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# Why my country is the best

It's a beautiful place, its history is so rich, the food is amazing, and best of all, it's one of the most underrated and under-visited parts of the world. We can list a thousand reasons to visit Armenia, but no one would read that, so instead i created this amazing article to show you the that you have to visit to Armenia.

## **Armenia's kind and generous people**

Armenian people are known for their hospitality. They're very kind and ready to help anyone. If you have any Armenian friends, you probably share my opinion. If you happen to visit Armenia make sure to talk with the locals. Surely they will help you find your way if you're lost, or they'll be ready to answer any other questions you have

## **The amazing weather in Armenia**

In Armenia, you can experience all four seasons, which makes this a perfect place to travel. Winter, spring, summer, and autumn all show off their best characteristics. Although every season has its advantages and disadvantages... You won't find any complaints about it here.

## **The beautiful scenery and landscape & maountains in Armenia**

Armenia is famous for its rich nature, thick forests where you can breathe the freshest and cleanest air far away from large urban cities. In these places, you can break away from reality and enjoy your rest at the heart of Mother Nature.

The view of Mount Ararat is one of the favorites for Armenians. Although the mountain is no longer in the territory of the country, it is considered to be one of the symbols of Armenia. In clear weather, Ararat is seen from Yerevan and other regions around it.

## **Discover Armenia's capital of Yerevan**

Have you ever heard about the Armenian rosy capital? Yerevan is the largest city in Armenia. It's known for its pink color because the majority of the buildings are built with Armenian tufa stone. As a result, the city itself looks rosy. In Armenia, the majority of industries are centralized in Yerevan. All the essential educational institutions are also located here.

## **Armenia's rich history**

This small country has a long history that dates back centuries. They say the country originated in 3500 BC. Since then the Armenian land housed several dynasties, including the Artashisian dynasty (the first Armenian kingdom), the Arshakunian dynasty, the Bagratunian dynasty, and the Rubinian dynasty.

### **Armenia's amazing culture**

Armenia is a very culturally rich country with its architectural monuments, customs, and traditions. The official language and religion are inseparable parts of the national culture.

### **The amazing food and cuisine in Armenia**

Armenian cuisine is the most delicious. Here you may find tasty dishes made of fresh vegetables, meat, and other ingredients. Armenians like to eat tastily. Maybe this is the reason for having such a unique and delicious cuisine that includes dishes like Barbeque, Dolma, Harissa, Lavash, Ghapama, etc. If you visit Armenia, make sure you taste these dishes.

### **The amazing weather in Armenia**

And what about water. Water is a special element in Armenia. It's fresh, clean, and tasty. Everybody wonders what makes this water fresher and better than anywhere else. The answer is obvious. The water in Armenia comes from the highest mountains, making it natural and fresh. Also, one of the fun things is that you can find freshwater fountains everywhere in Yerevan and in Armenia, called Pulpulaks.

### **The famous Armenian cognac(brandy) and wine**

Armenian cognac (brandy) is world-renown. There are many brandy making factories that produce Armenian brandy that is enjoyed not only in the country but it's also exported to other countries. They say that if the word Armenia is seen on a bottle of brandy, then it is naturally perfect! Besides cognac, Armenian wines are also very popular. Since ancient times, Armenian people have cultivated grapes and made various types of wines. A few years ago, the oldest winery in the world "Areni" was discovered in Armenia. You can visit the site while you are traveling in Armenia.

By Raphael

# Travelling tips!

Nowadays, due to Covid people had to stop from travelling. A lot of countries kept their borders closed and all flights cancelled. So today, that we have started to make small steps to come back to reality, the rules of travelling have changed.

Every person should take precautions to protect himself from COVID-19. Before your travelling you should check local requirements, restrictions and situations. Some state, local and territorial governments have requirements, such as requiring people to wear masks or get tested, and requiring those who recently traveled to stay home for up to 14 days. For example, the Cyprus government requires from travellers to have with them the Cyprus Flight Pass. If you don't have the Cyprus Flight Pass you aren't allowed to travel to Cyprus. Also, when you will arrive at the airport, you will have to do a PCR test. Keep in mind that restrictions can change rapidly depending on local conditions. It's also important to keep in mind the COVID-19 situation, such as the level of spread and presence of variants, varies in each country. Check back for updates as your trip gets closer.

If you are traveling in Europe it's necessary to check the country's restrictions that you will travel. For most of the European countries you need to have a negative PCR test with you. If at any point you test positive, stay home. Immediately isolate yourself if you develop symptoms and follow public health recommendations. Moreover, the most of the European countries require to wear a face mask on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation, even if you are fully vaccinated. The mask must fit snugly and cover both your mouth and nose.

Another useful travelling tip is to get travel insurance before you leaving home. Keep in mind that you don't only need travel insurance If you are going off "beaten path". Unfortunately, accidents can happen anywhere.

A great idea to explore the country that you'll visit is hiring a local guide. By hiring local guides, you're supporting, first of all, the local economy and families. Also, it is necessary to let your bank and credit card companies know for your travel. Another tip that you should follow is that you have to respect local culture. So, before you travel do a bit of research to look a way the culture dresses and what the accepted behaviour is in public. You'll feel more comfortable as you blend in and you can avoid doing something embarrassing for yourself.

