

# Birdwatching tour

## Day 1-Meghradzor-Yerevan.

**Yerevan:** Yerevan once sat at the crossroads of several important trade caravans thus solidifying its importance in the region. Modern Yerevan was redesigned in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century on top of the old city, creating a series of parks and squares that run through the city centre. The visit will start with the visit to the **Matenadaran museum**, which houses a unique collection of ancient manuscripts covering such lofty topics as philosophy, law, mathematics, medicine and geography. Visit the Republic Square with its magnificent buildings enhanced by singing fountains, via Northern Avenue, an ambitious project of independent Armenia to Freedom Square and Opera House.



Next to **Meghradzor** for birdwatching  
(Snow cock, Caucasian grouse)

## Day 2-Garni-Geghard-Yerevan.

**Garni Temple**, site of Roman Temple of the Sun built in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Soon after Armenia adopted Christianity, the temple became the summer residence of Armenian royalty. Next stop is **Geghard** –cave Monastery, the name „geghard,, derives from the relics of the Armenian Apostolic church: the spear that one of the Roman guards had used to pierce the rib of crucified Christ. Birdwatching in Garni.

(Eurasian griffon, Lammergeier, Egyptian vulture).



## Day 3- Armash, Yerevan

A short drive from Yerevan will lead you to **Khor Virap Monastery**, a once famous pilgrimage site and from where you may witness the stunning views of **Mount Ararat**.

Birdwatching in Armash.

(white-headed duck, Marbled teal, blue-cheeked bee-eater)



## Day 4-Gorovan, Yeghegnadzor, Sisian



Tour to Vayots Dzor and visit **Monastery of Noravank**—one of the most splendid monuments of medieval Armenia, built in a location of significant natural beauty.

Birdwatching in Gorovan. Overnight in Goris or Sisian.

(barred warbler)

## Day 5-Yeghegnadzor-Meghri

Tour from Yeghegnadzor to Meghri, birdwatching. Overnight in Kapan.  
(Rufous-tailed rock-thrush)

## Day 6- Meghri- Selim,-Yerevan.

Tour from Kapan to Sevan passing by Selim, visit to Selim Caravanserai. Birdwatching in Sevan. Return to Yerevan.

(Lanner falcon, saker falcon, Eurasian Hobby)



## Day 7-Aragats-Yerevan



Tour to **Amberd** fortress and castle was the familial estate of the Pahlavouni princes. Fragments of the water system, as well as baths and the

secret passage to the canyon are preserved.

Birdwatching in Aragats.

(European robin, bluethroat, white-throated robin)

## Day 8-Departure transfer to the airport.

