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Welcome to Armenia



Establishment- Yervanduni dynasty- 6th century BC

Kingdom of Armenia- 321 BC-428 AD

Religion -Christianity (Armenian Apostolic Church, 321AD). The mother church of Armenia is

Etchmiadzin Cathedral

Official Language - Armenian

Flag-  Red, Blue, Orange, 28 May, 1918-1922 (re-adopted on 24 August, 1990)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Armenia



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Government- Unitary parliamentary republic



Population- 2,9 million (98.1% Armenians, 1.2% Yazidis, 0.4% Russians, 0.3% other)

Territory – 29,7km²

Currency- Dram (AMD), 1 Euro- about 560AMD (www.rate.am)

Country code +374

Capital - Yerevan since 1918 (The history of Yerevan dates back to the 8th century BC, with the founding of the fortress of Erebuni in 782 BC by King Argishti I at the western extreme of the Ararat plain)

National Holidays

1 January, January 2 – New Year (Non-working day)

6 January – Christmas (Non-working day), <https://www.qahana.am/en/holidays/2022-01-06/1>

28 January – Day Army (Non-working day)

8 March – International Women's Day (Non-working day)

7 April – Motherhood and Beauty Day

1 May – International Worker's Solidarity Day

9 May – Victory and Peace Day (Non-working day)

28 May – First Armenian Republic Day, 1918 (Non-working day)

5 July – Constitution Day, 1995 (Non-working day)

21 September – Independence Day, 1991 (Non-working day)

7 December – Spitak Earthquake Memorial Day, 1988

Religious Holidays

12 February – Saint Sarkis <https://www.qahana.am/en/holidays/2022-02-12/1>

14 February- Tiarn'ndaraj/Trndez <https://www.qahana.am/en/holidays/2022-02-14/1>

17 April, 2022- Easter (No fixed day)- <https://www.qahana.am/en/holidays/2022-04-17/1>

24 July, 2022- Vardavar (No fixed day) - <https://www.qahana.am/en/holidays/2022-07-24/1>

Grape Blessing Day/Saint Mariam (No fixed day) - <https://armeniadiscovery.com/en/articles/grape-blessing-day>

Armenian Alphabet (Created by Mesrop Mashtots in 405AD)
<https://www.lexilogos.com/keyboard/armenian.htm>

Աա	Բբ	Գգ	Դդ	Եե	Զզ	Էէ	Ըը	Թթ
A	B	G	D	Ye	Z	E	U	T
father	big	god	dog	yet	zebra	end	but	tee
Ժժ	Իի	Լլ	Խխ	Ծծ	Կկ	Հհ	ՉՉ	Ղղ
Zh	I	L	Kh	Ts	K	H	Dz	Gh
measure	meet	Lilly	guttural	Mitzi	Micky	hello	kids	guttural x
Ճճ	Մմ	Յյ	Նն	Շշ	Վո or Օ	Չչ	Պպ	ՋՋ
Dj	M	Y	N	Sh	Vo or O	Ch	P	J
hard j'	mom	year	number	show	vocal	church	pizza	jeans
Ռր	Սս	Վվ	Տտ	Րր	Յյ	Ոո	Փփ	Քք
R	S	V	T	R	Ts	U	P	Q
rolled	sand	Victor	but	red	bits	cool	pen	queen
Ա	Օօ	Ֆֆ						
yev	O	F						
	done	life						

Hello- Բարև (Barev)

Goodbye- Ցտեսություն (Ctesutyun), Հաջողություն (Ajoghutyun)

How are you- Ինչպե՞ս եք, Ո՞նց եք (inches eq, vonc eq)

Thank you- Շնորհակալություն, Մերսի (shnorhakalutyun, mersi)

Tea- Թեյ (tey)

Coffee- Կոֆե (kofe)



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Regions of Armenia

Regions

Shirak

Lorri

Tavush

Aragatsotn

Kotayk

Gegharkunik

Ararat

Vayots Dzor

Syunik

Main Cities of Regions

Gyumri

Vanadzor

Ijevan

Ashtarak

Hrazdan

Gavar

Artashat

Yeghegnadzor

Kapan



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Administrative Districts of Yerevan

