



# Tailor-Made Itinerary – Florian



**TRIP OVERVIEW**

<b>Weather</b>	5-15°C - Cool temperatures with possible rain and snow at higher altitudes
<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 the curious traveler. For Florian and friends, this two-week journey in March 2026 promises a blend of cultural immersion, scenic drives, and authentic encounters—guided by a knowledgeable local driver. With a mix of luxury hotels, charming guesthouses, and eco lodges, your adventure will balance comfort with authenticity. This program is auto-generated based on local expert

experience and our verified partners in Armenia, ensuring a seamless and memorable exploration for your group of five adults.

## **Why this destination?**

Armenia is a treasure trove for travelers seeking history, spirituality, and nature. The country's iconic churches and monasteries—some carved into cliffs or perched atop mountain ridges—are among the world's oldest Christian sites. March is a shoulder season: expect cool weather, fewer crowds, and the first hints of spring in the valleys. With a dedicated driver-guide, you'll navigate winding roads and remote gems with ease, maximizing your time and comfort. Armenia's compact size means you can experience diverse landscapes, from the lively streets of Yerevan to tranquil Lake Sevan and the wild beauty of Syunik, all without exhausting transfers.

## **Custom Program**

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

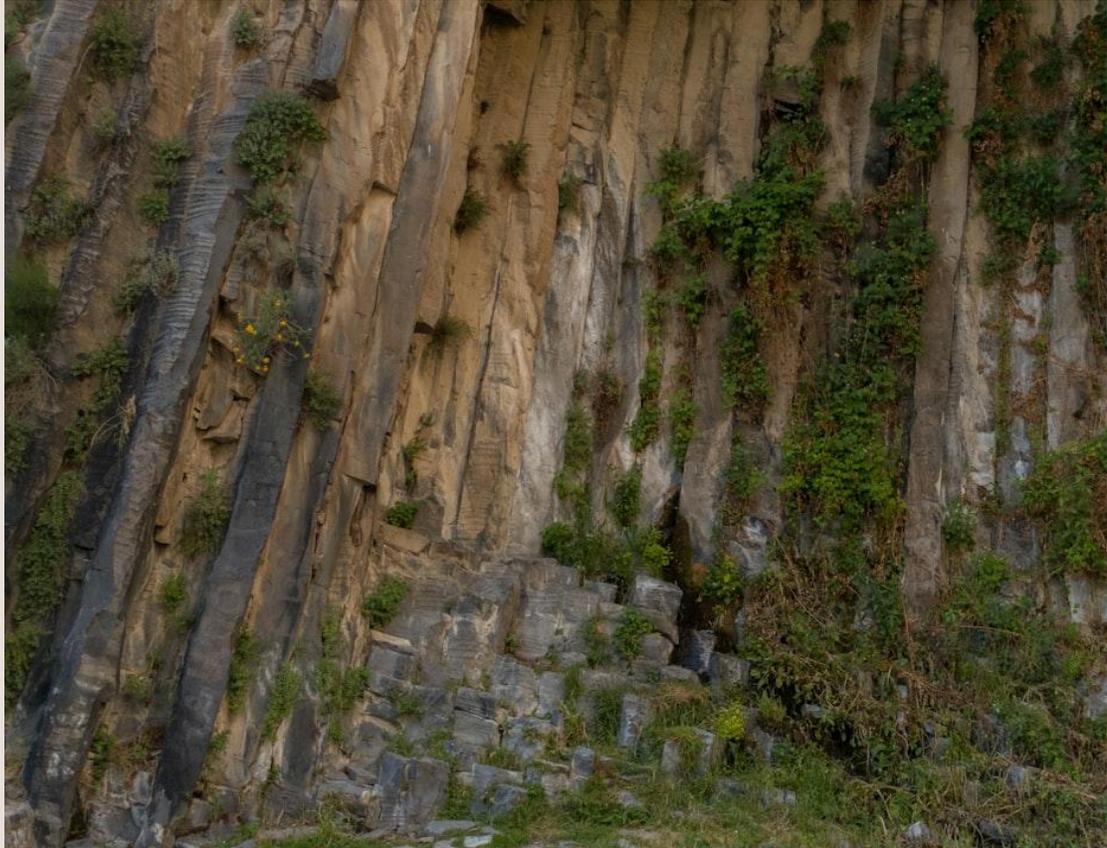


- **Morning:** Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport (Yerevan). Meet your driver-guide and private transfer to your hotel (30 min with buffer for customs and check-in).
- **Afternoon:** Leisurely stroll through Republic Square, Cascade Complex, and Vernissage market. Orientation walk with your guide.
- **Evening:** Welcome dinner at a contemporary Armenian restaurant. Try local wines and specialties.
- **Highlight:** First taste of Yerevan's vibrant café culture and night-lit fountains.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5\*)** - Central location with spa facilities. From €200-250/night.
- **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex (boutique)** - Historic restoration with local artisans. From €100-130/night.
- **HyeLandz Eco Village Resort (eco-lodge)** - Outskirts with gardens and organic breakfasts. From €100-130/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm flight details and arrival time for airport pickup. Early check-in on request.

