

THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION GUIDE

Armenia

A premium guide for travellers from India

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 WELCOME

A high country of stone, wine and quiet monasteries

Why this guide and how to use it

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Armenia rewards travellers who enjoy slow mornings, layered history and a landscape that changes quickly from city streets to highland meadows. This guide is written for travellers from India planning a considered trip, with practical notes on entry, timing, transport, stays, food, families, romance and budgets.

Treat it as a planning companion rather than a final word. Entry rules, fares, exchange rates and regional advisories change often, so each practical point carries a source and a reminder to check the live position before you book. Where sources disagree, we say so.

✓ Start with the rules

Confirm visa, insurance and passport validity on the official portal before anything else.

✓ Choose your season

Spring and autumn suit many visitors, while summer heat and winter snow shape the options.

✓ Allow time for distance

Journeys between towns can take longer than the map suggests, so plan fewer bases and build in buffer days.

When you are ready to compare dates and departures, browse [Armenia holiday packages](#) or continue to the sections that follow for timing, regions and stays.

THE ESSENCE

Ancient stone, modern Yerevan



Armenia packs a great deal into a small country. Yerevan, the tuff-stone capital, offers cafés, museums and the stepped Cascade, while a short drive leads to a temple above a basalt gorge and a monastery cut into cliffs. On clear days Mount Ararat, which lies across the border in Turkey, hangs faintly on the horizon.

✓ Stone and history

Garni and Geghard are popular day trips from the capital, each with its own atmosphere.

✓ Modern city life

Yerevan's cafés and galleries give the first days an easy, walkable rhythm.

✓ Cooler escapes

Lake Sevan and Dilijan offer lakeside and forest air when the capital is hot.

✓ Wine and bread

Ararat Valley vineyards and lavash baking show everyday Armenian life.

 THE ESSENCE

Ancient stone, modern Yerevan continued

“The best Armenian days move slowly: a monastery in the morning, a long lunch and an evening on a terrace.”

Spring and autumn are most often recommended, and many sources name May, September and October as the best months. Summer heat in Yerevan and winter snow in the highlands shape the choice. Confirm entry rules on the official portal before booking, and check live fares, since current listings show no direct flights from India and most routings involve one stop. Our team can shape the route around your season and pace: browse [Armenia Holiday Packages](#) or plan your own journey with us.

BEFORE YOU GO

Entry and the e-visa

Check every rule on the official portal before booking

Apply early and check the portal

Indian citizens holding ordinary passports need a visa to enter Armenia. The Embassy of Armenia in New Delhi recommends the e-visa, applied for online at evisa.mfa.am. The Embassy quotes a processing time of three working days, while other sources report three to four. Apply well ahead rather than at the minimum.

What to have ready

✓ Passport

It must be valid for the entire stay, according to the Embassy.

✓ Health insurance

A commercial summary says travel health insurance has been required for Indian applicants since November 2024. Confirm the exact wording on the portal.

✓ Supporting proof

Either a qualifying visa or residence permit, or a return ticket, invitation letter and bank statement. Check which option applies to your case.

✓ Printed copies

Carry a printed e-visa and your insurance certificate alongside your passport.

Fees and rules are less settled. Secondary sources quote fees from AMD 3,000, roughly ₹650 in one conversion, for a 21-day stay. Another site gives a range of AMD 3,000 to 15,000. Treat these as estimates and check the live fee. Do not plan on a visa on arrival, because the Embassy advises applying in advance. The permitted stay is also described ambiguously, so confirm the period for your visa type. A temporary exemption for some residence permits reportedly ended on 1 July 2026, and we could not verify whether it was extended.

 BEFORE YOU GO

Entry and the e-visa continued

Check every rule on the official portal before booking

Requirements can change, so re-check the official portal in the weeks before departure. When your application is in, you can [browse Armenia holiday packages](#) or ask our team to help you plan the rest of the journey.

DOCUMENTS

Documents to carry

Carry these before you leave home

The Embassy of Armenia states that Indian ordinary-passport holders need a visa, and it recommends the e-visa, applied for at evisa.mfa.am well ahead of travel. Published processing times vary from three to four working days, so do not leave the application until the last weeks before departure. Keep every document below in both digital and printed form.

☐ Passport valid for the whole stay

The Embassy says the passport must be valid for the entire stay. Check the expiry date against your return date, not only your departure date.

☐ Approved e-visa

Apply through the official portal and carry a printed copy. Confirm the live fee and the permitted length of stay for your visa type before you pay.

☐ Travel health insurance

Secondary sources say health insurance has been required for Indian applicants since November 2024. Confirm the exact wording on the portal and keep the policy certificate with your visa.

☐ Supporting proof

Some sources describe one route based on a qualifying foreign visa or residence permit, and another based on a return ticket, invitation letter and bank statement. Check which route applies to you.

☐ Return or onward ticket

Carry a copy of your return or onward ticket with your documents, since it can support the application and useful checks on arrival.

☐ Digital backup

Store scans of your passport, visa, insurance and tickets in a secure cloud folder that you can open offline.

Some points remain unresolved. Sources disagree on whether visa on arrival is available, and one source mentions a temporary residence-permit exemption ending on 1 July 2026 that could not be verified. Follow the Embassy's advice and apply in advance. Before travel, check the Indian Ministry of External Affairs advisory and register with the Indian Embassy. For questions, contact the Embassy of Armenia in New Delhi through india.mfa.am. You can also review [Armenia holiday packages](#) when you are ready to plan the wider trip.

TIMING

Choosing your season

Spring and autumn lead, while summer heat and winter snow shape the choice

Spring and autumn are the most often recommended seasons, and many travellers find May, September and October the most comfortable months. The right window depends on what you want to do, so treat the calendar below as a starting point and check current conditions before fixing dates.

Month by month



January

Heavy snow and below-freezing temperatures limit access to many regions. Choose January or February for skiing.

