



ARARAT MOUNTAIN CLIMBING TOUR

Duration ` 12 days / 11 nights

Beginning and finish in Yerevan

Best season ` from July to September

Day 1

Arrival at Zvartnots airport. Time for leisure. Museum of History. Lunch at the restaurant. City tour. Erebuny fortress and museum (782 BC).

Dinner, overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

Day 2

Etchmiadzin, Cathedral (303AD), St Gayane (630AD) Ethnographic museum in Sardarapat, lunch. St.Hripsime (618AD) churches, Zvartnots (643AD).

Dinner, overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

Day 3

Departure from Yerevan, crossing Armenia-Georgia border, crossing Georgia-Turkey border, lunch on the bank of river Araqs, Bayazed.

Overnight in hotel in Bayazed.

Day 4

Breakfast, transfer by car to the base of mount Ararat(2200m), hiking to 1st camp (3200m), rest, acclimatization, dinner.

Overnight in camps. Hiking 4-5 hours.

Day 5

Breakfast, hiking to 2nd camp (4200m), dinner. Overnight in camps. Hiking 3-4 hours.

Day 6

Wake up in earli morning (4⁰⁰), ascending the peak (5165m), descending to camp(4200m).

Return to hotel in Bayazed.

Day 7

Van, Castle of Van, lake Vana, lunch, swimming, rest, return to Bayazed. Dinner.

Overnight in hotel in Bayazed.

Day 8

Kars. City tour in Kars. Lunch in city. Ani. Dinner.

Overnight in hotel in Kars.

Day 9

Return to Yerevan.

Day 10

Garni pagan temple (1st c.), lunch- picnic by the road. Geghard monastery (12-13th cc.). Monument and Museum of Genocide. Museum of S.Paradjanov.

Dinner, overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

Day 11

Matenadaran - institute and museum of medieval manuscripts. Ashtarak, medieval bridge (13th c.), Karmravor (7th c.) and Tsiranavor (5th-c.) churches. Lunch. Hamberd castle and church (10-13th cc.), Saghmosavank monastery (13th-c.).

Parting dinner, overnight at the hotel in Yerevan.

Day 12

Transfer to the airport. Departure.