## **Day 2: Yerevan's Spiritual Heritage**



- **Morning:** Guided visit to Etchmiadzin Cathedral (UNESCO, 40 min drive). Explore the spiritual heart of Armenian Christianity.
- **Afternoon:** Visit Zvartnots Cathedral ruins and return to Yerevan. Optional stop at Armenian Genocide Memorial.
- **Evening:** Dinner in Yerevan's wine bar district. Optional jazz club for night owls.
- **Highlight:** Private access to a church treasury or bell tower (advance request).

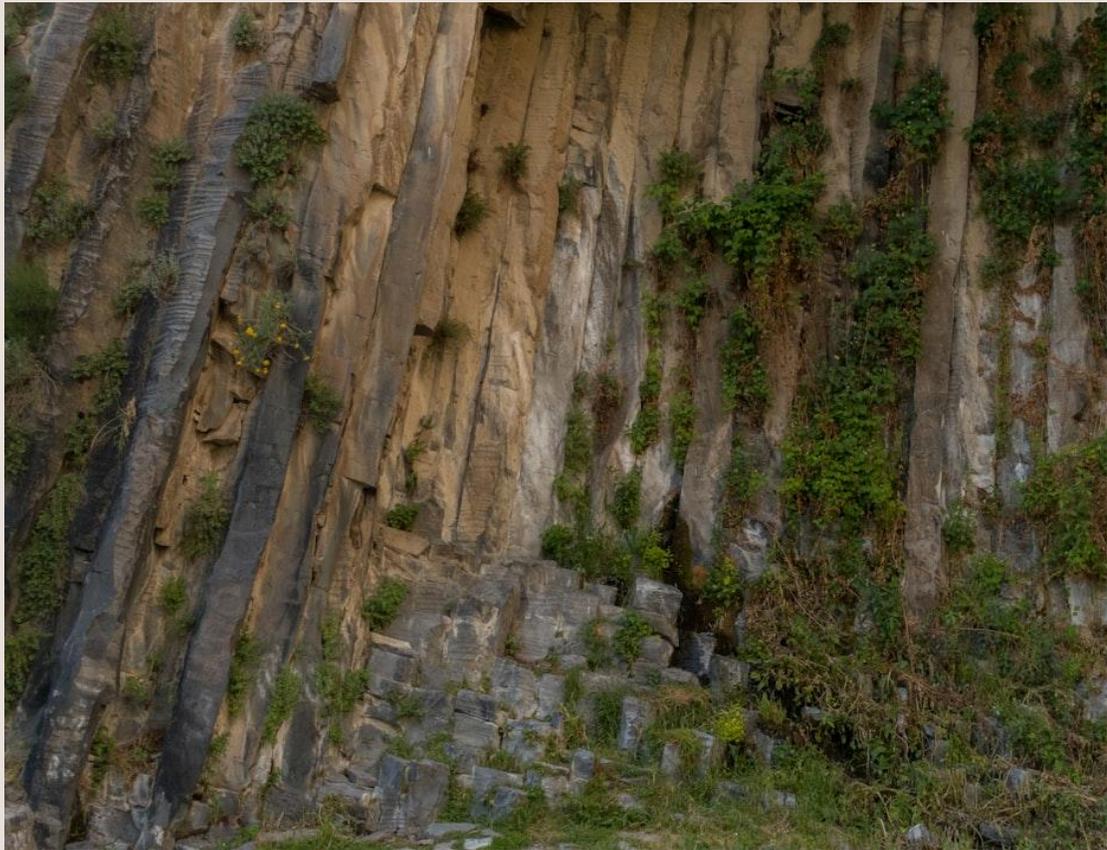
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- **[To Customize]:** Special church access subject to availability; religious holidays may affect opening hours.

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



**Morning:** Drive to Garni Temple (pagan, 1st c. AD; 45 min). Explore the Hellenistic site and basalt gorge.

- **Afternoon:** Visit Geghard Monastery (UNESCO, partly carved into rock). Traditional lavash bread-making demonstration in a local home.
- **Evening:** Return to Yerevan. Dinner at leisure or optional folk music show.
- **Highlight:** Participate in baking lavash with locals.

