

Jinishian Memorial Program
Study Tour to Armenia
 June 1-10, 2024

(All trips subjected to change in itinerary and/or cancellation)

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Dai 1 Saturday Arrivals	6:00 pm Meeting at Ani Plaza Hotel lobby Dinner at Lavash Restaurant	Arrival to Yerevan International Airport Check in at Ani Plaza Hotel or apartments
Day 2 Sunday	8:00-9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Tour of the Holy Echmiadzin, Liturgy Service. Visit to the Church Museum 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch and visit to Vocational Education project at Cross of Armenian Unity Art Center NGO. 4:00 pm Visit to the History Museum of Armenia Yerevan City Tour 6:00 pm Dinner	The district of the Holy Echmiadzin (one-hour drive from Yerevan) is the “Vatican City” of Armenia as the center of the Armenian Apostolic Church. It is the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians and the most populous city in Armavir province, about 20 km west of Yerevan. The original cathedral was founded in 301 and is one of the first churches in the Christian world. Yerevan is the capital of Armenia situated on the Hrazdan River, north-east of the Ararat plain. The population of Yerevan is estimated to be about one million people. The history of Yerevan dates back to the 8th century BC. Yerevan is a city of Christian cathedrals, theatres and museums, universities and academies, parks and research labs, squares and industrial sites.
Day 3 Monday	8:00-9:00 am Breakfast 9:00 am Coordination meeting at JMF office 10:00-11:00 am Visit to Lake Sevan and Sevanavank Monastery 12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch at Sevan restaurant 1:00 pm Visit to the Youth Engaged in Society project at Sevan city School. Watch a school debate on current political/social issues of the country. 3 pm Visit to the Sevan Rehabilitation Center 6:00 pm Dinner in Sevan Fazenda Youth Business Armenia project Back to Yerevan city 12:00 pm Lunch	Sevanavank is a monastic complex located on a peninsula at the northwestern shore of Lake Sevan in the Gegharkunik Province of Armenia, not far from the town of Sevan. According to an inscription in one of the churches, the monastery of Sevanavank was founded in 874 AD by Princess Mariam, the daughter of Ashot I (who became a king a decade later). The Youth Engaged in Society project is aimed at fostering democracy and developing active and responsible citizens through the establishment of debate clubs in Armenia. The project began in 2005 and has been active in more than 100 schools of Armenian regions. The Sevan Rehabilitation Center improves the quality of life of children and adults with disabilities and development disorders from Sevan and 10 surrounding villages. The Center provides necessary conditions for rehabilitation, education, activity and social adaption to further contribute towards improvement of the social-economic state of the children and their families.

