



Tailor-Made Itinerary – Florian



TRIP OVERVIEW

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

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Introduction

Armenia, a land of rugged mountains and ancient monasteries, is a destination where history and hospitality intertwine. Traveling with friends, you'll experience a culture famed for its warmth and authenticity, especially when exploring with a knowledgeable driver-guide. Your group of five adults is set for a two-week adventure in March 2026, combining luxury, comfort, and immersive local experiences. This program is auto-generated based on our in-depth local expertise and partnerships

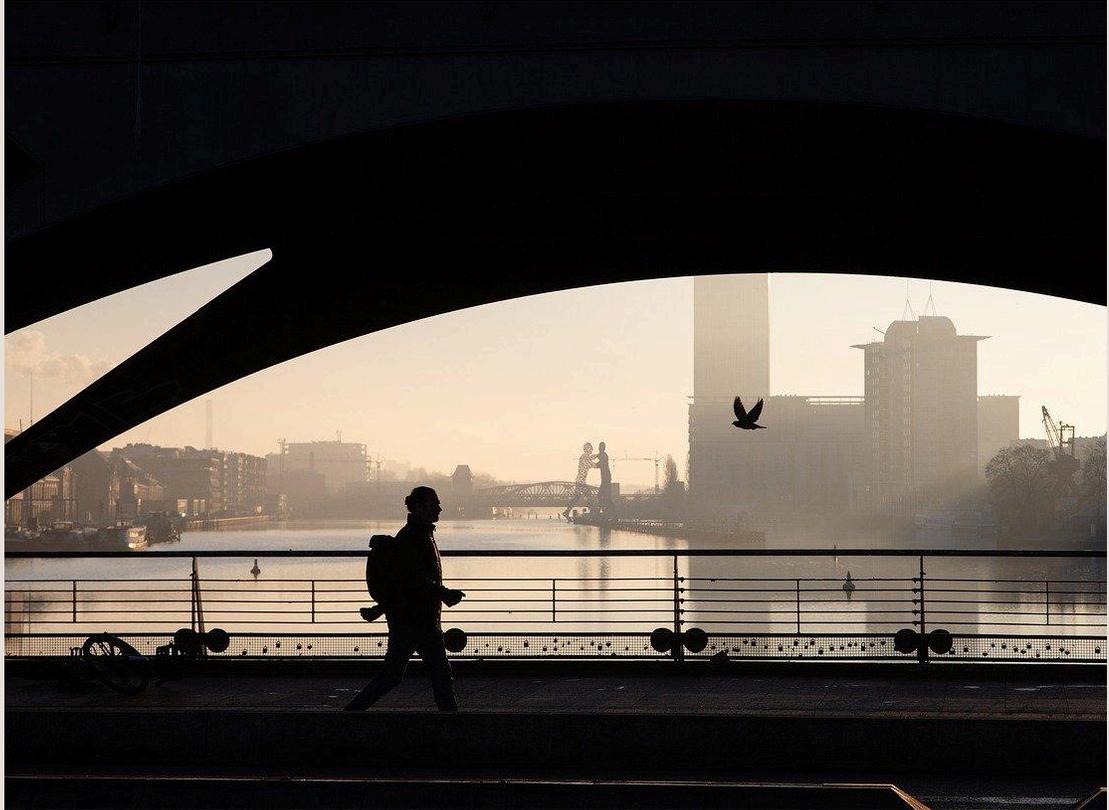
with verified accommodations and guides in Armenia. As you are just starting to plan, this itinerary is designed to be flexible and inspiring.

Why this destination?

Armenia is a treasure trove for those passionate about history, spirituality, and dramatic landscapes. With its wealth of UNESCO-listed churches and monasteries, vibrant capital city, and scenic highlands, it's a perfect fit for a group of friends seeking both cultural depth and relaxation. March brings the first signs of spring—ideal for sightseeing without the summer crowds. Traveling with a driver-guide ensures seamless logistics and insider access to hidden gems and local stories.

Custom Program

Day 1: Arrival in Yerevan



- **Morning:** Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport. Private transfer (30 min) to your hotel in central Yerevan. Early check-in arranged if possible.
- **Afternoon:** Leisurely stroll along Northern Avenue and Republic Square. Orientation with your driver-guide, who will share local tips and adapt the plan to your interests.
- **Evening:** Welcome dinner at a stylish restaurant featuring Armenian cuisine and wines.
- **Highlight:** First sunset view of Mount Ararat from the Cascade Complex.

Accommodation Options:

- **The Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5*)** - Centrally located luxury hotel with spa, modern suites, and city views. From €200-250/night.
- **Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel (Boutique)** - Restored Soviet-era building using local stone/wood. From €80-125/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm early check-in, dietary preferences, and any special arrival needs.