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- **HyeLandz Eco Village Resort** (eco-lodge) - Outskirts with gardens and organic breakfasts. From €100-130/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Lavash workshop requires advance booking; dietary preferences to be confirmed.

 **Day 4: Southbound to Areni & Noravank**

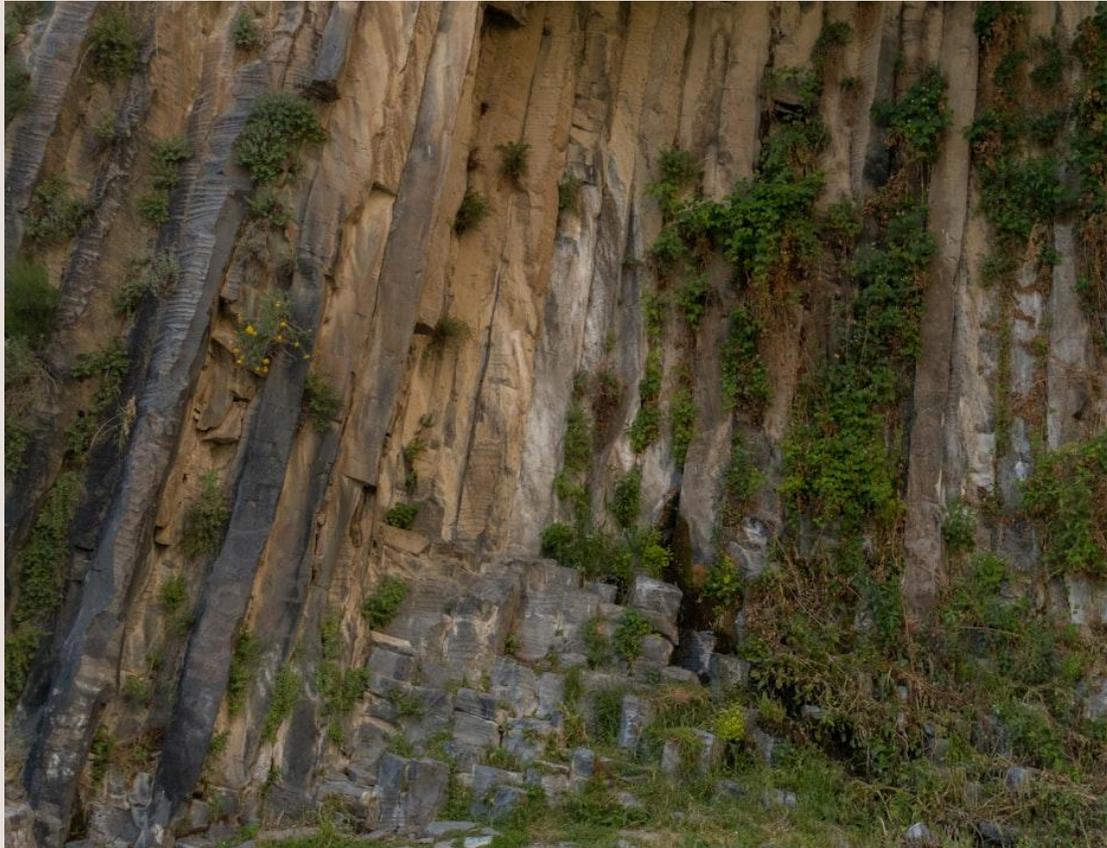


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- **Morning:** Scenic drive to Areni wine region (2h with stops). Visit Noravank Monastery, dramatic red-rock setting.
- **Afternoon:** Wine tasting at a boutique cellar. Optional hike in the gorge (easy/moderate, 1-2h).
- **Evening:** Overnight in eco-lodge or guesthouse in Areni region.
- **Highlight:** Sunset over Noravank's cliffs with local wine.
  - **Accommodation Options:**
    - **Areni Wine Art Eco-Lodge** (eco-lodge) - Vineyard views, family-run. From €90-120/night.
    - **Family-run guesthouse** - Home-cooked meals, village setting.

From €60-90/night.

- **[To Customize]:** Hiking level and wine tasting preferences; note possible cool weather in March.

## 📍 Day 5: Tatev Monastery & the Wings of Tatev



- **Morning:** Early drive to Tatev (3h, with comfort stops). Ride the “Wings of Tatev” cable car (world’s longest reversible aerial tramway) to the monastery.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Tatev Monastery and surrounding canyons.

