

Discover an Ancient Land of Festivals

Year-Round Celebrations of Dance, Music, Cuisine and Wine!

January

1st: *Nor Tari (New Year)*
6th: *Surb Tsnund (Armenian Christmas, 7th: Russian Orthodox Christmas) – Ghapama stuffed pumpkins*

February

Snow Art Festival, Jermuk, Vayots Dzor
St. Sargis Day (similar to St Valentine's Day)
Trndez (Candlemas Day) – fire festival

March

8th: *International Woman's Day*
Nowruz (Persian New Year/Equinox) – celebrated by visiting Iranians

April

Tsakhkazard (Palm Sunday); Zatik (Easter)
7th: *Maternity and Beauty Day*
30th: *Yerevan Jazz Day*

May

1st and 9th: *May Day and Victory Day*
Hnaberd Dolma Festival; Hambartsum (Ascension Day) – song and flower gala

June

Children's Day
Haybuys Festival, Yenokavan, Tavush – celebrating Armenian herbs

July

Tuta (Mulberry Festival), Goris, Syunik
Golden Apricot Yerevan International Film Festival and Yereavn Colour Run
Vardavar (water festival) – offering of roses to Astghik, god of love, beauty and water (wife of Vahagn, god of fire, thunder and war)

December

22nd (Solstice): *Mihr (God of Light, Heaven and Truth) Pagan Festival, Garni, Kotayk*
31st: *festive season start (New Year/Christmas)*

November

30th: *Holy Lance Feast, Etchmiadzin, Armavir – Crucifixion spear religious event*

October

Wine Festivals, Areni/Rind, Vayots Dzor
Targmanchats Ton (Holy Translators Feast) – spiritual literary figures

September

Gata Festival, Khachik, Vayots Dzor
Harisa Festival, Musa Ler, Armavir
Independence Day and Balloon Festival;
21st (Equinox): *Day of Knowledge – Tir, god of wisdom, language, arts, dreams*

August

Grape Blessing Day;
Taraz Festival, Yerevan (Armenian traditional attire);
11th: *Navasard (Pagan New Year) – dedicated to Anahit, goddess of fertility and healing, and Aramazd, King of the Gods*



Discover beautiful alpine Armenia – once ruled by Persians, Romans, and Byzantines and part of the historical Silk Road. Home of the apricot, experience the joy of ancient and new festivals in the cradle of ancient wine and carpet making!

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