budget**

- **Seasonality:** March is early spring in Armenia; expect cool temperatures (5–15°C), occasional rain, and possible snow in higher regions. Some mountain roads may be affected—routes will be

adjusted accordingly.

- **Comfort level:** Mix of luxury hotels, boutique guesthouses, and eco lodges, all vetted for quality and authenticity.
- **Indicative budget breakdown (per person, 2 weeks):**
  - Accommodation (mix of 4–5\* hotels, guesthouses, eco lodges): €900–1200
  - Private driver-guide & transport: €500–600
  - Meals (half-board): €300–400
  - Entrances, experiences: €150–250
  - Total per person: ~€1850–2450

**Total for 5 travelers: ~€9250–12,250**

- **What's included:** Accommodation, private driver-guide, local experiences, most meals, all transfers, entrance fees as per program.
- **What's not included:** International flights, travel insurance, personal expenses, tips, optional upgrades.
- **Visa:** Most EU/US citizens do not need a visa for stays up to 180 days; please confirm based on nationality.
- **Health & safety:** No major health risks; standard travel vaccinations recommended. Weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes advised for monastery visits and walks.
- Partner verification and availability check recommended for final booking.

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Estimated Cost (per person)

Accommodations (13 nights)	€ 900-1200
Private driver-guide & transport	€ 500-600
Meals (half-board)	€ 300-400
Entrances, experiences	€ 150-250
Total Estimated Cost	€ 1850-2450

## **Next Steps**

- Please confirm your exact travel dates and preferred flight times.
- Let us know your comfort and pacing preferences (more active vs. more relaxed).
- Would you like to focus more on culture, nature, or food & wine?
- Are there any special interests or accessibility needs in your group?
- This program is a flexible starting point—let us know what to adjust!
- As Armenia is one of our verified partner destinations, we can refine this with our local partners and check real-time availability for your chosen dates and hotels.

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