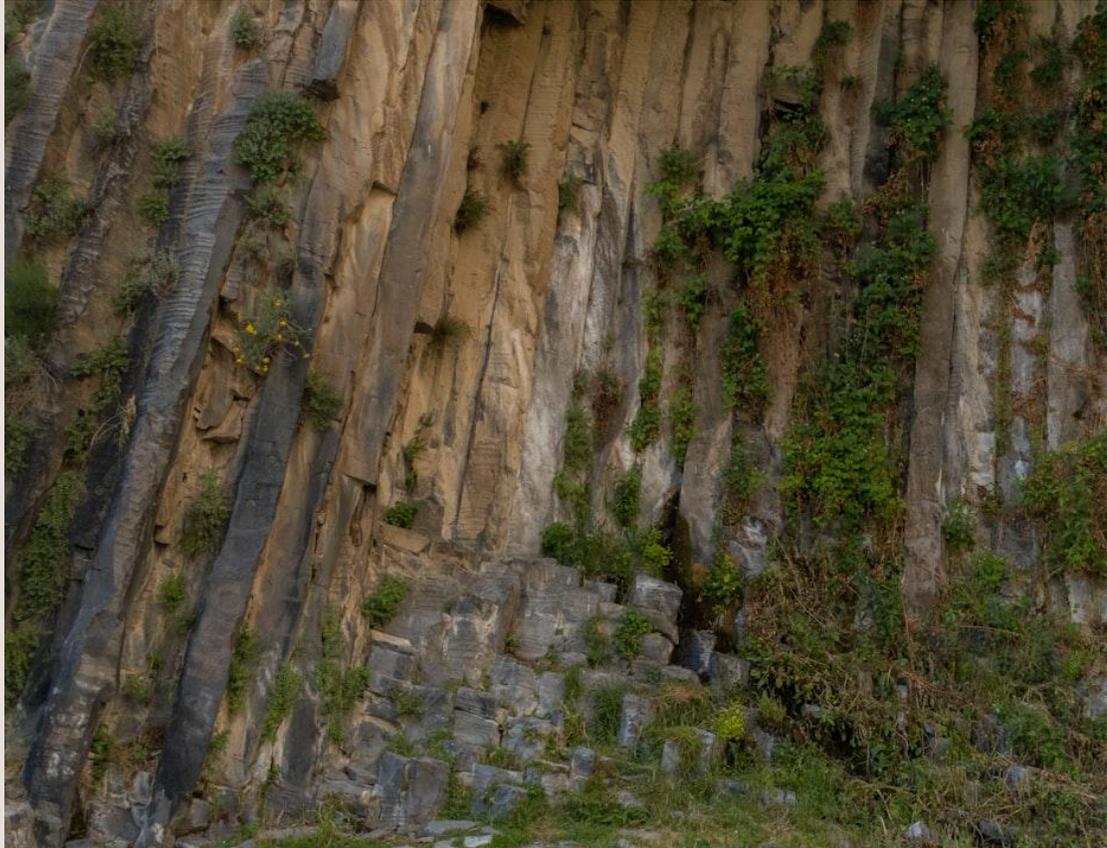
Optional visit to Devil's Bridge natural formation.

- **Evening:** Overnight in a Syunik guesthouse or eco-lodge.
- **Highlight:** Panoramic views from the cable car and monastery cliffs.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Old Halidzor Resort / Tatev Eco Lodge** (eco-lodge) - Orchard, rural breakfasts. From €80-110/night.
- **Guesthouse in Halidzor village** - Local cuisine, village atmosphere. From €60-90/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Cable car operation depends on weather; alternative road access if closed.

