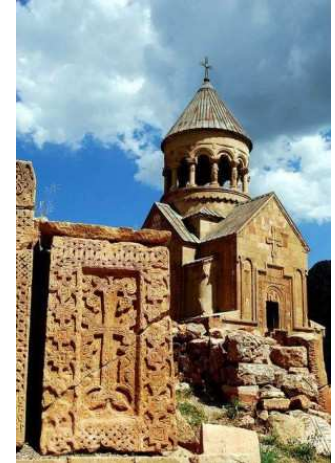


## ARMENIA

Few nations have histories as ancient, complex and laced with tragedy as Armenia. And even fewer have a culture that is as rich and resilient. This is a destination where you will be intrigued by history, awed by monuments, amazed by the landscape and charmed by down-to-earth locals. The simply extraordinary collection of medieval monasteries scattered across the country is the number-one attraction, closely followed by a dramatically beautiful landscape that is perfectly suited to hiking and other outdoor activities. And then there's the unexpected delight of Yerevan – one of Europe's most exuberant and endearing cities. Put together, they offer an enticing and hugely enjoyable travel experience.

Armenia is a sovereign state in the South Caucasus region of Eurasia. Located in West Asia on the Armenian Highlands, it is bordered by Turkey to the west, Georgia to the north, Azerbaijan to the east, and to the south.



**Capital:** Yerevan

**Population:** 3.018 million people

**Languages:** Armenian, Russian and English

**Passport and visa:** A visa and a Canadian passport valid 6 months after return are required to enter Russia - SUBJECT TO CHANGE – For detailed information visit [www.travel.gc.ca](http://www.travel.gc.ca) and

**Time change:** UTC + 4

**Currency:** Local currency is Dram.

**Electricity:** 220 volts. Adaptor is needed.

**Souvenirs:** pottery, carpets, carved wood artefacts, jewels, etc.



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### Yerevan

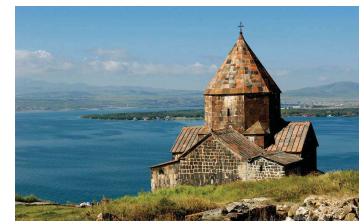
Yerevan, the capital of the Republic of Armenia, is home to over a million people - the largest Armenian community in the world. In Soviet years, Yerevan underwent massive reconstruction, following architect Alexander Tamanyan's new plans to make a perfect city. His vision was a neo-Classical town with wide avenues just like Paris, Vienna and Saint Petersburg.

Central Yerevan is a true jewel of early Soviet architecture. She is also home to some large scale Modern and Post-Modern marvels which are mostly the result of Soviet-Armenian architectural megalomania. In Soviet days Yerevan had already become known as the "Pink City" as much due to the colour of the stone used for building as for the flamboyant spirit of her young population.



### Lake Sevan

Set 1900m above sea level, the great blue expanse of Sevana Lich (Lake Sevan) covers 940 sq km, and is 80km long by 30km at its widest. The largest lake in the Caucasus, it's also one of the largest freshwater high-altitude lakes in the world. Its colours and shades change with the weather and by its own mysterious processes, from a dazzling azure to dark blue and a thousand shades in between.



### Tatev

This rural village sprouted around its famous monastery in medieval times. Its location on a basalt plateau overlooking the Vorotan River is quite spectacular.



### Noravank

This church complex, by the 13th-century architect Momik, is a masterpiece both for its architecture and its dramatic setting. Noravank (New Monastery) was founded by Bishop Hovhannes in 1105, and was last restored in the 1990s. Climb the narrow stone stairs outside Surp Astvatsatsin Church (1339) to get a closer look at its dome.



For further information, visit the official tourism board website: [www.armeniainfo.am](http://www.armeniainfo.am)

