



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, nestled in the heart of the Caucasus, is a land of ancient monasteries, dramatic mountain landscapes, and vibrant hospitality. For Florian and his group of five friends, this journey promises a deep dive into centuries-old culture, breathtaking scenery, and the warmth of Armenian tradition. With a preference for luxury hotels, guesthouses, and eco lodges, and the guidance of a knowledgeable driver-guide, your adventure will blend comfort with authentic local experiences. This program is

auto-generated from the expertise of local Armenian partners, ensuring a seamless and memorable trip. As you are traveling with friends and not as a family, the pacing is designed for adults, maximizing discovery while allowing for relaxation and flexibility.

Why this destination?

Armenia is a paradise for travelers seeking a mix of history, spirituality, and natural beauty. The country's iconic churches and monasteries—many UNESCO-listed—are set amidst stunning mountains and valleys, offering both cultural immersion and scenic wonder. March is the start of spring in Armenia: expect cool but gradually warming weather, fewer crowds, and the chance to see the countryside come alive. With a driver-guide, you'll navigate the winding roads to hidden gems and local secrets, while enjoying the comfort of handpicked accommodations. Armenia's compact size means you can explore diverse regions without exhausting travel days, making it ideal for a two-week adventure with friends.

Custom Program

Day 1: Arrival in Yerevan



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Morning: Arrival at Zvartnots International Airport. Meet your driver-guide and transfer (~30 min) to your hotel in central Yerevan. Early check-in arranged if possible.

- **Afternoon:** Leisurely orientation walk in Republic Square and the Cascade Complex. Light walking, flexible pace.
- **Evening:** Welcome dinner at a contemporary Armenian restaurant. Try local wines and specialties.
- **Highlight:** First sunset view over Mount Ararat from Yerevan's Cascade.

Accommodation Options:

- **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5*)** - Central Yerevan.
Locally-inspired luxury with spa, sustainable sourcing, and views of Mount Ararat. From €180/night.
- **Boutique guesthouse near Cascade** - Central Yerevan.
Charming, family-owned with authentic decor, supports local artisans. From €80/night.
- **Eco-lodge on Yerevan's outskirts** - Garden, sustainable. From €90/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Early check-in subject to flight schedule. Confirm arrival time for transfer.

Day 2: Spiritual Heart – Echmiadzin & Zvartnots



- **Morning:** Drive (~40 min) to Echmiadzin Cathedral, the spiritual center of Armenia. Guided visit to the cathedral and nearby churches (UNESCO). Moderate walking, 2–3 hours.
- **Afternoon:** Stop at the ruins of Zvartnots Cathedral. Return to Yerevan with time for a coffee break at a local café.
- **Evening:** Explore Yerevan's vibrant wine bars and terraces.
- **Highlight:** Private choral performance in a historic church (on request).

Accommodation Options:

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

From €180/night.

- **Boutique guesthouse near Cascade** - Central Yerevan. From €80/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Performance requires advance booking.

📍 **Day 3: Monasteries & Mountains – Khor Virap & Noravank**



● **Morning:** Depart Yerevan for Khor Virap Monastery (~1h15 drive).

Visit the monastery with panoramic views of Mount Ararat. Continue through the Ararat Valley to Areni village for a wine tasting and lunch.

- **Afternoon:** Visit Noravank Monastery, set in dramatic red cliffs (~40 min drive from Areni). Short nature walk around the site. Return to Yeghegnadzor for overnight (~30 min).
- **Evening:** Dinner at a local guesthouse with homemade specialties.
- **Highlight:** Tasting Armenia's oldest wines in Areni.

Accommodation Options:

- **Eco-lodge in Areni** - Vineyard area near Noravank.
Locally-owned with vineyard views, organic wines, and farm-to-table meals. From €80/night.
- **Family-run guesthouse in Yeghegnadzor** - Rural valley.
Homemade food from local farms, community-supported. From €60/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Wine tasting and lunch bookings needed; dietary preferences to be confirmed.