 **Day 6: Khndzoresk & Goris**



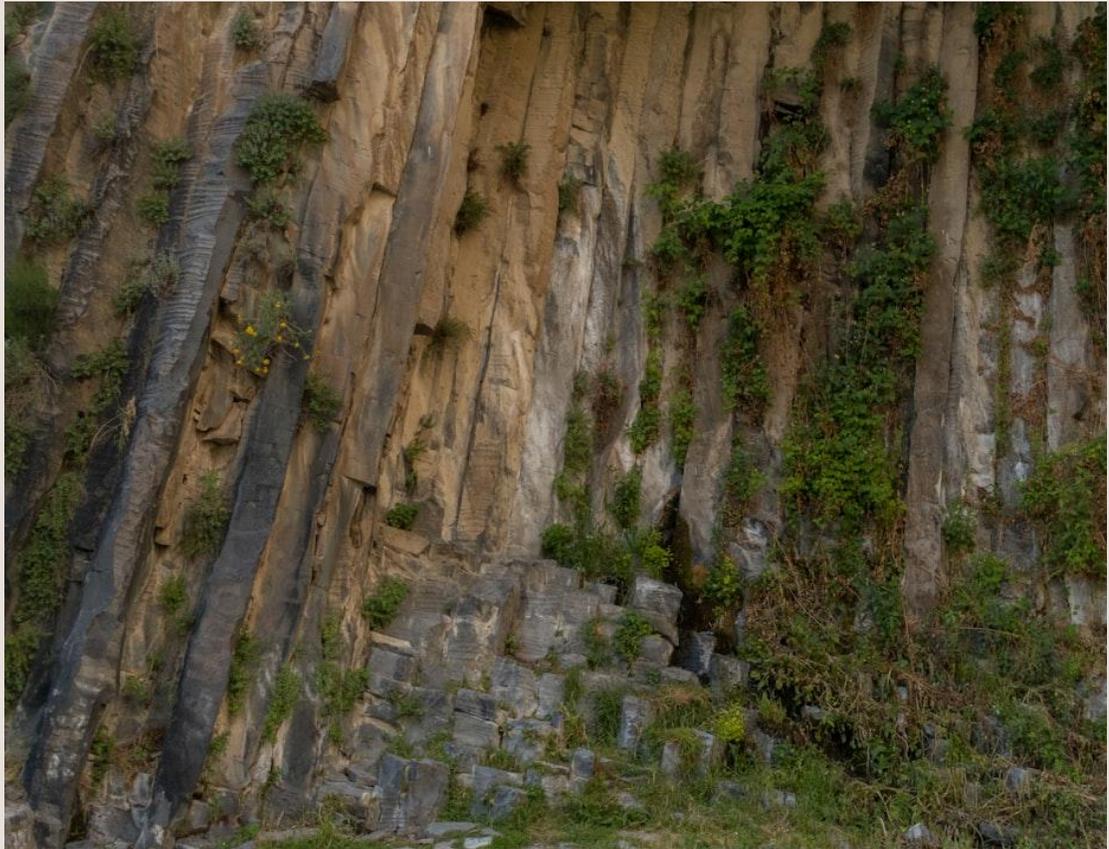
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- **Morning:** Visit Khndzoresk cave village (30 min drive). Walk the suspension bridge and explore ancient dwellings (moderate walk, sturdy shoes recommended).
- **Afternoon:** Explore Goris town, known for its stone houses and laid-back vibe. Optional local crafts workshop.
- **Evening:** Dinner in Goris, overnight at a boutique guesthouse.
- **Highlight:** Crossing the dramatic suspension bridge at Khndzoresk.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Mina Hotel** (boutique) - Stone-built, authentic local vibe. From €80-100/night.

- **Hostel Harsnadzor Eco Resort** (eco-resort) - Unique wooden barrel cottages. From €50/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Walking route can be shortened for comfort; weather may affect bridge access.

## 📍 **Day 7: Towards Lake Sevan via Selim Pass**



- **Morning:** Drive north via Selim Caravanserai (3.5h with scenic stops). Visit medieval caravanserai en route.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive at Lake Sevan. Visit Sevanavank Monastery on the

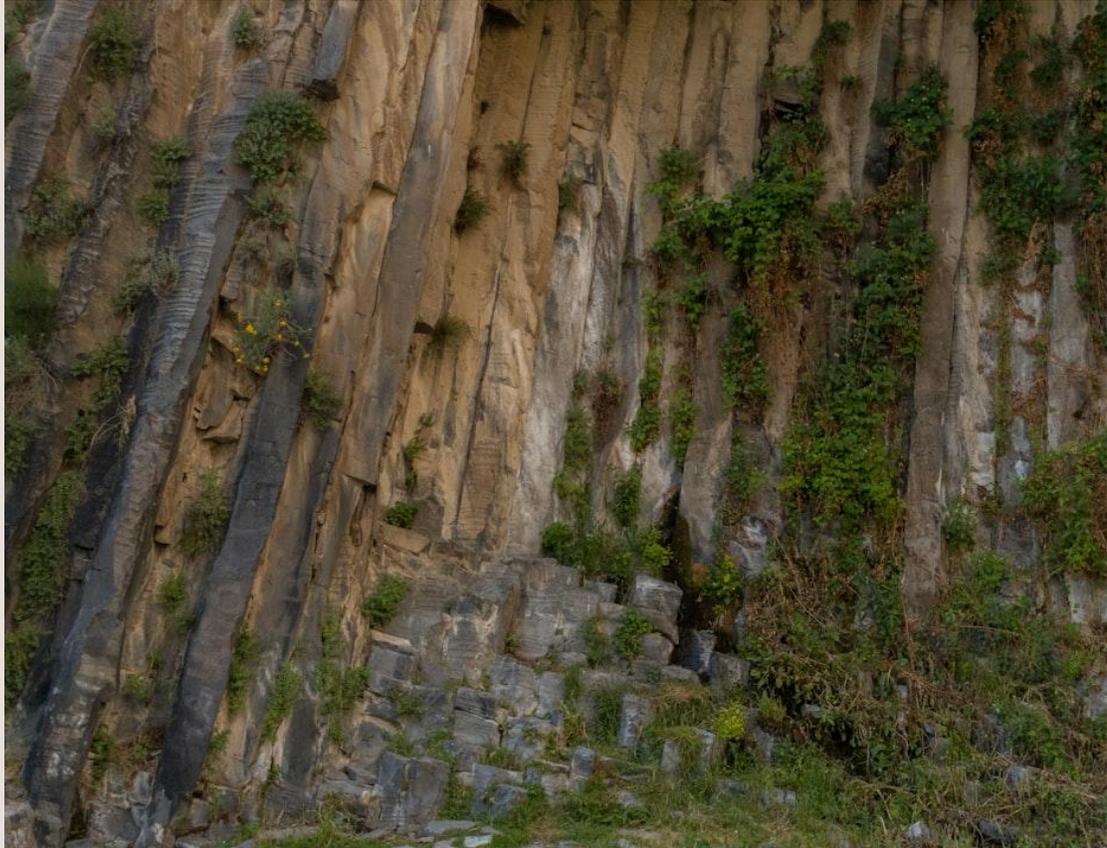
peninsula.