February

Ski season. Cold and snow still restrict travel beyond the resort areas.

March

Spring begins with snowmelt and changeable sunny or rainy weather. Confirm local conditions before mountain excursions.

April

One of the wetter and more changeable months, though the flowering orchards are a major attraction.

May

Frequently recommended as one of the best months for a balanced trip.

June

Summer brings hot, sunny conditions. Hiking options vary by region and altitude; choose a route with local advice.

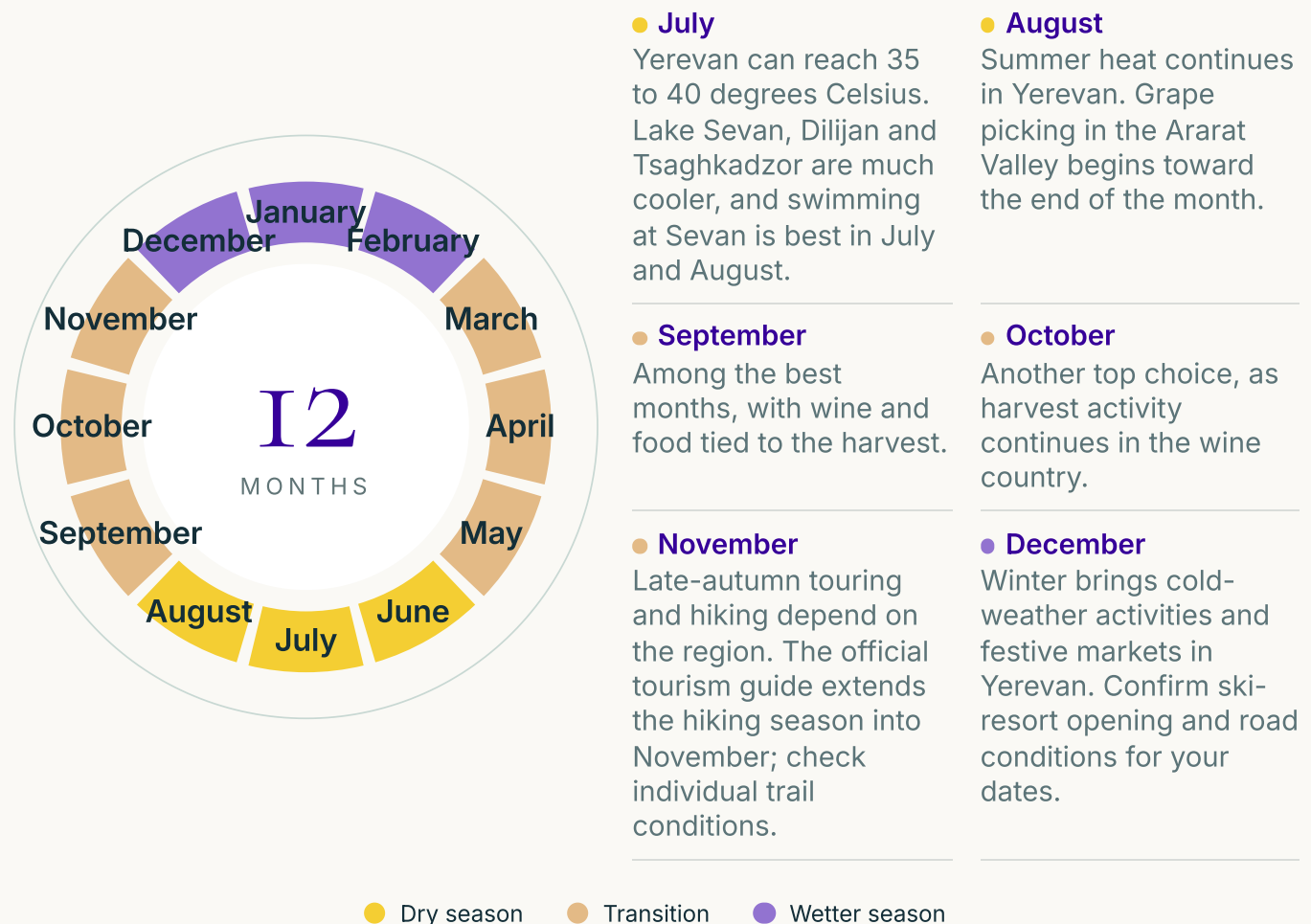
● Dry season ● Transition ● Wetter season

TIMING

Choosing your season continued

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Month by month



Good to know

✓ Flight timing

One aggregator snapshot shows February and March as the cheapest months to fly from India, with October and November far higher. Treat this as a snapshot and check live fares.

 TIMING

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Good to know

✓ Winter access

Snow can affect roads and day trips, so plan winter travel with flexibility.

Good to know

✓ Compare options

Review [Armenia holiday packages](role:packages) against your chosen month before you commit.

Sources differ on exact conditions in shoulder months, so confirm current weather and road access with official or local sources closer to departure.

FLIGHTS

Getting to Yerevan

Expect one-stop routings and check fares live

Expect a connection

Skyscanner India and Momondo both report that no airline currently offers direct flights between India and Armenia. Most journeys therefore include at least one stop, often via the Gulf. Zvartnots International Airport (EVN) is the main airport for Yerevan. Routings and schedules change often, so check live fares before fixing your dates. If you would prefer flights and transfers arranged together, you can [browse Armenia holiday packages](#).

Two fare snapshots, 24 October 2026

Criterion	Skyscanner India	Momondo
Fare shown	From ₹45,396 return on sample dates, with one or more stops	Best price ₹27,407 from New Delhi, one-way or promotional
Routing in sample	One or more stops	One stop, with sample journeys of about 18 to 22 hours
Best use	Comparing full return fares	Spotting lower one-way or promotional fares

From the airport

✓ Ride-hailing apps

Yandex and GG are the apps most often recommended. Airport to city centre fares are estimated at 2,500 to 3,500 AMD.