<https://www.yerevan.am/en/administrative-districts/>
Achapnyak

Davtashen

Arabkir

Malatia-Sebastia

Qanaqer-Zeytun

Avan

Kentron

Nork-Marash

Nor Nork

Shengavit

Erebuni

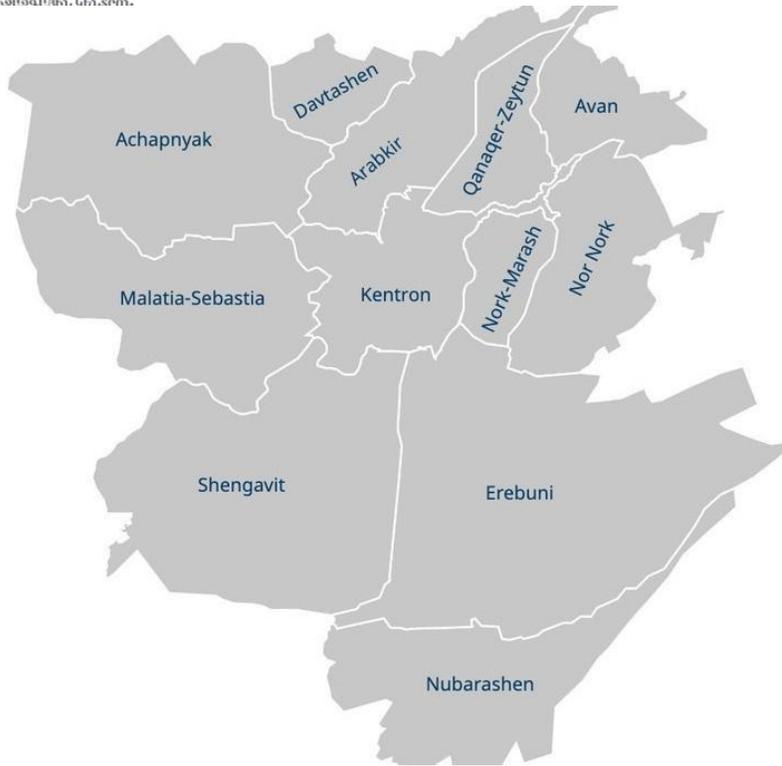
Nubarashen



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International Credit Mobility



Public Transport

Buses and minibuses in Yerevan (<http://marshrut.info/>)

Yerevan Map



Metro in Yerevan has 10 stations (<http://www.yermetro.am/>)



Taxi applications - GG, Yandex, InDriver, Utaxi (1km=100AMD, minimum rate is 500-600AMD)

Train- Yerevan-Gyumri, Yerevan-Tbilisi (<https://www.railway.am/arm/feedback>), "South Caucasus Railway", address - Tigran Mets str. 50, Yerevan

Bus, microbus, car – From Yerevan to Regions (<https://t-armenia.com/en/app/timetable/all/all/14-Yerevan-Central-Bus-Station-Kilikia/357-Yerevan-Davtashen-Town-Centre/departure-now>)



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From Yerevan to Regions Public Transport from Kilikia station

Yerevan Airport Shuttle Bus 300 AMD

Yerevan – Tbilisi 6.000 AMD

Yerevan – Gyumri 1.000 AMD

Yerevan – Etchmiadzin 250 AMD

Yerevan – Garni 250 AMD

Yerevan - Khor Virap 250 AMD

Yerevan – Ashtarak 250 AMD

Yerevan – Vanadzor 1.000 AMD

Yerevan – Dilijan 1.000 AMD

Yerevan – Jermuk 2.000 AMD

Yerevan – Byurakan 350 AMD

Yerevan- Yeghegnadzor 1200AMD (First part station)

<https://yerevancard.com/en/about-armenia/armenia/transport-in-yerevan>

Tours to regions: <https://www.facebook.com/arshavnerakumbtour/>, <https://onewaytour.com/regular-daily-tours/>, <https://visityerevan.am/en/>

Hotels in Armenia <https://www.allhotels.am/en/>

Sightseeing and Landmarks in Yerevan

Unique places: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-unique-places/en/>