- **Evening:** Fresh fish dinner by the lake. Overnight at eco-lodge or lakeside hotel.
- **Highlight:** Sunset over Lake Sevan's blue waters.

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Tevani Glamping** (eco-glamping) - Lakeside, nature protection focus. From €90-110/night.
  - **Armenian Camp Resort** (resort) - Lakeside, family-oriented. From €100-130/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Selim Pass can have snow in March; alternative route if needed.

 **Day 8: Dilijan National Park**

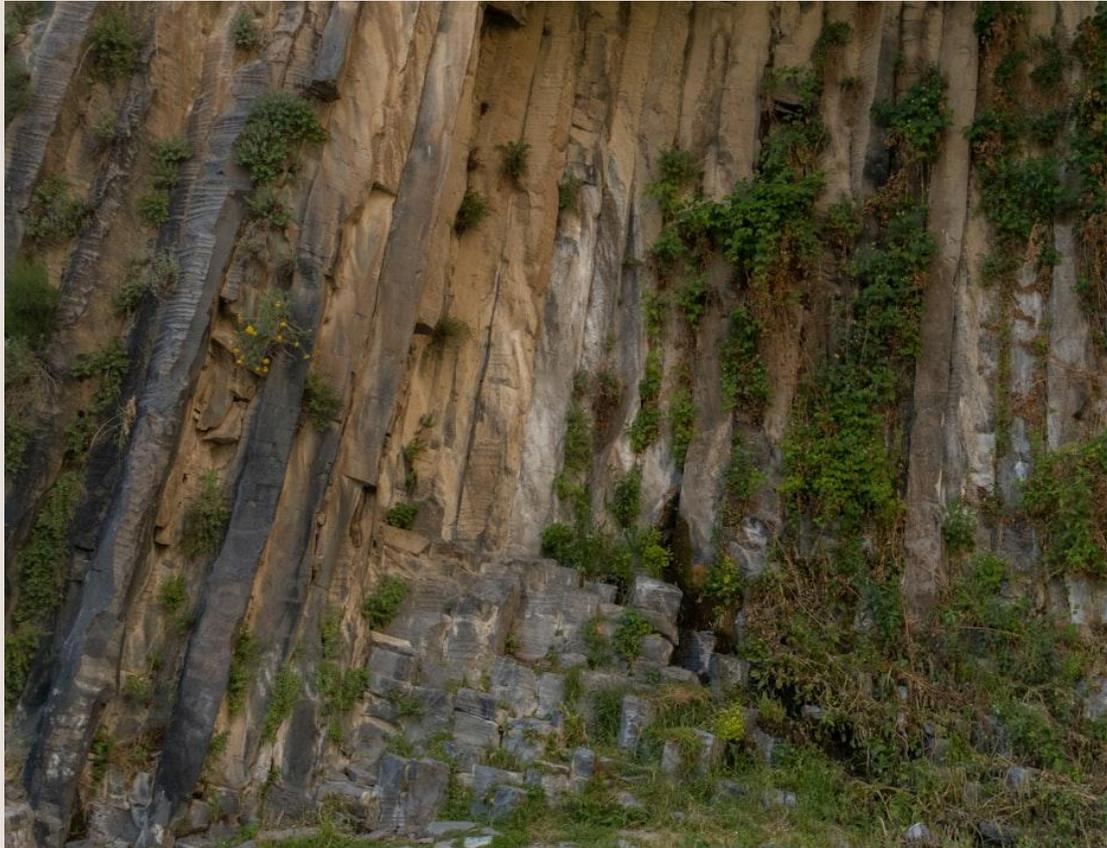


- **Morning:** Short drive to Dilijan (1h). Hike the forest trails (easy/moderate, 2-3h) or visit Haghartsin Monastery.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Dilijan's Old Town, artist studios, and sample local honey.
- **Evening:** Overnight in Dilijan at a boutique hotel or eco-lodge.
- **Highlight:** Forest walk and tea with local herbalist.
  - **Accommodation Options:**
    - **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex** (boutique) - Historic architecture, artist-supported. From €100-130/night.
    - **Dilivita Resthouse** (eco-lodge) - Mountain views,

park-adjacent. From €90-110/night.