FLIGHTS

Getting to Yerevan continued

Expect one-stop routings and check fares live

From the airport

✓ Street taxis

These run without meters and may quote higher prices to foreigners. Agree the fare first, or use an app.

From the airport

✓ Cash

Keep some dram for taxis and small purchases, as cards do not cover every fare.

Booking tips

Search a range of departure dates rather than one fixed day, since fares vary widely. One aggregator snapshot showed October and November fares well above February and March, so flexible dates may help. Allow generous time for connections, and check baggage rules with each airline. If you book separate tickets, the risk of a missed connection falls on you, so build in a buffer. Confirm your visa and insurance paperwork before paying for flights, as the entry section explains.

 TRANSPORT

Moving within Armenia

Shared minibuses, called marshrutkas, are the most flexible low-cost way to move between towns. Many run to set departure patterns, and city fares are usually a flat rate per journey. Carry Armenian dram in cash, since marshrutkas, markets and rural stops often do not take cards. Figures below are approximate, drawn from 2026 secondary guides, and should be checked locally before you travel. You can compare [Armenia holiday packages](#) if you would prefer transfers arranged in advance.

Key fares and times

Yerevan to Gyumri	Weekend express train	About 2,500	About 2 h 10 min
Yerevan to Gyumri	Daily train	1,300–1,500	A little over three hours
Yerevan to Gyumri	Marshrutka	Not stated	Runs about every 45 minutes
Yerevan to Sevan	Marshrutka	About 800	One 2026 guide
Yerevan to Dilijan	Marshrutka	About 1,500	One 2026 guide
Yerevan to Tbilisi	Marshrutka	8,000–9,000 per person	Night train does not run daily
Airport to city centre	Yandex or GG app taxi	2,500–3,500	Check the app price before booking
Yerevan city	Marshrutka or metro	100–150 per marshrutka; 100 metro	Single metro line

 TRANSPORT

Moving within Armenia continued

Practical notes

✓ Taxis

Use a ride-hailing app where possible. Street taxis run without meters and may quote higher prices to foreigners, so agree the fare before you get in.

Practical notes

✓ Car hire

One guide cites rentals from about \$25 a day. Check road conditions carefully, especially in winter, and allow extra time in highland areas.

Practical notes

✓ Border roads

Roads near the Azerbaijan and Georgia borders can cross international boundaries without notice. Check current official advice before planning any route close to a border.

REGIONS

Regions at a glance

Five areas in one small country



Five areas, one small country

Armenia is compact enough to read as a set of contrasts. Yerevan anchors most journeys, while the lakes, gorges, wine valleys and border uplands each have their own rhythm. Plan by region rather than by map distance, because mountain roads are slow and marshrutka timetables shape each day.

Yerevan

PROFILE

Capital of cafés, museums and the stepped Cascade. Day trips reach Garni, Geghard and Khor Virap.

GOOD FOR

City stays and first or last nights

PLANNING NOTE

Standard pickpocketing caution applies in busy areas.

 REGIONS

Regions at a glance continued

Five areas in one small country

Lake Sevan, Dilijan and Tsaghkadzor

PROFILE

Cooler escapes. Sevan is popular for summer swimming, Dilijan's forests turn amber in autumn, and Tsaghkadzor is a winter ski resort.

GOOD FOR

Summer cool, autumn walks and January or February skiing

PLANNING NOTE

Winter road conditions can change quickly.

Gyumri

PROFILE

Historic northwest city of basalt and tuff streets. A weekend express train takes about 2 h 10 min from Yerevan.

GOOD FOR

Architecture and slower days

PLANNING NOTE

Train timings differ between weekend express and daily services.

Ararat Valley

PROFILE

Wine country. Grape picking often begins toward the end of August, and September and October suit harvest food and wine.

GOOD FOR

Vineyards and autumn tastings

PLANNING NOTE

Harvest dates vary by year.

REGIONS

Regions at a glance continued

Five areas in one small country

Syunik

PROFILE

Southern highlands including Goris and Tatev. Sources flag border proximity here.

GOOD FOR

Experienced travellers who have checked current advice

PLANNING NOTE

Confirm advisories and maps before any route.

Nagorno-Karabakh is not open to tourists, according to a 2026 guide, so it is left out of this itinerary. Several official advisories warn against travel within 5km of the Azerbaijan border. The UK FCDO also advises against the M16 and H26 road between Ijevan and Noyemberyan. Read current advice before fixing any northern or southern route, as border-adjacent roads may cross boundaries without notice.

Once your route is settled, you can compare [Armenia holiday packages](#) or plan each leg separately. Keep the central region as your base, add one cooler escape, and leave space for the slower marshrutka days.

CAPITAL

Yerevan on foot

Cafés, museums and the stepped Cascade

Yerevan is compact enough to explore on foot, and its basalt and pink tuff streets reward slow wandering. Begin at the stepped Cascade, a long flight of terraces with open views over the city. On clear days you may see Mount Ararat on the horizon, though haze often hides it. Cafés cluster around the central avenues, and museums offer a welcome break from the sun. [Explore Armenia holiday packages](#) to pair city days with day trips.

Walk the Cascade early

Mornings are cooler and quieter. Temperatures in Yerevan can climb sharply in July and August, so plan outdoor walking for early or late in the day.

Getting in from the airport

Ride-hailing apps such as Yandex or GG are commonly used, with fares typically quoted at 2,500 to 3,500 AMD. Street taxis may not use meters, so agree on a price first.

Local transport

Marshrutka fares are generally 100 to 150 AMD per journey, and the metro is a single line at 100 AMD. Carry dram in cash, as cards are not accepted everywhere.