 **Day 4: Silk Road & Tatev Monastery**



- **Morning:** Early drive (~2h30) to Tatev Monastery via the historic Silk Road. Ride the "Wings of Tatev" cable car (the world's longest reversible cableway; ~12 min ride) to the monastery.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Tatev Monastery and surrounding village. Optional short hike (1–2h, easy/moderate). Return to Goris (~40 min drive).
- **Evening:** Dinner in Goris, a town known for its stone houses and caves.
- **Highlight:** Cable car journey over the Vorotan Gorge.

Accommodation Options:

- **Old Halidzor Resort (Forest Family Chalet)** - Near Tatev Monastery, Halidzor village. Wooden cottages in orchards, family-run with local breakfast. From €80/night.
- **Eco Lodge in the Caucasus Wildlife Refuge** - Near Goris/Karahunj. Sun terrace, pool, garden; aids wildlife conservation. From €90/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Cable car schedule may vary in March; check for weather-related closures.

Day 5: Megaliths & Caves – Karahunj & Khndzoresk



- **Morning:** Visit Karahunj (the “Armenian Stonehenge”; ~40 min from Goris). Continue to Khndzoresk cave village (30 min drive). Walk the suspension bridge and explore the caves (moderate, 1–2h).
- **Afternoon:** Return to Goris for a relaxed afternoon. Optional visit to local museum or café.
- **Evening:** Casual dinner in Goris.
- **Highlight:** Crossing the dramatic Khndzoresk suspension bridge.

Accommodation Options:

- **Old Halidzor Resort (Forest Family Chalet)** - Near Tatev Monastery. From €80/night.

- **Eco Lodge in the Caucasus Wildlife Refuge** - Near Goris/Karahunj. From €90/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Walking shoes recommended; bridge may be closed in poor weather.

📍 **Day 6: Alpine Landscapes – Lake Sevan**



- **Morning:** Scenic drive (~3h) north to Lake Sevan, stopping at Selim Caravanserai (Silk Road monument) en route. Visit Sevanavank Monastery on the lake peninsula.

- **Afternoon:** Optional boat ride (weather permitting). Free time to relax by the lake or sample smoked fish at a lakeside restaurant.
- **Evening:** Overnight at a lakeside eco-lodge or boutique hotel.
- **Highlight:** Panoramic lake views from Sevanavank.

Accommodation Options:

- **Armenian Camp Resort** - Shores of Lake Sevan. Wooden rooms with lake views, library, balcony. From €90/night.
- **Tevani Glamping** - Near Lake Sevan. Eco-glamping focused on nature protection. From €80/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Boat rides depend on weather and lake conditions in March.

 **Day 7: Dilijan – The Armenian Switzerland**



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Morning: Drive (~1h15) to Dilijan National Park. Visit Haghartsin and Goshavank monasteries, set in lush forests. Easy walks, 2–3h total.

- **Afternoon:** Explore Dilijan's old town and artisan workshops. Optional hike or spa treatment.
- **Evening:** Stay in a forest eco-lodge or boutique hotel. Dinner with local trout specialties.
- **Highlight:** Immersive nature and crafts in Dilijan.

Accommodation Options:

- **Dilivita Resthouse** - Dilijan. Mountain views, breakfast included.
From €80/night.
- **Petit Dilijan B&B** - Old town Dilijan. Boutique guesthouse with artisan ties. From €80/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Spa treatments should be pre-booked.

📍 Day 8: Lori Region – Sanahin & Haghpat



- **Morning:** Drive (~2h) to Lori region. Visit the UNESCO-listed monasteries of Sanahin and Haghpat. Guided tours, moderate

walking (2–3h).

- **Afternoon:** Lunch in a local village. Scenic drive through Debed Canyon.
- **Evening:** Overnight in a guesthouse or eco-lodge in the Lori region.
- **Highlight:** Discovering medieval monastic architecture in dramatic settings.

Accommodation Options:

- **B&B Odzun** - Near Haghpat/Sanahin. Community-run B&B, supports local villages. From €60/night.
- **Debed Life Workation & Co-living House** - Debed Canyon. Eco-focused co-living, promotes sustainable living. From €80/night.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm guesthouse availability; some close in winter/early spring.

