
THE ANDZNAGIR

It's Spring in Armenia!

After a snowy winter, we hope you are enjoying blooming flowers and sunny days this spring! Warmer weather means fun outdoor activities in Armenia, and we hope you enjoy our thoughts on where to eat, hike, and enjoy some time poolside in this installment of the Andznagir.

While warmer weather brings more options for safe outdoor activities, we also want to remind U.S. citizens to

to continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of coronavirus. We continue to take measures at the Embassy to keep you and your family – as well as our employees – safe. As a reminder, face masks are required when visiting the Embassy. Our ACS team will continue to provide the latest COVID-19 information on our webpage, and to share that information via email and SMS for those enrolled in STEP.

While some consular services remain limited, we continue to provide appointments for passports, consular reports of birth abroad, and notarial services. We remain here to serve you and can be reached via the contact information found in this newsletter, while appointments can be made on our webpage.

Remembering April 24

On April 24, Armenians marked Remembrance Day, a day honoring Armenians lost in the genocide. U.S. Ambassador to Armenia Lynne M. Tracy paid her respects at Tsitsernakaberd. This year, President Joe Biden commemorated Armenian Remembrance Day by honoring the victims of the Armenian genocide.

To share the President's words, he stated: "Today, as we mourn what was lost, let us also turn our eyes to the future—toward the world that we wish to build for our children. A world unstained by the daily evils of bigotry and intolerance, where human rights are respected, and where all people are able to pursue their lives in dignity and security. Let us renew our shared resolve to prevent future atrocities from occurring

anywhere in the world. And let us pursue healing and reconciliation for all the people of the world."



Photo: Asatur Yesayants

You can find President Biden's full statement on Armenian Remembrance Day [here](#).

Armenia Coronavirus Update

The situation related to coronavirus remains serious worldwide, and we urge you to continue to adhere to local requirements related to face masks and social distancing. The Government of Armenia's quarantine regime remains in effect through July 2021. Individuals entering Armenia must provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival or submit to testing on arrival and quarantine until a negative result is received.

Individuals who have been fully vaccinated should check with the airlines and be familiar with the rules for their departure and destination countries. As vaccine rollouts proceed in the United States and elsewhere, entry and exit requirements may continue to evolve.

Recently, the Government of Armenia announced vaccines would be made available to non-Armenian citizens in country free of charge. Those interested in pursuing a vaccine option locally should call their local polyclinic for more information and to make an appointment.

You can find more information on the situation related to COVID-19 in Armenia on our COVID-19 page [here](#).

Coronavirus in the United States: What You Should Know

Effective January 26, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requires that all airline passengers traveling to the United States provide a negative COVID-19 viral test taken within 3 days of departure or provide a positive test result as well as documentation from a licensed health care provider or public health official of having recovered from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding travel. Passengers must also attest, under penalty of law, to having received a negative qualifying test result or to recover from COVID-19 and medical clearance to travel. This testing requirement applies to all individuals age two or older who are traveling to the United States. You can find more information on the CDC webpage [here](#).

Be Prepared Before You Visit the U.S. Embassy

The American Citizen Services (ACS) Unit at U.S. Embassy Yerevan continues to provide passport, citizenship, and notarial services. Please check our [appointment page](#) for available appointments Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Passport and CRBA pick-up hours are M-F, 2-4:30 pm.

When planning for your appointment, please keep the following requirements in mind:

- **Please arrive ten minutes early to your appointment** to allow time for security screening. If you arrive late, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment.

- **Wear a mask.** In response to COVID-19 all visitors must wear masks while at the Embassy. You are required to bring your own mask(s). If you do not have a mask, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment for another day.
- **Come fully prepared for your appointment.** If you are not fully prepared you will be asked to re-schedule your appointment.

The STEP Program*

STEP is short for *The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program*. It's a way for U.S. Citizen and nationals living and traveling abroad to enroll with the U.S. Embassy in any given country, and a way for the Embassy to contact citizens and nationals in the event of a crisis or natural disaster, a mass evacuation, or even a family emergency. STEP is a way for family and friends to contact you during such events. STEP is also the way the U.S.

Embassy in Armenia communicates important Travel Advisories and Alerts via text and SMS, as well conveying information through newsletters and email. Though there is no requirement for citizens traveling or living in Armenia and elsewhere to enroll in STEP, we highly encourage it. Have your passport and itinerary handy when you enroll: <https://step.state.gov>



Get Outside!