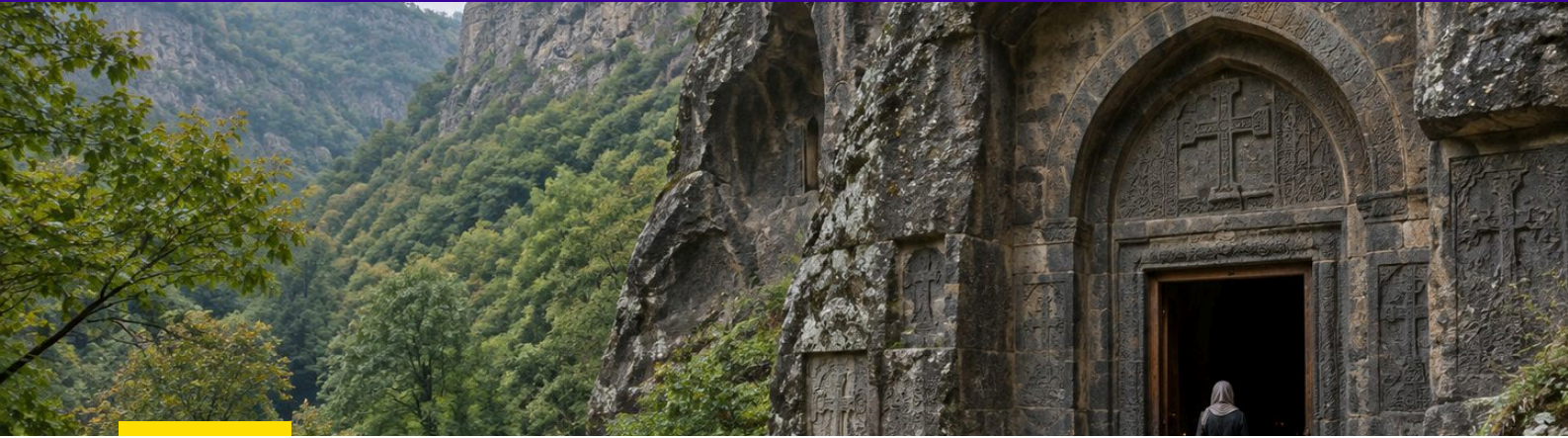
Day trips from the capital

Garni, Geghard and Khor Virap are widely visited from Yerevan. Check current opening hours and transport options before you set out.

Cafés and bars keep the centre lively into the evening, especially in summer. Dress modestly when entering churches. Petty theft such as pickpocketing is common in crowded places, and demonstrations occasionally take place in central Yerevan, so keep bags closed and avoid large gatherings. [Plan your Yerevan stay](#) with a flexible first day so you can adjust to the heat and the city pace.

DAY TRIPS

Garni and Geghard



Garni and Geghard are two of the most often recommended day trips from Yerevan, and they make a rewarding pairing. One is a columned temple above a deep basalt gorge; the other is a monastery partly carved into the rock of a wooded valley. Travel times and transport options change, so confirm them locally before you set out. For a guided day, you can browse [Armenia holiday packages](#).

A columned temple stands on a grassy plateau, with cliffs of hexagonal basalt columns falling away below. The late afternoon light is especially kind to the stone.

Geghard's arched doorways open into a cliff face. Its quiet interiors feel very different from the open plateau at Garni, so allow time to move slowly between the two.

✓ Getting there

Shared minibuses and taxis run from Yerevan. Street taxis may not use meters and can quote higher prices to foreigners, so agree a fare first or use a ride app. Carry some cash.

DAY TRIPS

Garni and Geghard continued

✓ Dress with care

Both sites are places of worship. Dress modestly, cover shoulders and knees, and carry a light layer. Check current guidance on site before photographing inside.

✓ Pace the day

Many visitors combine both sites in one day. Confirm opening hours locally, and wear sturdy shoes for uneven paths and stone steps.

✓ Weather

Summer afternoons can be hot in the valleys. Bring water, sun protection and a hat, and check conditions before a winter visit.

Both sites reward a slower visit. Sit with the view at Garni, step quietly into the cool of Geghard, and let the day set its own rhythm. For help building the rest of your route, you can [ask our team](#).

COOLER ESCAPES

Lake Sevan, Dilijan and Tsaghkadzor



Within reach of Yerevan, three areas offer a change of pace. Lake Sevan is a large mountain lake, Dilijan is a forested town within a national park, and Tsaghkadzor is a ski resort that grows quieter in warmer months.

Summer heat in Yerevan can reach roughly 35 to 40 °C in July and August, while Sevan and Dilijan are much cooler. Many travellers plan a lakeside or forest stop in midsummer and pack a warm layer for cool evenings. You can browse [Armenia holiday packages](#) that include a cooler escape.

Lake Sevan

Sevan is popular with Armenian families in summer, and July and August are the months most often cited for swimming. Allow extra time for road journeys, which depend on marshrutka or taxi availability.

Dilijan

Dilijan National Park is known for its mixed forests. Autumn is the season for colour, and the cooler air suits gentle walks. Expect a quieter pace than the capital, with fewer services after dusk.

Tsaghkadzor

Tsaghkadzor is a ski resort in winter. January and February are the months to choose for skiing. Check snow conditions and road access before you travel, because heavy snow can limit access to many areas.

COOLER ESCAPES

Lake Sevan, Dilijan and Tsaghkadzor continued

Seasonal directory

PLACE	BEST TIME	CHARACTER
Lake Sevan	July and August for swimming	Cooler than Yerevan and busy with families in summer

Seasonal directory

PLACE	BEST TIME	CHARACTER
Dilijan	Autumn for forest colour	Quiet forest town within a national park

Seasonal directory

PLACE	BEST TIME	CHARACTER
Tsaghkadzor	January and February for skiing	Winter ski resort with a quieter summer

Transport between these places is usually by marshrutka or taxi, and schedules change by season, so confirm them locally before you set out. For a considered route that fits your dates, speak to our [enquiry team](#).