📍 Day 2: Yerevan's Cultural Pulse



- **Morning:** Guided visit to the History Museum of Armenia and the Vernissage open-air market (walking, easy pace).
- **Afternoon:** Coffee break at a local café, then a visit to the Armenian

Genocide Memorial and Museum (transfer: 20 min).

- **Evening:** Explore Yerevan's vibrant wine bars or relax at the hotel spa.
- **Highlight:** Private introduction to Armenian wine culture with a sommelier.

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- **[To Customize]:** Museum preferences, wine tasting interest, spa bookings.

 **Day 3: Monasteries of Echmiadzin & Zvartnots**



- **Morning:** Drive (~40 min) to Echmiadzin Cathedral, spiritual center of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Guided visit and time for reflection.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Zvartnots Cathedral ruins (UNESCO), then return to Yerevan. Lunch at a traditional village restaurant en route.
- **Evening:** Free time or optional jazz night in Yerevan.
- **Highlight:** Private access to a church treasury or behind-the-scenes with a local priest (on request).

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- **[To Customize]:** Special access to church sites, dietary needs for lunch.

📍 **Day 4: Garni Temple & Geghard Monastery**



- **Morning:** Scenic drive (1h) to Garni, the only Greco-Roman temple in the region. Guided tour and walk in the Azat Gorge (optional,

easy/moderate).

- **Afternoon:** Visit the rock-hewn Geghard Monastery (UNESCO).
Lunch with a local family, lavash bread-baking demonstration.
- **Evening:** Return to Yerevan. Evening at leisure.
- **Highlight:** Participate in lavash baking and taste homemade Armenian dishes.

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 **Day 5: Lake Sevan & Dilijan**



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- **Morning:** Depart Yerevan for Lake Sevan (1.5h drive), visit Sevanavank Monastery with panoramic lake views.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Dilijan (1h), known as "Armenia's Switzerland." Stroll through the old town and artisan workshops.
- **Evening:** Check in to an eco-lodge or boutique hotel in Dilijan National Park. Dinner featuring local trout.
- **Highlight:** Sunset walk along the lake shore or forest trails.

Accommodation Options:

- **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex** (Boutique) - Historic atmosphere with local materials, gardens, and forest views. From

€120-160/night.

- **Dilijan Eco Lodge** - Nature-integrated lodge with modern comforts, organic breakfasts. From €100-130/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Room configuration, hiking preferences, dietary needs.

📍 Day 6: Monasteries & Forests of Dilijan



- **Morning:** Visit Haghartsin and Goshavank monasteries (short drives, light walking, forest setting).

- **Afternoon:** Optional forest hike (easy/moderate, 2–3h) or relax at the lodge.
- **Evening:** Dinner at a local guesthouse, tasting regional specialties.
- **Highlight:** Private folk music performance (on request).

Accommodation Options:

- **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex** (Boutique) - Historic atmosphere with local materials, gardens, and forest views. From €120-160/night.
- **Dilijan Eco Lodge** - Nature-integrated lodge with modern comforts, organic breakfasts. From €100-130/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Interest in hiking, music, or wellness treatments.

 **Day 7: To Lori Region – Sanahin & Haghpat**



- **Morning:** Drive to Lori region (2h), visit Sanahin Monastery (UNESCO) with your guide.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Haghpat Monastery (30 min), picnic lunch with local produce.
- **Evening:** Overnight in a rural guesthouse or eco-lodge in Lori, surrounded by mountain views.
- **Highlight:** Share stories with your hosts over homemade brandy.
 - **Accommodation Options:**
 - **Avan Dzoraget Hotel** - Riverside eco-luxury along Debed River. From €90-120/night.

- **Eco Lodge in the Caucasus Wildlife Refuge** - Simple authentic stays promoting wildlife conservation. From €60-100/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Room allocation, dietary restrictions, local experience preferences.

📍 **Day 8: Debed Canyon & Alaverdi**



- **Morning:** Explore Debed Canyon's natural beauty. Optional short hike or visit to a local artist's studio.
- **Afternoon:** Lunch in Alaverdi, then return to Dilijan (2h drive).

- **Evening:** Rest and dinner at your lodge in Dilijan.
- **Highlight:** Discovering Armenia's contemporary art scene.

Accommodation Options:

- **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex** (Boutique) - Historic atmosphere with local materials, gardens, and forest views. From €120-160/night.
- **Dilijan Eco Lodge** - Nature-integrated lodge with modern comforts, organic breakfasts. From €100-130/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Hiking/art preferences, transfer timing.

 **Day 9: Sevan Peninsula & Noratus**



- **Morning:** Drive to Sevan Peninsula (1h), visit Noratus cemetery with its ancient khachkars (cross-stones).
 - **Afternoon:** Lunch at a lakeside restaurant, optional boat ride if weather permits.
 - **Evening:** Return to Yerevan (1.5h).
 - **Highlight:** Immersive storytelling session about Armenian legends.
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- **[To Customize]:** Boat ride availability, weather conditions.