- **[To Customize]:** Hiking routes adapted to weather and group preferences.

## 📍 Day 9: Lori Province – Haghpat & Sanahin



- **Morning:** Drive to Lori region (2h). Visit Haghpat and Sanahin monasteries (UNESCO World Heritage sites).
- **Afternoon:** Optional walk in Debed Canyon or visit to local cheese producer.

- **Evening:** Overnight in a rural guesthouse or boutique hotel in Alaverdi area.
- **Highlight:** Private choir performance in a monastery (on request, subject to availability).

**Accommodation Options:**

- **Concept Hotel by COAF** (design hotel) - Community-focused, rural development. From €100-130/night.
- **B&B Odzun / Debed Life Workation House** (guesthouse) - Eco-friendly, canyon views. From €60-90/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Choir performance and cheese tasting require advance booking.

 **Day 10: Return to Yerevan via Amberd**



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**Morning:** Drive back to Yerevan (3h with stops). Visit Amberd Fortress on Mount Aragats (possible snow, weather dependent).

- **Afternoon:** Return to Yerevan. Free time for shopping or museums.
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with panoramic city views.
- **Highlight:** Explore Amberd's medieval ruins with snowy mountain backdrop.

**Accommodation Options:**

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- **Tufenkian Old Dilijan Complex (boutique)** - Historic restoration

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- **HyeLandz Eco Village Resort** (eco-lodge) - Outskirts with gardens and organic breakfasts. From €100-130/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Amberd access may be limited by snow in March; alternative cultural visit if needed.

## 📍 Day 11: Free Day in Yerevan



- **Morning:** At leisure. Optional guided food tour, art gallery visits, or spa day.

- **Afternoon:** Continue exploring Yerevan at your own pace.  
Recommendations for local markets and hidden gems.
- **Evening:** Optional wine tasting or casual dinner with live music.
- **Highlight:** Discover Yerevan's creative side with your guide's insider tips.

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- **[To Customize]:** Advance booking for spa or guided experiences recommended.