NORTHWEST

Gyumri's basalt streets



A basalt city in the north

Gyumri is Armenia's second city and sits in the northwest, well away from the capital's pace. Its historic streets are built from dark basalt and pink tuff, with carved wooden balconies and old iron gates that reward a slow walk. Expect quiet side lanes, and allow time to look up at doorways, courtyards and rooftops rather than rushing through the centre.

Yerevan to Gyumri is a short journey by rail or road. One secondary guide describes a weekend express taking about 2 hours 10 minutes, daily trains of a little over three hours, and marshrutka minibuses running about every 45 minutes. These figures are approximate and may have changed, so confirm times on the day. If you would prefer help with transfers, see [Armenia holiday packages](#).

✓ Walk slowly

Early morning and late afternoon light suit the basalt facades, and winter sun throws long shadows across the streets.

✓ Carry cash

Cash is needed for marshrutkas, markets and smaller purchases, so keep some dram on hand.

 NORTHWEST

Gyumri's basalt streets continued

✓ Check advice

Smartertraveller notes that protests have occurred in Gyumri and other major cities, so check current advice before you travel.

Winter days can be cold, so pack warm layers and sturdy shoes for walking. Confirm the latest travel advice and transport timetables before you set out, and keep your plans flexible in case of closures or changes.

 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Syunik and the border regions

Read current advisories before planning any route

Syunik is the southern highland province, where Goris and Tatev draw travellers for cliffs, monasteries and quiet mountain roads. Its appeal is real, but so are its border sensitivities. In this part of Armenia, current official advice should shape your plans more than any itinerary does.

Check before you go

✓ Official advisories

Australia advises a high degree of caution and no travel within 5km of the Azerbaijan border. The UK FCDO advises against all travel within 5km of the eastern border. The US advises increased caution and against travel to the border region.

✓ Restricted areas

US Embassy staff are barred from some areas for non-essential travel, including parts of Syunik east of Goris and south of Kapan. Check current maps before planning any Syunik route.

✓ Roads near the border

Border-adjacent roads may cross international boundaries without notice. Insurance may be invalidated if you travel against official advice.

✓ Indian government advice

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs advisory was not checked for this draft. Review it and register with the Indian Embassy before travel.

Plans to Goris and Tatev depend on current road conditions and official guidance on the day you travel. Ask a local operator or driver about route status before leaving Yerevan, and keep a flexible schedule. If you would like help shaping a safer route, you can [browse current packages](#) or [speak with our team](#).

 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Syunik and the border regions continued

Read current advisories before planning any route

Nagorno-Karabakh is not accessible to tourists, according to one 2026 guide, and it should not feature in any itinerary. Treat this as a fixed point in your planning rather than a matter of preference.

Mountain weather can change quickly, and winter snow can limit access to many highland roads. Build spare time into each day, and confirm conditions locally before any drive that crosses high ground.

WINE COUNTRY

Ararat Valley harvest



The Ararat Valley is one of Armenia's best-known wine areas, and its vineyards look out toward Mount Ararat. Secondary guides say many wineries begin picking grapes toward the end of August, so late summer and early autumn are the core window for watching the harvest. Exact timing shifts with the weather and each producer's schedule, so confirm with a winery before you go.

Watch the picking

Aim for late August into October. Sources differ on exact weeks, so ask producers when picking is under way.

Book tastings ahead

Reserve tastings in advance where you can, and check opening times, since estates often keep their own hours.

Arrange transport

Distances between estates can be long. Compare a private driver with a group tour before you commit.

Pack for changing weather

Early autumn days can stay warm while evenings cool, so carry layers and water.

For organised visits, compare [Armenia holiday packages](#) with independent day arrangements, and confirm current transport options locally before you travel.

WINE COUNTRY

Ararat Valley harvest continued

Harvest window at a glance

Late August

Some Ararat Valley wineries begin grape picking

Secondary guide

Harvest window at a glance

September to October

Peak wine and food season during the harvest

Secondary sources

Harvest window at a glance

Winter

Heavy snow can limit access to many regions

Seasonal guide

Light is kindest early and late in the day, when long shadows cross the rows. Haze can hide the mountain, so treat the view as a welcome bonus rather than a promise.

WHERE TO STAY

Guesthouses and hotels

Choose by location and season



Armenia offers a wide range of accommodation, and the right base depends on where you go and when. Family-run guesthouses are a practical choice in Yerevan and smaller towns, but facilities differ, so confirm what each property includes before you book. Hotel rates are indicative only, and sources disagree widely.



ACCOMMODATION

Guesthouses

Small, family-run guesthouses suit travellers who want local warmth and a central base. Ask about check-in, transfers and what breakfast includes.

SEASONAL

Seasonal bases

Sevan and Dilijan suit warmer months, while Tsaghkadzor is a winter ski base. Winter snow may limit mountain roads, so plan transfers carefully.

HOTELS

Hotels

Hotels range from simple three-star rooms to four- and five-star properties. One guide quotes roughly 25,000 to 45,000 AMD for a three-star in Yerevan, while another lists around 15,000 AMD. Check live prices.

 WHERE TO STAY

Guesthouses and hotels continued

Choose by location and season

✓ Location

Choose central Yerevan for walking and cafés, or a quieter town for day trips.

✓ Season

Match the setting to the weather, from lakeside summers to snowbound winters.

✓ Transfers

Ask whether airport pick-up is offered and what it costs, as street taxis may quote higher fares.

✓ Breakfast

Confirm whether breakfast is included and what it covers.

Sevan, Dilijan and Tsaghkadzor each suit a different season, so match your dates to the setting. Speak to our team or browse [Armenia holiday packages](#) to compare stays against your flights and route. Confirm current prices, availability and facilities before travel.