Spring is here, and we wanted to share our favorite parks, hikes, and outdoor spaces for you and your family to enjoy! In order to better help you access green spaces and outdoor adventure in Armenia, we also have a list of websites and applications to provide trail information, maps, and more.

Yerevan Botanical Gardens: An urban botanical garden located near the Nor Zeytoun neighborhood just off the M4. The park is filled with paved paths and largely shaded, with trees and flowers surrounding the

paths and lots of spaces to put down a blanket and relax. T

Jrvedzh Parrk: A lovely forest park just outside of Yerevan with several dirt paths and a paved loop.

Aparan Reservoir: Just 30 miles from Yerevan, the Aparan Reservoir has several paths through a wooded forest into an open valley with a reservoir, along with a mausoleum and old church. The area is a beautiful meadow, good for picnicking.

Websites

Hike Armenia: <https://hikearmenia.org/>

REI Hiking Project: <https://www.hikingproject.com/directory/8019235/armenia>

All Trails Arme-

nia: <https://www.alltrails.com/armenia>

The Transcaucasian Trail: <https://transcaucasiantrail.org/en/home/>

Wild Armenia: <https://wildarmenia.com/blog/hiking-in-armenia/>

Applications

Gaia GPS

Garmin GPS

Maps.am

Komoot

REI Hiking Project

Pool Time!

With temperatures rising and summer just around the corner, sharing a few options for you and your family to stay cool this summer.

Congress Hotel

Address: 1 Italy St, Yerevan

Phone: +374 10 59 11 99

Open hours: Every day – 10:00am-9:00pm- will open end of May

Prices: 2y.o. and under: FREE, 3y.o. to 8y.o.: -30% dscount, 9y.o. to 11y.o.: -15& discount; 12y.o. and above: 12000-15000AMD

Radisson Blu Hotel – an indoor pool but has grass area outdoor for sun-bathing.

Address: 2/2 Azatutyany Ave.

Phone: +374 10 21 99 88

Open hours: 6:00am-10:00pm

Kids up to 2y.o. – FREE, 3-10y.o. - 50% discount

Monthly fee 55,000 AMD (12 visits);

69,000AMD (monthly unlimited visits)

Annual fee 495,000 AMD (unlimited visits)

Royal Tulip Grand Hotel

Address: 14 Abovyan St, Yerevan

Phone: +374 10 591 600; 094 466 444

Open hours: 10:00am-9:00pm - will open on May 10

M-F 12,000 AMD, Sat & Sun 15,000 AMD

1 week – 37,500 AMD; 1 month – 65,000 AMD, 3 months-145,000 AMD, 1 month Sat. & Sun.-55,000 AMD

Football Academy Pool

Address: 35/31 Acharyan St.

Phone: +374 60 371 888

Open hours: Outdoor pool -Mon-Sun 10:00-7:00pm, M-F 4000AMD per hour per person, Sat & Sun 5000 AMD per hour per person - will open on June 1.

Indoor pool- Mon-Sat 10:00am-9:30pm, Sun 10:00am-8:30pm. Indoor pool 8 lessons in a month-16+ y.o - 17,000/19,000AMD (without/with a coach), 12 lessons in a month – 22,000/24,000AMD (with-out/with a coach). 6-15 y.o. - 8 lessons in a month 12,000 AMD and 12 lessons in a month – 15,000AMD. 2-5 y.o. 8 individual lessons - 35,000 AMD

Marriott Hotel

Address: 1 Amiryan Street, Yerevan

Phone: +374 10 599 000

Open hours: 8:00am-10:00pm - will open on May 1

Kids up to 3y.o. – FREE, 4-12y.o. - 50% discount, 13y.o. and above: 42,000AMD (monthly fee), 12,000 AMD (weekly fee)
The ticket includes GYM and POOL

Multi Wellness Center

Address: 11 Alek Manukyan St.

Phone: +374 11 880880

Open hours: Outdoor pool: 9:00am-7:00pm

Indoor pool: Mon-Fri 7:00am –11:45pm, Sat-Sun 8:00am-10:45pm

Prices: Outdoor pool: Mon-Fri 12+y.o. 8000AMD, 3-11y.o. 7000AMD. Weekends 12+y.o. 13,000AMD, 3-11 y.o. 10,000AMD. Indoor pool can be used when the customer purchases the whole pack-age.

Orange Fitness Club

Address: 7/1 Tsitsernakaberd Highway

Phone: +374 60 522 020/77 522 020

Open Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:00am-12:00am, Sat & Sun -8:00am -11:00pm

Prices: to be discussed with sales representative.