 **Day 9: Return to Yerevan via Amberd Fortress**



- **Morning:** Scenic drive (~3h) back to Yerevan, stopping at Amberd Fortress on the slopes of Mount Aragats. Visit the fortress and nearby church (easy walk, 1–1.5h).
- **Afternoon:** Arrive in Yerevan. Free time for shopping or museum visits (History Museum, Vernissage market).
- **Evening:** Farewell dinner with live Armenian music.
- **Highlight:** Panoramic views from Amberd Fortress.
 - **Accommodation Options:**
 - **Alexander, a Luxury Collection Hotel (5*)** - Central Yerevan. From €180/night.
 - **Boutique guesthouse near Cascade** - Central Yerevan. From €80/night.

- **[To Customize]:** Amberd may be inaccessible in case of late snow; alternative site can be arranged.

Day 10: Yerevan at Leisure & Departure



- **Morning:** Leisurely breakfast. Optional guided food tour or last-minute shopping.
- **Afternoon:** Transfer to Zvartnots International Airport (~30 min) for departure. Late check-out possible if flight schedule allows.
- **Evening:** Departure.

- **Highlight:** Savoring your final moments in Armenia's vibrant capital.

Accommodation Options:

- **Day use of hotel room** if late departure.
- **[To Customize]:** Confirm flight times for transfer planning.

✦ **Customizable Options**

- Private wine masterclass in Areni or Yerevan
- Cooking workshop with a local family
- Day hike in Dilijan National Park (moderate to challenging)
- Wellness day (spa, hot springs in Dilijan)
- Helicopter scenic flight over Mount Ararat (weather permitting)
- Exclusive access to church choir rehearsals or private concerts

✦ **Alternative Options**

- **Alternative Option 1:** Faster pace – focus on southern Armenia (Khor Virap, Noravank, Tatev) with more hiking and less time in the north.
- **Alternative Option 2:** Slower pace – add extra nights in Dilijan or Lake Sevan for more relaxation and nature immersion.
- **Alternative Option 3:** Focus on luxury – upgrade to 5* hotels in Yerevan and Sevan, with private guided experiences throughout.

✦ **Practical Info & Budget**

- **Seasonality:** March in Armenia is early spring—expect cool temperatures (5–15°C), possible rain, and snow in higher regions. Some mountain roads or sites (Amberd, Khndzoresk bridge) may be affected by weather; flexibility is built into the program.
- **Comfort level:** Mix of luxury hotels, boutique guesthouses, and eco-lodges, all verified by local partners.
- **Indicative budget breakdown (per person, for 10 nights):**
 - Accommodation: €700–1000 (double occupancy, mix of styles)
 - Driver-guide & private vehicle: €400–600
 - Activities, entrances, tastings: €250–350
 - Meals (half-board): €250–350
 - Total per person: €1600–2300 (for group of 5, based on mid-range to boutique comfort)

Total group budget estimate: €8000–11,500

- **What's included:** Accommodation, private driver-guide, all transfers, entrance fees, tastings, half-board meals, local experiences.
- **What's excluded:** International flights, personal expenses, travel insurance, tips, some lunches.
- **Visa:** Most EU/US/UK citizens do not require a visa for Armenia for stays under 180 days; check nationality-specific requirements.

- Health: No mandatory vaccinations. Weather can be variable—pack layers and waterproof gear. Mountain areas may be chilly; sturdy walking shoes recommended.
- Partner verification and availability check recommended for final booking.

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Next Steps

- Please confirm your exact travel dates and preferred flight times for precise planning.
- Let us know if you wish to add or remove regions, or adjust the activity level (more hiking, more culture, more relaxation).
- Does the proposed budget and duration fit your expectations?
- We can refine this itinerary with our local Armenian partners and check real-time availability for your preferred accommodation styles.
- This program is a flexible starting point—let us know your

preferences, and we'll tailor every detail to your group's wishes!

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