<p>Day 4 Tuesday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 am Trip to Shirak region, Gyumri city (2-hour drive)</p> <p>Gyumri city tour</p> <p>11:00 am Visit to the Our Lady of Armenia Convent, orphanage and vocational school</p> <p>1:00-2:00 pm Lunch at the Convent</p> <p>Visit to established businesses in Shirak region</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner in Cherkezi Dzor Restaurant, Gyumri city</p> <p>Back to Yerevan city</p>	<p>Gyumri is the second city of Armenia and one of the oldest cities in the world. The earliest settlement dates back 2500 years and is known as the center of traditional Armenian architecture, science, and tourism. The inhabitants have gained the reputation of hospitality and a rich sense of humor.</p> <p>The Congregation of the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception is a religious order of nuns established in 1847 in Constantinople for the purpose of educating the Armenian youth.</p> <p>Visit to Castle Gyumri /guesthouse/ https://www.facebook.com/FriendsGyumri/ Tamara Davoyan</p>
<p>Day 5 Wednesday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 Trio to Lori region (2 hour drive)</p> <p>Visit to established businesses in Lori Marz</p> <p>1:00 pm Lunch</p> <p>Visit to Sanahin Cathedral</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner</p> <p>Back to Yerevan city</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nice Food (Garegin Antashyan) https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093701286652 2. ArmBee Honey Farm (Vigen Mnatsakanyan) https://www.facebook.com/ArmBee.HoneyFarm 3. Arev teqstil (Margarit Chatinyan) - Production of eco bags, towels, bed sets in Dsegh village, Lori https://www.facebook.com/ArevTegstil <p>Sanahin is a village in the northern province of Lori in Armenia, now considered part of the city of Alaverdi. The village is notable for its Sanahin Monastery complex, founded in the 10th century and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with the monastery in nearby Haghpat.</p>
<p>Day 6 Thursday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 am Visit to Khor Virap Monastery and Noravanq Monastery (1-hour drive)</p> <p>12:00 pm Lunch in Noravanq</p> <p>Trip to Goris city (2-hour drive)</p> <p>Goris city tour</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner at Mirhav Hotel</p> <p>Overnight stay at Mirhav Hotel in Goris city</p>	<p>Khor Virap (1-hour drive from Yerevan) is a place of pilgrimage for Armenians all over the world, where Armenian pagan king Trdat imprisoned Saint Gregory the Illuminator for refusing to acknowledge the Goddess Anahit. From here one can enjoy the majestic view of Mount Ararat.</p> <p>Noravanq Monastery (1.5-hour drive from Yerevan), situated on a ledge over Arpa River gorge surrounded by fantastic red rocks, was founded in the place of an ancient monastery and took on special significance as a cultural and religious center in the 13-14th centuries. On the territory of the complex there are several khachkars (cross stones) of original design the most valuable of which is a khachkar by Momik dating to 1308 AD.</p>

<p>Day 7 Friday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am Visit to Tatev Monastery. Wings of Tatev cableway</p> <p>12:00 pm Lunch at Tatevantun Restaurant</p> <p>Drive back to Yerevan (3-hour drive)</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner in Yerevan</p>	<p>Tatev Monastery is a masterpiece of confluence of ingenious medieval architecture and fabulous natural beauty of Armenia. It is one of the most spectacular attractions and famous spiritual and education centers of the Middle Ages.</p> <p>Wings of Tatev is the longest reversible <u>aerial tramway</u> (3.5 miles) that holds the record for <i>Longest non-stop double track cable car</i>.</p>
<p>Day 8 Saturday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am Visit to Geghard Monastery (1-hour drive)</p> <p>Visit to Garni Pagan temple</p> <p>1:00 pm Lunch in Garni</p> <p>3:00 pm Back to the hotel. Free time</p> <p>7:00 pm Closing dinner at Yerevan Pandok Restaurant</p>	<p>Garni Pagan Temple was built in the first century and devoted to one of the Armenian Pagan Gods, Mitra. It is the only example of the Hellenistic culture in the territory of the whole Caucasus. The fortress is situated in a picturesque mountain locality and commands a broad panorama of orchards, fields and mountain slopes covered with motley carpets of aricolored grasses, of the jagged and precipitous canyon of the Azat river.</p> <p>The Monastery of Geghard (the Lance) is located 40 km southeast of the city of Yerevan in the mountainous region of Kotayk. Inscriptive and documentary references to the monastery, also known as Ayrivanq, date from the 7th and 10th centuries, respectively. It is famous for its rock-carved chapel of St. Astvatsatsin.</p>
<p>Day 9 Sunday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>10:00-12:00 Worship at Armenian Evangelical Church and meeting with Church leaders</p> <p>1:00 pm Lunch</p> <p>2:00-5:00 Vernissage and other remaining business for participants. Shopping for souvenirs, Armenian sweets and bready, and other as requested</p> <p>6:pm Dinner</p>	<p>Vernissage (walking distance from the city center) is an open-air market of local handicraft jewelries, carpets, art work, carved wood ornaments, etc.</p>
<p>Day 10 Monday's</p>	<p>Departures</p>	