📍 **Day 10: Khor Virap & Areni Wine Region**



- **Morning:** Early drive to Khor Virap Monastery (1h), stunning views of Mount Ararat.
- **Afternoon:** Continue to Areni wine region (1h), visit a family-run vineyard for tastings and lunch.

- **Evening:** Overnight in a boutique guesthouse or eco-lodge in Areni.
- **Highlight:** Private wine tasting with the winemaker.

Accommodation Options:

- **Areni Wine Lodge** - Family-run vineyard guesthouse with stone/wood builds. From €80-110/night.
- **Boutique guesthouse** - Local charm. From €60-90/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Wine preferences, room allocation, dietary needs.

📍 **Day 11: Noravank & Southern Armenia**



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Morning: Visit Noravank Monastery (30 min drive), dramatic red rock setting. Optional short hike in the gorge.

- **Afternoon:** Lunch at a local restaurant, then return to Yerevan (2h drive).
- **Evening:** Free evening in Yerevan for shopping or relaxation.
- **Highlight:** Sunset at Noravank's viewpoint.

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- **[To Customize]:** Hiking interest, restaurant preferences.

 **Day 12: Yerevan – Free Day**



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Morning: Free time for shopping, museums, or café hopping.

Optional guided street art tour.

- **Afternoon:** Relax at leisure or book a wellness treatment.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the city.
- **Highlight:** Toasting the journey with Ararat brandy.

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- **[To Customize]:** Last-minute requests, special farewell arrangements.

📍 Day 13: Departure



- **Morning:** Leisurely breakfast, private transfer to Zvartnots Airport (30 min).
- **Afternoon:** Departure. Assistance with check-out and luggage.
- **Evening:** —

- **Highlight:** Final moments in Armenia, reflecting on shared memories.
- **Hotel options:** —
- **[To Customize]:** Exact flight times, late check-out if needed.

✦ Customizable Options

- Upgrade to private luxury vehicle throughout the trip
- Exclusive access to monasteries or private church concerts
- Gastronomic masterclass with a local chef
- Helicopter scenic flight over Mount Ararat (weather-dependent)
- Wellness day: spa treatments in Yerevan or Dilijan
- Armenian carpet weaving or pottery workshop

✦ Alternative Options

- **Alternative Option 1: Slower pace** – Spend more nights in Dilijan or Lori for deeper immersion, fewer hotel changes.
- **Alternative Option 2: Focus on the South** – Extend time in Areni and Tatev, including the Wings of Tatev cable car and Syunik region (requires longer drives, but unique landscapes).
- **Alternative Option 3: Higher comfort** – Upgrade to all 5-star hotels in Yerevan and key stops, with premium dining and private experiences (budget increase required).

✦ Practical Info & Budget

- **Seasonality:** March is early spring; expect cool temperatures (5–15°C), some rain, and possible snow in higher regions. Some mountain roads may be affected—routes will be adapted if needed.
- **Comfort level:** Mix of luxury hotels, boutique guesthouses, and eco-lodges, all with private bathrooms and modern amenities.
- **Indicative budget breakdown (per person):**
 - Accommodation (double/twin rooms): €800–1,000
 - Private driver-guide & vehicle: €500–700
 - Meals (mix of included and à la carte): €300–400
 - Entrance fees & experiences: €200–300
 - **Total estimated per person:** €1,800–2,400
 - **Total for group of 5:** €9,000–12,000
- **What's included:** Accommodation, private transfers, driver-guide, main entrance fees, select experiences, most breakfasts, some lunches/dinners.
- **What's excluded:** International flights, travel insurance, personal expenses, some meals, optional upgrades.
- **Visa:** Most EU/Western passport holders can enter Armenia visa-free for short stays; check for updates before departure.
- **Health & safety:** No special vaccinations required. Weather can be

variable—pack layers and waterproofs. Some rural areas have limited medical facilities; travel insurance recommended.

- **Partner verification:** All suggested accommodations and experiences are with our verified local partners. Availability will be checked upon confirmation.

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodations (13 nights)	€ 800-1,000
Private driver-guide & vehicle	€ 500-700
Meals (mix of included and à la carte)	€ 300-400
Entrance fees & experiences	€ 200-300
Total Estimated Cost	€ 1,800-2,400

Next Steps

- Please confirm your exact travel dates and any flexibility you may have.
- Let us know your preferred comfort level (mix of luxury/eco/boutique) and any specific interests (e.g., more hiking, more wine, more culture).
- Does the proposed budget and pace feel right for your group?
- Are there any regions or experiences you wish to add or remove?

- We can refine this program with our local partners in Armenia and check real-time availability for your dates.
- This program is a starting point and can be fully customized to your group's wishes.

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