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TABLE

Food, bread and wine



Bread at the centre

Lavash-based dishes are a staple of the Armenian table. This thin flatbread is baked against the inner wall of a clay tonir oven, and watching it being shaped is one of the simplest pleasures of a visit. Ask for bread fresh from the oven where you can, and take a moment to see the process up close.

Eating with dietary needs

Armenian cooking is generally meat-heavy, so vegetarian travellers should ask carefully how dishes are prepared. Vegetarian availability for Indian travellers has not been verified in our sources, and halal and Jain options should be confirmed on the ground rather than assumed. A short written note listing what you avoid can help at smaller restaurants.

✓ Carry cash

Markets, taxis, marshrutkas and rural eateries often need cash. Cards are more widely accepted in Yerevan.

✓ Time the harvest

Grape picking in the Ararat Valley begins toward the end of August. September and October are often recommended for wine and food, though dates vary each year.

✓ Book a tasting

Wineries and family kitchens may welcome visits by arrangement. [Browse Armenia holiday packages](role:packages) for guided food and wine options.

ETIQUETTE

Monasteries, dress and photography

Verify etiquette with Armenian tourism sources

Etiquette at monasteries and churches

Armenia's monasteries, such as Geghard, are working religious sites as well as landmarks. Visitors are generally welcome, and a quiet, respectful approach makes the visit better for everyone. Keep a slow pace, lower your voice and step aside for worshippers or for services in progress.

✓ Dress

Choose clothing that covers shoulders and knees, and carry a light scarf that can be used to cover your head or shoulders. Confirm current expectations before your visit, as practice can vary between sites.

✓ Behaviour

Speak quietly, avoid touching religious objects and do not lean on walls or carvings. Follow posted notices and any guidance from staff.

✓ Photography

Ask before photographing people, especially those praying or attending services. Check on site whether photography inside is permitted, and avoid flash near frescoes or carved stonework.

Guidance for religious sites still needs confirmation from Armenian tourism and cultural sources. Until then, treat these points as courtesy rather than fixed rules. For help arranging a guided visit, explore [Armenia holiday packages](#).

FAMILIES

Travelling with children



Armenia is compact, so a family can see a good deal without long days on the road. A sensible pattern is a base in Yerevan with day trips to Garni and Geghard, then a slower stop at Lake Sevan or Dilijan when the weather suits. Distances in the highlands are longer than they look on a map, so build in rest days.

✓ Getting around

Marshrutkas and trains are inexpensive. Secondary sources say the weekend express from Yerevan to Gyumri is the most comfortable option. Shared minibuses often leave when full, so allow extra time with small children. Cash is needed for marshrutkas, so carry small dram notes.

✓ Paperwork

Each traveller needs an entry visa and the travel health insurance that current sources describe as mandatory. One source says the e-visa fee is waived for under-18s, but this is unconfirmed. Check the official portal for each child before you apply.

✓ Weather

Summer can reach +35 to +40 °C in Yerevan, so plan lake days at Sevan for July and August and carry sun protection. In winter, heavy snow and road conditions can disrupt travel, so keep plans close to the capital unless you have a driver or a guide.

 FAMILIES

Travelling with children continued

Speak to a travel clinic four to six weeks before departure about your children's routine vaccines and any advice for your family. The health section summarises current guidance, which should be confirmed for each child.

Keep family plans well away from the border with Azerbaijan. Official advisories from several countries recommend against travel within 5km of the border, and Nagorno-Karabakh is not open to tourists. Read the latest advice before you book, and browse [Armenia holiday packages](#) when you are ready to compare options.

PLAN IT WITH
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ROMANCE

Slow evenings and quiet views



Armenia suits couples who enjoy slow mornings, long lunches and evenings with a view. Our research did not cover romance in depth, so treat these ideas as starting points to confirm locally rather than settled recommendations. The country rewards a few well-chosen places over a packed route.

✓ Terrace sunsets

Look for a stone terrace or valley viewpoint where you can watch the light change. Ask your host about access and timing before you set out.

✓ Ararat Valley wine

Wine country suits a long lunch. One source notes that grape picking begins toward the end of August, so harvest timing varies by year. Confirm tasting visits in advance.

✓ Cooler escapes

Dilijan and Lake Sevan offer cooler air in summer, with forest and lakeside walks. Lake Sevan can be busy with families in peak summer, so a weekday stay may feel quieter.

✓ Winter snow

Tsaghkadzor is a ski resort in winter, but heavy snow and cold limit access to many regions. Keep winter plans simple and check road conditions.

ROMANCE

Slow evenings and quiet views continued

Keep romantic routes away from border regions. Current advisories warn against travel near the Azerbaijan border, so read the Syunik section before planning any southern journey. To shape your evenings around your dates and pace, [browse Armenia holiday packages](#) or make an enquiry for a tailored itinerary.