Museums: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-museums-and-galleries/en/>

Churches: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-places-of-worship/en/>

Concert halls and music venues: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-concert-halls--music-venues/en/>

Sport: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-sport/en/>

Monuments: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-monuments/en/>

Shopping and Souvenirs: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-shopping--souvenirs/en/>



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Squares and parks: <https://visityerevan.am/browse/places-squares-and-parks/en/>

Sightseeing and Landmarks out of Yerevan

Garni Temple - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_of_Garni;

https://www.worldhistory.org/Temple_of_Garni/

Geghard Monastery - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geghard>;

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/960/>

Noravanq Monastery - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noravank>

<https://www.advantour.com/armenia/noravank.htm>

Tatev Monastery - <https://www.tatever.am/en/tatev-monastery-complex>

Khor Virap Monastery - https://www.worldhistory.org/Khor_Virap/

Lake Sevan - <https://traveltoarmenia.am/destination/lake-sevan/>

<https://www.enterprise.am/lake-sevan>;

Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory - <https://www.bao.am/index.php>;

<http://www.atb.am/en/armenia/sights/more/burakan/>

Etchmiadzin Cathedral (Mother See of Holy Ethmiadzin) -

<https://armenianchurch.us/etchmiadzin/>

Amberd Fortress - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amberd>

Gyumri (the second big city of Armenia) - <http://travelgyumri.com/meet-gyumri/about-gyumri/>

Armenian Cuisine

Armenian dolma in grape
leaves



Gapama



Spas

Harisa



Khash



aloy Hac
Zengi

<https://absolutearmenia.com/dishes-armenian-food/>

Armenian Restaurants

Lavash, Sherep, Taverna Yerevan, Caucasus, Caucasian Captive
Tashir, Karas, Tumanyan Shaurma (Armenian Fast Food)



Festivals in Armenia

(<https://www.yerevan.am/en/festivals-of-yerevan/>)

Yerevan Wine Days

Transfiguration Fest

Uttestfest Yerevan

Yerevan TARAZfest

Vardavar

Other Festivals

<https://yerevancard.com/en/about-armenia/events/festivals-in-armenia>

The name of Festival	Date(changeable)	Festival place
New Year in Yerevan	Dec. – Jan.	Yerevan City Centre
Snow Art Festival - Snowman	17 February	Jermuk city
Dolma Festival	20 May	Hnaberd vil., Ararat region
Sheep Trimming Festival	9 June	Khot vil., Syunik region
Ecotourism Festival	16-17 June	Artavan, Vayots Dzor region
“Syunik Goods” festival	7 July	Karahunj, Syunik region
Watermelon Festival	14 July	Swan Lake, Yerevan
Erevan Taraz Fest	4 August	Northern avenue, Yerevan
Honey and Berries Festival	13 August	Berd city, Tavush region
Beer Festival	18-19 August	Swan Lake, Yerevan
Barbeque Festival	18-19 August	Akhtala vil., Lori region
Rural Life and Traditions Festival	15 September	English park, Yerevan
Gata Festival	22 September	Khachik vil., Vayots Dzor region
Tea and Coffee Festival	28 - 29 September	Swan Lake, Yerevan
Wine Festival	6 October	Areni vil., Vayots Dzor region



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For Emergency Situations:

Hospital- 102

Gas emergency service- 104

Crisis Management Center of the Ministry of Emergency Situations- 101, 911, 112, 108

Police -102

<https://www.yerevan.am/en/hot-line/>

Other Important Information:

Concerts in Armenia: www.toms.am <https://www.tomsarkgh.am/>

Supermarket: Nor Zovq (Address: Hanrapetuyan str. 71, Nalbandyan str. 102,), SAS supermarket <https://www.sas.am/>; Yerevan City supermarket chain-<https://www.yerevan-city.am/>; Parma supermarket-<https://parma.am/>; Carrefour Armenia-<https://www.carrefourarmenia.com/>; Online supermarket- <https://supermarket.am/>

International flights from Yerevan: www.edreams.com , <https://flyone.eu/en/>,

International flights in Europe: www.omio.com