In conclusion, please make all the checks about measurements for Covid-19. Don't forget to get your smile with you because smile break the ice and helps in a lot though situations. For example, smile can ease an uncomfortable moment and it breaks the tension with the people you meet along the way. Even when you are negotiating at a local store, you smile. The truth is that we get better services when we smile.

By Sylvia

## Why everyone should vote

Elections of various kinds happen from time to time, whether it is in your local community, nation or even unions like European Union. It may seem boring when you start hearing about it in your teenage years, and you could say it is none of your business, but as you come to a certain age, you start to feel the consequences of the outcomes these elections have on your daily life. That is when the time has come for you to find out your stance on the latest issues and start to participate in the voting process.

### **Why spend time?**

Researching about candidates of the upcoming elections brings more awareness of business, events and actualities going around you. It deepens your knowledge about political views and also makes your status quo stronger, since the arguments and concepts you understand are much more detailed. Doing that you gain immunity to other opinions and start to influence others to follow the same ideas.

### **Is it really important that I vote?**

Not participating in the voting process does not exempt you from the responsibilities you have as a citizen (of the EU or your country). Your decision may impact everything more than you can imagine, for example, your inner circle of family, friends, that respect your opinion, will take into consideration that you abstain from voting, and maybe not go themselves. Same could happen vice versa, and your good decisions could bring more people to do the same and have a bigger weight on the outcome. Do not forget that voting directly impacts how your tax money is spread, where they go and what issues they solve. If you don't vote, somebody else in your place will do it differently.

## **Hypocriticism**

Another thing is that everyone enjoys having and freely spreading their point of view and opinions about sensitive issues. If the person tries to convince someone out of their status quo, but does not vote in any of the elections, he is a hypocrite, and should fix the way he sees things. Voting means acknowledging, diving into the issue and coming with your own conclusions, and that's how the interests of the people will be served best, and the right laws/changes will be accepted.

## **Final notes**

The power you have is your vote you give. People haven't been able to do this thing through all of the history, and it is luck to be able to vote and express your views. Through this you choose your representatives, and expect them to act according to your interests, and this is more than enough to spare some time and research what is going on around you.

By MJ

# **My life without the EU**

Recently, the EU has experienced a strong internal crisis, think for example of Brexit. EU citizens above all see the Union as remote and unable to make decisions that can really affect them. Of course, the problems of the Union cannot be denied, but we can think about our daily life as European citizens.

Since the signature of the Schengen Agreement in 1985, the EU has eliminated its internal borders allowing freedom of movement for EU citizens. For this reason, we can travel from one country to another simply with our national identity card. We don't have to apply for a visa or other documents which often take a long time.

This freedom of movement has implemented European mobility and the meeting of cultures between citizens from different countries. Furthermore, this has contributed to mobility for study and work, as young Europeans look to other countries as a job opportunity. The EU has particularly pushed on the mobility of young people, for example through the Erasmus + program or the European Voluntary Service (ESC). We can therefore spend a period of study in a foreign university without paying additional fees and with European funding.

Moreover, due to the entry of the EURO as the single European currency, Europe has endowed itself with the same currency for all its citizens. This means that we no longer have to worry about changing our money when we go abroad. Recently we no longer even have to think

about looking for a new telephone operator or spending additional costs for the mobile phone thanks to the elimination of the roaming charge. Finally, since the European Health Card (EHIC), we can rest assured and receive the necessary care when we are in a foreign European country.

In conclusion, the EU should still strengthen European sentiment strengthening and policies, but our lives would not be the same and probably more complex without the EU.

By Caterina

## GUESS THE COUNTRY!



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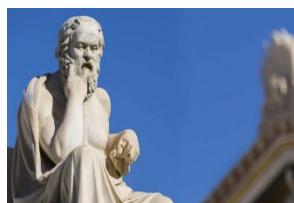
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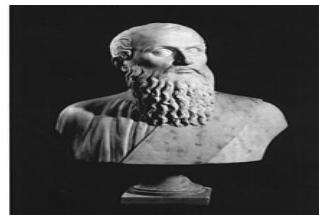
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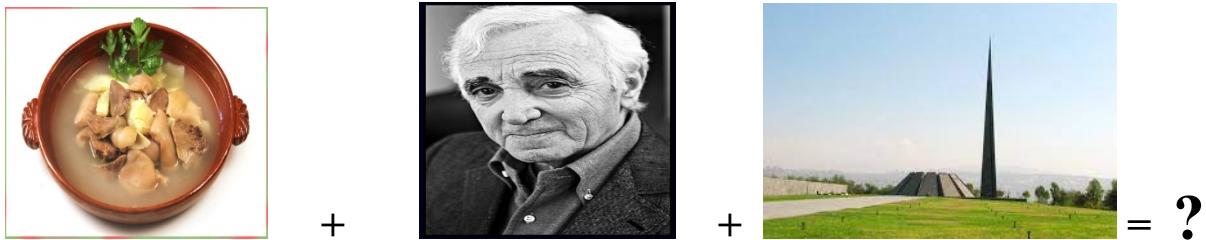
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