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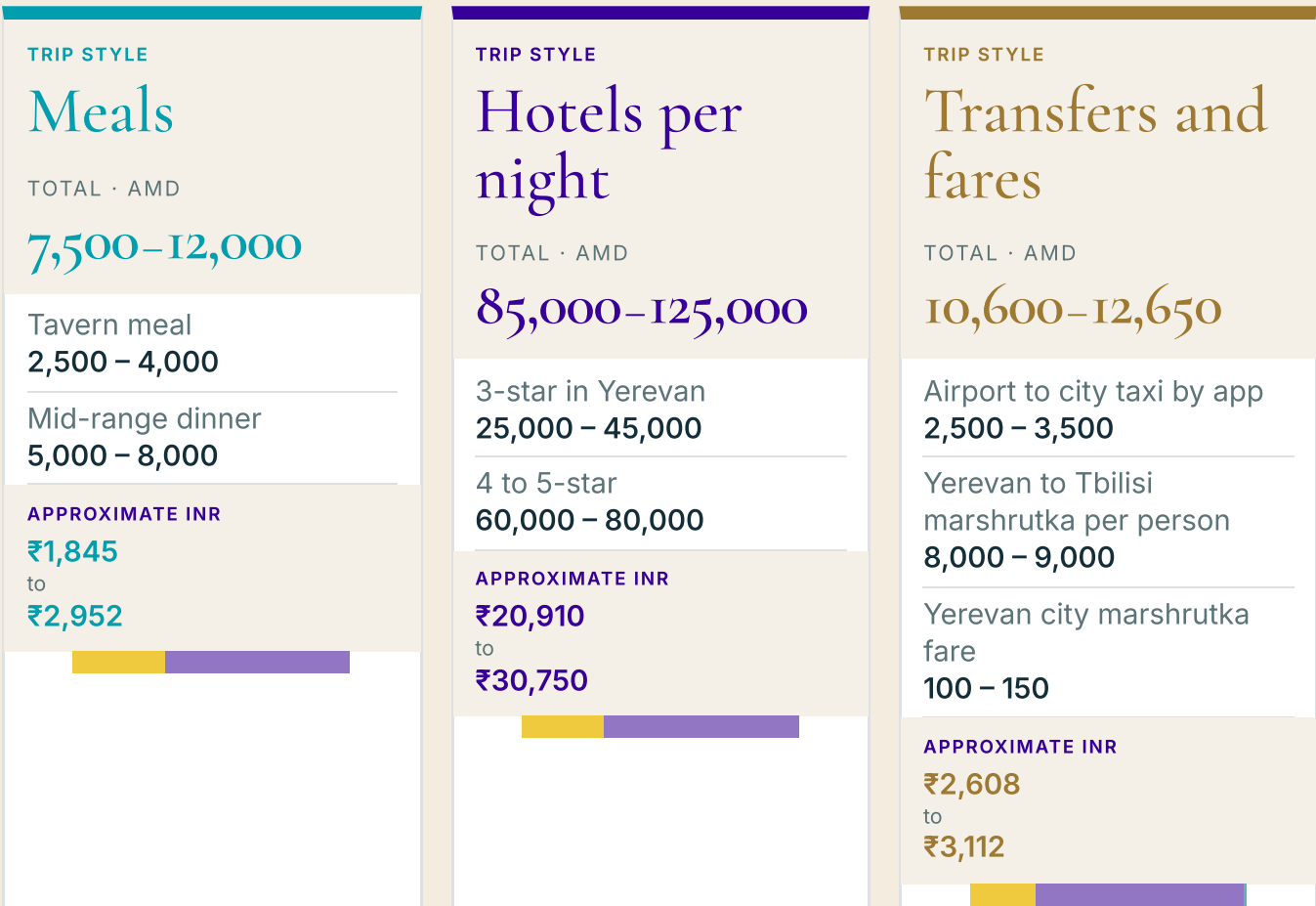


BUDGETS

Planning your spend

Planning estimates, not offers

Costs in Armenia depend on season, location and how you travel. The figures below are planning estimates from secondary sources, checked on 24 October 2026. Prices change quickly, so confirm before you book.



Tavern meal Mid-range dinner

Bars show the lower-estimate cost mix. AMD 1 = INR 0.25 · reference 2026-04-08 · estimates, not quotes.

Hotel prices vary widely. One guide gives 25,000 to 45,000 AMD for a 3-star room in Yerevan, while another aggregator lists a 3-star at around 15,000 AMD. Daily spend estimates also differ. One armenia-spirit guide gives 25 to 35 EUR per day for a backpacker and 60 to 90 EUR per day for mid-range travel. BudgetYourTrip lists mid-range at about \$40 a day, and another tracker gives \$146. Treat these as ranges, not promises.

 BUDGETS

Planning your spend continued

Planning estimates, not offers

For travellers from India, flights are likely the largest single cost. Snapshot fares from 24 October 2026 include a return with stops from ₹45,396 on Skyscanner India, and a New Delhi one-way figure of ₹27,407 on Momondo. Based on these figures, a 7-day trip could plausibly start in the low ₹1 lakh range per person, depending on fares, hotels and tours. This is our estimate, not a quote. [Compare current Armenia holiday packages](#) when you are ready to price a full trip.

Carry cash in dram for taxis, marshrutkas, markets and rural areas, where cards may not be accepted. Check the live INR to AMD rate at cba.am before you set your daily budget.

HEALTH

Health and vaccines

Speak to a travel clinic four to six weeks ahead

The sources we checked do not require vaccines for entry from most countries, and no certificate is needed under the International Health Regulations. Your own health history matters more than any entry rule, so plan early and review your needs with a clinician. You can [browse Armenia holiday packages](#) once your plans are settled.

What the sources say

Entry certificates	None required under the International Health Regulations (NaTHNaC)
Entry vaccines	None currently required for most travellers (one source)
Hepatitis A	Recommended if unvaccinated and aged one year or older (CDC)
Hepatitis B	Recommended if unvaccinated and under 60 (CDC summary)
MMR	Recommended for all international travellers (CDC summary)
Malaria and yellow fever	No risk reported (secondary source)

Rabies

Rabies is present in dogs and wildlife. Consider pre-travel vaccination if you will be in remote areas or around animals. This comes from a secondary summary of CDC guidance.

Medication

Some medicines are illegal in Armenia, including certain sleeping tablets and codeine-containing products. Check the legal status of anything you carry and keep prescriptions with you.

Altitude and weather

Aragats and the highlands carry altitude and weather risk rather than crime risk. Plan gentle days when you first arrive at higher ground.

Medical care

Yerevan has decent medical services, while rural areas are under-resourced. Carry the medicines and supplies you need for remote days.

 HEALTH

Health and vaccines continued

Speak to a travel clinic four to six weeks ahead

Book a travel clinic appointment four to six weeks before departure and bring your vaccination record and prescriptions. These points come from secondary summaries rather than official health bodies, so confirm every detail with a qualified clinician before you travel.