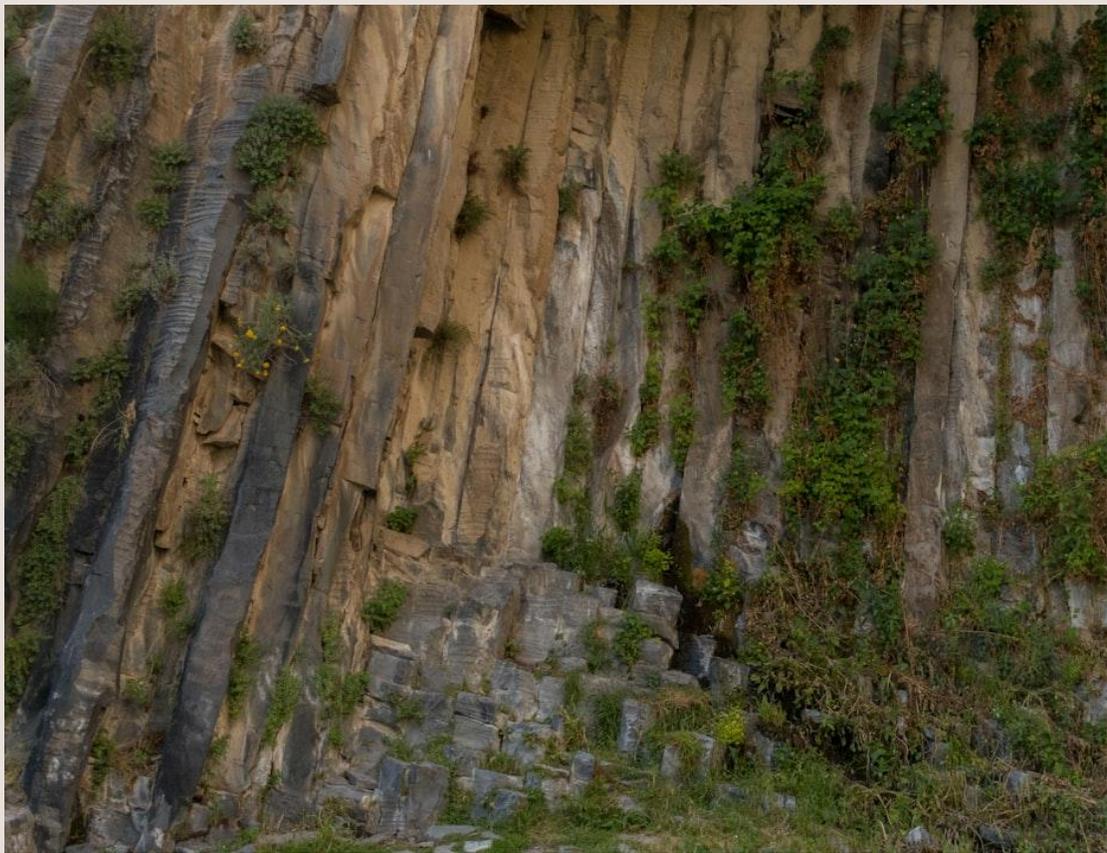
 **Day 12: Khor Virap & Ararat Views**



- **Morning:** Excursion to Khor Virap Monastery (1h drive), iconic views of Mount Ararat (weather permitting).
- **Afternoon:** Optional visit to Areni caves (prehistoric wine site) or return to Yerevan for last shopping.
- **Evening:** Final group dinner—celebrate with Armenian music and toasts.
- **Highlight:** Panoramic photo session with Ararat in the background.
  - **Accommodation Options:**
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- **[To Customize]:** Visibility of Ararat depends on weather; alternative activities available.

### 📍 **Day 13: Departure from Yerevan**



- **Morning:** Private transfer to Zvartnots International Airport (30 min +

buffer). Assistance with check-out and luggage.

- **Afternoon:** Departure flight (TBD – please confirm exact date/time).
- **Evening:** —
- **Highlight:** Reflect on your Armenian adventure as you depart.

#### **Accommodation Options:**

- **Late check-out or day room** - On request, subject to flight schedule.
- **[To Customize]:** Flight details and any special departure assistance.

## **Customizable Options**

- Private choir or folk performance in a historic church
- Cooking class: Armenian specialties with a local chef
- Helicopter scenic flight over Mount Ararat (weather/availability dependent)
- Wellness day: spa and thermal baths near Dilijan
- Guided hiking extensions (longer or more challenging routes)
- Wine masterclass with a sommelier in Areni

## **Alternative Options**

- **Alternative Option 1: Slower Pace** – Add more rest days in Yerevan and Dilijan, fewer one-night stays, more time in each region.
- **Alternative Option 2: Focus on Nature** – Emphasize hiking, wildlife,

and eco-lodges in Dilijan and Syunik; reduce time in cities.

- **Alternative Option 3: Higher Comfort** – Upgrade to luxury hotels throughout (where available), add private transfers, and exclusive experiences.

## ✦ **Practical Info & Budget**

- **Seasonality:** March is early spring—expect cool temperatures (5–15°C), possible rain, and snow at higher altitudes (Selim Pass, Amberd). Some mountain roads may be closed or require alternative routing.
- **Comfort Level:** Mix of luxury hotels, boutique guesthouses, and eco-lodges. All properties offer double/twin rooms; single supplements on request.
- **Indicative Budget:** ~€2000 per person for 13 days, including:
  - Private driver-guide and all ground transfers
  - 12 nights accommodation (double/twin rooms, breakfast included)
  - Key experiences and guided visits
  - Selected dinners and wine tastings
  - Entrance fees to major sites

Excludes: international flights, lunches, some dinners, personal expenses, travel insurance, tips.

- **Visa Requirements:** Most EU/US travelers do not need a visa for Armenia for stays under 180 days (check your nationality).
- **Health & Safety:** No major health risks; standard vaccinations recommended. Weather can be variable in March—bring warm layers and waterproofs.
- **Partner verification and availability check recommended for final booking.**

Item	Estimated Cost (per person)
Accommodations (12 nights)	€1,200
Driver-Guide & Transfers	€400
Experiences & Meals	€400
Total Estimated Cost	€2,000

## **Next Steps**

- Please confirm your exact travel dates and preferred flight times.
- Let us know if you wish to adjust the pace, add/remove regions, or focus on specific interests (churches, nature, food, etc.).
- Is the proposed budget and comfort level right for your group?
- Would you like more luxury, more adventure, or a slower rhythm?
- We can refine this program with our trusted local partners in Armenia and check real-time availability for your dates.

- This itinerary is a starting point—let us know your priorities, and we'll tailor every detail!

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