Reebok Sports Club

Address: 5 Pirumyanner Street

Phone: 010 36 36 36

Open hours: 6:00-12:00am

Prices: to be discussed with sales representative.

VAHAKNI AREA POOLS:

Vahakni Outdoor Swimming Pool

Address: Ashtarak Highway

Phone: +374 43 177 220

Open Hours: 10:00am-5:00pm will open on June 1

Prices: Mon-Fri 12+y.o. 8000AMD, 4-11y.o. 4000AMD; weekends 12+y.o. 10,000AMD, 4-11 y.o. 5000AMD
Monthly membership 12+ y.o. 80,000AMD, 4-11y.o. 40,000AMD

Red Cross Swimming Pool

Address: 50-1 Ashtarak Highway

Phone: +374 98 773 773

Open Hours: 7:00am-10:00pm. At present is open the indoor pool, outdoor pool will open in June.

Prices: Mon-Fri 16+y.o. 5000AMD, 5-15y.o. 3000AMD; weekends 16+y.o. 7000AMD, 5-15 y.o. 5000AMD

Monthly membership available

Website: <https://cross-sport.am/en/>

San Marco Swimming Pool

Address: 6 Ashtarak Highway

Phone: +374 55 111 979

Open Hours: 11:00am-7:00pm, will open on June 1

Prices: Mon-Fri 12+y.o. 6000AMD, 6-11y.o. 4000AMD; weekends 12+y.o. 9000AMD, 6-11y.o. 6000AMD

Mandarinka Swimming Pool

Address: 65 Ashtarak Highway

Phone: +374 98 773 317

Open Hours: 11:00am-7:00pm, will open on June 1

Prices: Mon-Fri 14+y.o. 5000AMD, 4-13y.o. 50 % discount; weekends 14+y.o. 6000AMD, 4-13y.o. 50 % discount

Volunteer Opportunities

Mother Teresa Orphanage

A small, dedicated group of Catholic nuns run an orphanage for disabled children in Nork Marash (neighborhood in Yerevan). The sisters are always looking for volunteers to stop by to visit and spend time with the children. They have a wonderful local staff and international visitors who come to work with the children periodically.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a group of U.S. Embassy-affiliated Armenians and Americans who design monthly projects to assist socially vulnerable members of society. We need your enthusiasm and creativity! If interested, please contact Maritsa Hovhannisyan at HovhannisyanM@state.gov.

Websites

Lots of cafes and restaurants offer delivery services in Yerevan. The list here is for your convenience.

Restaurants that Deliver

If you can't find what you're looking for on menu.am or sovats.am, here are some alternative restaurants which provide delivery service:

<https://www.lospueblos.am/>

<https://pastrami.am/>

<https://pandokyerevan.com/en>

<https://www.blackangus.am>

<http://www.winerepublic.am/>

www.toria.am

www.sas.am

Groceries

www.buy.am

www.shopon.am

www.sas.am

www.supermarket.am

www.parma.am

Fruits/vegetables

<https://gazar.am/en/>

Books/Stationery

www.penbox.am

www.noyantapan.am

www.karandash.am

Websites

Hike Armenia: <https://hikearmenia.org/>

REI Hiking Project: <https://www.hikingproject.com/directory/8019235/armenia>

All Trails Armenia: <https://www.alltrails.com/armenia>

The Transcaucasian Trail: <https://transcaucasiantrail.org/en/home/>

Wild Armenia: <https://wildarmenia.com/blog/hiking-in-armenia/>

Applications

Gaia GPS

Garmin GPS

Maps.am

Komoot

REI Hiking Project

ACS INFORMATION

Ellen Scholl serves as our American Citizen Services chief.

Anahit Movsesyan is an Armenian citizen with extensive consular experience. She has worked for the U.S. Embassy for fourteen years.

Websites to know

US Embassy Yerevan: www.usa.am

Employment at US Embassy:

https://erajobs.state.gov/dos-era/vacancysearch/searchVacancies.hms?_ref=yym4c1h3pt0

Social Security: <https://gr.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/social-security/>

Please write to us at

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Consular Section/ACS

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(+374) 10 49-45-85

Emergency Phone (after hours):

(+374) 10 49-44-44

Fees for Services

Notarial services -\$50 per seal

Marriage letter notary - \$50

Consular Report of Birth Abroad - \$100

Adult passport renewal - \$110

Minor passport / renewal - \$115

First time Adult; replacement lost/ stolen passport -\$145

Fees can be paid in USD or Armenian drams.