



ARMENIAN HERITAGE TOUR IN TURKEY – 9 Nights / 10 Days

(Minimum of 2 people required to operate the tour – any day of the year)

Rate:

TOTAL PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOMS :
(INCLUDING 2 DOMESTIC FLIGHTS)

If Total Participants : per person in double room

2 pax \$3,840

3-4 pax \$3,150

5-6 pax \$2,690

7-9 pax \$2,420

10-14 pax \$2,240

Single Supplement \$560

DAY 01 ISTANBUL

Arrival at Istanbul Ataturk Airport. Meet and greet at the airport. Transfer to your hotel. Free afternoon and an optional boat tour along the Bosphorus. Overnight in Istanbul Hotel.

DAY 02 ISTANBUL

Full day HISTORICAL ISTANBUL TOUR; visit the St. SOPHIA MUSEUM (built in 6th century, once was the largest Christian Church in the world), the TOPKAPI PALACE (Imperial Residence of Ottoman Sultans, with displays of priceless World-class collections of artifacts, jewelry and rare porcelain), the BLUE MOSQUE (unique with its 6 minarets, and famous for its blue Iznik tiles), the HIPPODROME SQUARE where ancient chariot races were held, and then visit the world famous GRAND COVERED BAZAAR. Overnight in Istanbul. (B)

DAY 03 ISTANBUL

After breakfast your Armenian Heritage tour begins. After the Armenian Patriarchate foundation in 1461 approximately 55 Armenian Churches were built. About 30 of them are active and are still open to religious ceremonies today. Visit the old Armenian Patriarchate Surp Kevork in Samatya and Asdvadzadzin in Kumkapi. Visit the Surp Harutyun Church and more.. Overnight in Istanbul. (B)

DAY 04 ISTANBUL

Pick-up from your hotel after breakfast. Drive to Balikli area to visit the Armenian Cemetery. Visit also the Surp Sarkis Chapel in Balikli. Drive to Karakoy to see the Surp Krikor Lusarovic Church in classical Armenian Church structure. Overnight in Istanbul. (B)

DAY 05 ISTANBUL – VAN

Fly from Istanbul to Van, the city situated on the shores of Lake Van, at 5,500 feet, one of the highest lakes in the world. Visit the St. Croix church, a beautiful example of Armenian architecture. This church is located on the Akdamar Island. Dinner and overnight in Van. (B,D)

DAY 06 VAN

Morning departure for Hosap Castle. After the visit continue to Cavustepe, the Ourartéens site. Lunch and stop at a local handicraft, KILIMS. Then visit the Castle of Van at the sunset, to have a beautiful view over the biggest lake of Turkey, the lake of Van. Dinner and overnight in Van. (B,D)

DAY 07 VAN - DOGUBEYAZIT – KARS

Drive to Dogubeyazit, the closest town to Mt. Ararat. Visit the famous 17th century Ishak Pasha Palace, built on a high valley overlooking the caravan route. In the afternoon continue to Kars, small city which is a beautiful example of Russian urbanism of the 19th century. Dinner and overnight in Kars. (B,D)

DAY 08 KARS - ANI – ERZURUM

Morning visit Ani, the capital city of an Ourartéens State, and later of the Armenian Bagratid Kingdom from 953 to 1045 AD. Among the ruins of this ancient city there are eight churches, a convent and a citadel along with the main cathedral which has alternately been a church or a mosque. After lunch, drive to Erzurum the largest city in the eastern Anatolia. At arrival visit the Islamic monuments from Seljuk, Mongol and Ottoman eras, Ulu Mosque and Cifte Minare. Dinner and overnight in Erzurum. (B,D)

DAY 09 ERZURUM – TRABZON

Drive to Trabzon on the Black Sea coast. Visit Hagia Sophia and Sumela Monastery which was well known and respected as a monastic centre from the 4th century until 1923. Dinner and overnight at Trabzon. (B,D)

DAY 10 TRABZON- ISTANBUL

Fly from Trabzon to Istanbul. End of our services. (B)

***Some churches indoors may not be accessible on the day of visit**

INCLUDING

- 9 nights hotel accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Transportation by A/C minivan or motor coach depending on the size of the group
- Entry fees to sites and museums
- 9 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- English speaking professional tour guide throughout
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 2 domestic flights
- (Istanbul – Van and Trabzon – Istanbul)
- Tip to hotels and restaurants
- Local Taxes
- Service Charges

EXCLUDING

- Tip to the guide and driver
- International Flight
- All personal expenses
- All items not specifically mentioned in including part