MONEY

Dram, cards and tax-free shopping

Armenia runs on the Armenian dram (AMD), and cash still matters outside the capital. Carry some dram for daily costs and check current rates before you travel. You can compare options on our [planning pages](#) before you book.

Currency	Armenian dram (AMD). One guide says US dollars and euros are not accepted for payment.
Cards	Accepted across Yerevan, according to one guide.
Cash needed	Taxis, marshrutkas, markets and rural areas.
Standard VAT	20%, administered by the State Revenue Committee.
Rate check	Confirm the live rupee to dram rate with the Central Bank of Armenia before quoting rupee prices.

Tax-free shopping rules come from an undated State Revenue Committee-linked booklet and may be out of date. As the booklet describes them, a purchase must meet every condition below.

VAT paid	More than 16,670 AMD
Goods	Unused and in original manufacturer packaging
Export window	Leave Armenia within 90 days
Same-day spend	At least 100,000 AMD from one store
Excluded	Food, tobacco, medicines and cultural property

Keep receipts and purchase paperwork together, and ask the store whether it handles tax-free refunds before you pay. Confirm current thresholds with the State Revenue Committee before planning a shopping day.

PACKING

What to pack by season

Armenia's weather changes with the season and with altitude, so pack in layers rather than for a single climate. Summer days in Yerevan can be very hot, while Lake Sevan, Dilijan and the highlands are noticeably cooler, especially after dark. Winter brings snow and cold that can limit access to some regions. Match this list to the season you choose in the timing section.

Carry in every season

☐ Documents

Passport valid for your entire stay, a printed e-visa, and your travel insurance papers.

☐ Medicines

Carry prescriptions and check that each medicine is legal in Armenia before you travel.

☐ Cash

Keep dram for taxis, marshrutkas, markets and rural areas, where cards may not be accepted.

☐ Walking shoes

Monasteries and gorge paths can be uneven, so choose comfortable, supportive footwear.

☐ Layers

A light fleece or jacket suits cool evenings in the mountains at any time of year.

☐ Basic health kit

Pack your usual personal items and any remedies you rely on, as rural pharmacies may be limited.

By season

☐ Summer

Sun hat, sunscreen, light clothing and a warm layer for cool nights at Sevan or in the highlands.

☐ Autumn

Layers and a rain jacket for the harvest season, plus a sweater for vineyard visits.

 PACKING

What to pack by season continued

By season

☐ Winter

Insulated, waterproof outerwear, warm hat and gloves, and footwear with good grip for icy paths.

☐ Spring

Layers and rain protection, since April can be changeable, with comfortable shoes for orchards.

We have not verified Armenia's plug type or voltage, so check before you travel and pack an adapter only once confirmed. Winter road conditions can change at short notice, so allow extra time. When you are ready to compare options, see [Armenia holiday packages](#).

NEXT STEP

Plan your Armenia journey

Browse packages or ask our team

Armenia rewards a trip built around its seasons, its regions and current travel advice. Our team can help you weigh flight routings, road transfers between Yerevan, Gyumri and the Ararat Valley, and stays that suit your dates. Start with [current packages](#), or [ask our team](#) for a route shaped around your interests.

✓ Confirm entry rules

Check e-visa requirements, fees and processing times on the official portal, as sources differ and rules can change.

✓ Check fares live

Flights from India usually involve at least one stop, and prices move quickly across the year.

✓ Review advisories

Border regions carry restrictions. Read current guidance before planning any route near the Azerbaijan border.

NEXT STEP

Plan your Armenia journey continued

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For most travellers, the best months are May, September and October.

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Winter is a quiet time for visitors, with heavy snow and below-freezing temperatures limiting access to many regions.

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Just take a look at the prices for the rest of the year and you can quickly plan a trip that ... # Cheap flights from India to Armenia ## The cheapes...

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Route 2: Yerevan to Tbilisi — the night train
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Lake Sevan is packed with Armenian families, Yerevan's bars and clubs are at their liveliest, and the Ararat Valley wineries start picking grapes towa...

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FCDO advises against all travel to within 5km of the entire eastern border between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

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S20 Armenia Travel Budget & Currency Guide (2026)

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refund ... VAT paid for purchased goods exceeds 16,670 Armenian drams; goods purchased have not been used before export and preserve manufacturer'...

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Backpacker budget 25–35 EUR, mid-range 60–90 EUR.

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In Armenia, ****budget**** travelers spend ****\$17**** (AMD6,261) per person per day on average, ****mid-range**** travelers spend ****\$40**** (AMD14,703) per day, an...

S27 Travel Cost to Armenia in 2026

2026 data shows average daily expenses of \$146.

S28 Prices in Armenia 2026 - current prices for food, restaurant meals, shopping, transport, apartments and hotels

The average accommodation cost in Armenia range from: 14 USD (5,200 AMD) in hostel to 43 USD (15,000 AMD) in 3 star hotel.

S29 NaTHNaC - Armenia

Certificate requirements There are no certificate requirements under International Health Regulations.

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Required for entry No vaccines are currently required for entry to Armenia from most countries.

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S34 Why Armenia? — official seasonal overview

Official overview describes summer, rainy autumn and spring snowmelt beginning in March. Seasonal tendencies vary by altitude.

S35 Hiking & Trekking — Armenia Travel

Official tourism guidance places the hiking season from April through November, with regional variation.

S36 Top Winter Activities in Armenia — Armenia Travel

Official tourism guidance identifies December–February winter activities and December markets.

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Armenia

Ready when you are

Armenia rewards unhurried travel. Build your days around the season, confirm every entry rule on the official portal, and leave room for monasteries, wine country and mountain roads. [Browse Armenia holiday packages](#) or [send an enquiry](#) and our team will help shape a journey at your pace.

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