



## EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO ARMENIA

Application Form

[NOTE: This tour is for ACYOA members.]

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[Please print clearly.]

\*\*\*\*\* YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR PASSPORT \*\*\*\*\*

Name: (last) \_\_\_\_\_

(first & m.i.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.: (area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish & City: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: [State diplomas & degrees earned, give dates and concentrations.]  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies & interests:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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List Armenian oriented courses you have taken: [give dates and locations]  
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Armenian language fluency: [fluent, good, fair, poor, can read] \_\_\_\_\_

Physical illnesses or disabilities: [If any, state and describe.] \_\_\_\_\_  
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I declare that the information provided here is accurate, and that if I am selected to participate in the ASP Educational Tour, I shall abide by the rules and regulations governing the tour group.

Signature of the applicant:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions: [Use reverse side and/or attach additional sheets.]

1. What attracted you to the program ?
2. Why do you wish to participate ?
3. What do you expect to receive from participating (educationally, emotionally, spiritually, culturally, socially) ?
4. Explain the types of activities you are involved in. (Church, school, community, etc.)
5. What are your expectations about Armenia, and what have you heard about Armenia ?
7. Why should you be chosen as a participant in this tour ?
8. Briefly describe yourself.

**PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**  
[To be filled out and signed by the applicant's pastor.]

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_

as an applicant for the ASP Educational Tour to Armenia, based on the following: [check as many as apply]

- as an active senior member of the ACYOA.
- as an active parish member.
- as a dues-paying member of our parish.
- as having a basic knowledge of the Armenian language.
- as having a sincere interest in our heritage.
- as having demonstrated maturity and seriousness of purpose
- as one who would greatly benefit from this program.

Pastor's signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: James Magarian  
ACYOA Executive Secretary  
99 Long Pond Road  
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

DEADLINE: APRIL 1st

Send with.....  
1. Valid Passport.  
2. \$500 deposit - made out to: "Armenia Studies Programs" (includes non-refundable \$10 application fee).

# Place Armenia On Your Summer Schedule Now!

## Modern Armenia

Following the holocausts of 1914-1916 in which almost two million Armenians perished, the bulk of traditional Armenia remained in the hands of the Turks.

In 1920, The Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic was founded, with an expanse of 11,500 square miles.

The present population of Armenia is approximately 3 million, and the country is comprised of 33 administrative districts. 90 percent of Armenia is over 1,000 meters above sea-level.

Yerevan is the capital city with a population of approximately one million. It is one of the most ancient cities of the world and is preceded by the ancient Erebuni site, dating back some 6,000 years B.C.E. A sunny city with continental climate, Yerevan spreads near the banks of the Hrazdan River, and is the center of culture and learning.

In Armenia, there are 1,270 schools with over 400,000 students. 37 professional secondary schools and 11 university level institutes form the core of higher education. In 1921, The State University of Yerevan was founded, and in 1943 the Academy of Sciences of the Armenian Republic opened.

The Institute of Research of Armenian Manuscripts was built in 1958. The repository contains some 16,000 ancient manuscripts, the oldest of which is the Lazarian Gospel, dated 887. There are fragments of manuscripts from the 5th and 6th centuries as well.

Armenia displays pride in its State Conservatory, the State Philharmonic Society, the State Academic Opera, and the Ballet Theatre - as well as the Dramatic Theatre, the Young Spectator's Theatre and the Theatre of Musical Comedy - all of which have distinguished themselves admirably in their various areas of the arts.

2,800 libraries can be found in Armenia containing nearly 20,000,000 books and periodicals. Armenia has 12 theatres and 20 museums. There are approximately 1,500 clinics, including 270 hospitals.

100 newspapers and periodicals are published in Armenia with a distribution of 400,000. 55 printing presses produce there, as well as over 100 texts annually for home, school and library use.

Modern apartment buildings, resorts, as well as cultural institutions and scientific developments inter-mingle with villages, ancient monuments and age-old monasteries and churches, weaving a magnificent picture of the thousands of years this ancient and durable nation has seen.



# A.C.Y.O.A. ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

An ACYOA program of  
the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

## Program (1) . . . . .

### Educational Tour to Armenia (For A.C.Y.O.A. members)

Four Weeks in duration.

Visit Armenia as guests of His Holiness, Vazken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

See the many points of interest such as: Ancient churches and monasteries, monuments, historic sites, archaeological diggings, museums, galleries, the beautiful countryside and the magnificent metropolis of Yerevan, the capital city.

Experience many cultural, athletic and social activities, such as: The opera, symphony, ballet, and soccer games, as well as the Olympic training center and night-life in Yerevan.

See Armenia's industry: The motion picture studios, the cognac factory, the automobile factory, the winery, art and crafts workshops and the restoration of ancient cathedrals and sites.

Visit Armenia's schools and universities, including the University of Yerevan, the Conservatory of Music, the Children's Summer Camps and student outing centers.

Participate in dance, language and music instruction.

Meet with professionals in your field of interest on an informal basis and exchange ideas and new concepts.

Experience Divine Liturgy at the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, and an audience with His Holiness, the Catholicos.

## Program (2) . . . . .

### "Journey" to Armenia

Three weeks in duration.

A series of excursions to sites of ancient Cathedrals and Monasteries, historic points and places of interest.

Tours to the Art Galleries, Museums, Opera House, Manuscripts Library and more.

See the Monastery of Keghard, the churches of Sts. Hripsime, Gayane' and Shaghogor. Visit Kor Virap, Sardarabad, and Erebuni - the 2750 year old archaeological discovery of the first settlement of the city of Yerevan.

Meet the people, in the market-places, downtown, at work and play, in the parks, the towns, resorts and their homes.

Shopping sprees and night-life in the exciting metropolis of Yerevan, Armenia's growing capital city.

Special tour to Holy Etchmiadzin, the Holy See of the Armenian Church.

### General Information

**Tentative Dates:** Program #1 - June 20-July 20, 1986  
Program #2 - July 2-22, 1986

**Costs: (approx.)\*** Program #1 - \$1,795.00  
Program #2 - \$1,995.00

**To Apply:** Obtain application form from any Armenian Church Office, ACYOA Chapter, or ACYOA Exec. Sec.:  
99 Long Pond Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879 - 617-256-7234 (days).

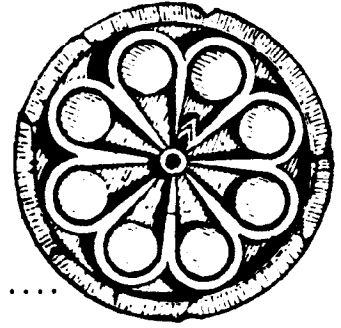
**Deadlines:** Program #1 - April 1st (no later)  
Program #2 - June 1st

**NOTE:** If you do not have a current, valid U.S. Passport, apply now at your local Post Office. Your Passport must accompany your application form. Those with foreign Passports may experience problems with securing proper Soviet visas.

**APPLY EARLY. SPACE IS LIMITED.**

**LATE FEES MAY APPLY.**

\*ACYOA MEMBERS: Deduct \$25.00 from final cost.



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[Note: Applications will not be accepted unless completely filled out and accompanied by a doctor's certificate of good health. See "specifics" sheet for additional application requirements.]

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