

Armenia



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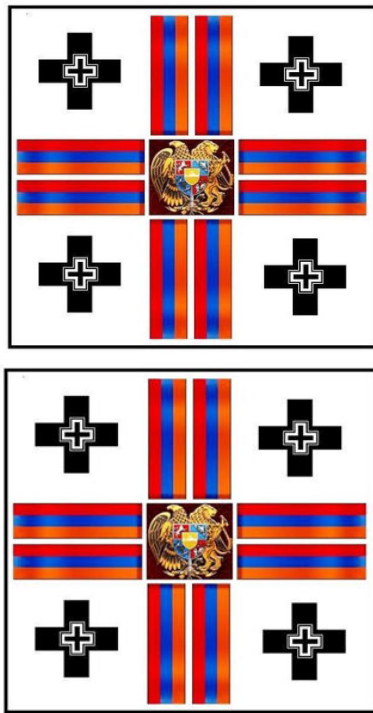


Armenia: A Brief Overview





Armenia is located in a region known as the South Caucasus. It is one of the most secluded countries in the world because it is landlocked and surrounded with high mountains. Armenia is slightly smaller than Maryland in area. Sadly, most of the land cannot be lived on because it is so dry.



Armenia is one of the oldest countries on Earth, its rich history apparent at every turn, from the capital city of Yerevan to the outskirts of the nation. It survived the Roman Empire, Alexander the Great, the Armenian Genocide in 1915 and dozens of other attempts at conquest - remaining largely independent throughout its history.

Fact-sheet



- Independent since 1991
 - ✦ Third Republic of Armenia
- Total Area – 29,743 km²
 - ✦ Landlocked
- Population - 3,262,200
- Government type:
 - ✦ Parliamentary Republic
 - ✦ After Constitutional reforms in 2016 from 2018 Parliamentary Republic



Capital city Yerevan



National Symbols



- **Tricolor Flag**

- ✦ Red for the the Armenian people's continued struggle for survival
- ✦ Blue for the will of the people of Armenia to live beneath peaceful skies
- ✦ Orange for the creative talent and hard-working nature of the people of Armenia



- **Coat of Arms**

- ✦ Lion and Tiger holding the shield depicting Noah's Ark on Holy Mount Ararat and the Coats of Arms of four Armenian Kingdoms



- **National Anthem**

- ✦ "Our Fatherland"



Armenian History in Brief



- Humans have lived on the land that is Armenia today since prehistoric times
- The area was passed between the Persian and Roman Empires and was conquered by Arabs, Mongols, and then the Turks when it became part of the Ottoman Empire
- In the 1800s, Armenia was taken over by Russia
- Armenia became part of the Soviet Union in 1920
- September 21, 1991 became independent from the USSR



History



- First Christian country

- ✦ King Tiridates III institutes Christianity as state religion in 301
- ✦ Armenian alphabet created in 405 to spread Christianity wider

Etchmiadzin Cathedral, built in 303



Armenian alphabet



Armenian Genocide



- April 24, 1915 considered the inception of the Genocide
 - ✦ On that day more than 300 Armenian intellectuals, politicians, clergymen arrested and executed in Constantinople
 - ✦ Systematic murder of Armenian population throughout fading Empire
 - ✦ Massacres from 1908 to 1923 killed over 1.5 million Armenians
 - ✦ Armenians marched with no food or water to Deir-ez-Zor desert of Syria from all over Asia Minor
 - ✦ Remnants of Armenian population receive shelter in Syria, Lebanon, Russian Empire (Eastern Armenia) and Europe
 - ✦ Survivors spread around the globe and are the basis for the vast Armenian Diaspora
 - ✦ The first Genocide of the modern era, paved the way for Holocaust , Genocides in Cambodia, Darfur etc.

Economy

- ❖ Armenia's economy has had a hard time since its independence in 1991
- ❖ Armenia must rely on other nations for energy such as natural gas
- ❖ Agricultural sector is suffering because people that own the farms cannot afford to keep up with the demand for food



Mineral mining in Armenia is one of the few industries

Armenian Music and Dance

- ❖ Armenia is most famous for its classical music
- ❖ Well-known “Sabre Dance”- Ballo con la sciabola:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvOyju-6hlg>
- ❖ Music is very important to Armenians and if affordable, children almost always take lessons for at least one instrument, mostly common would be piano
- ❖ Armenian folk dancing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwWgEpfUFf0>

Traditional Clothing



Fun Facts

- ❖ Armenia was the world's first Christian nation when it made Christianity its official religion in 301 AD
- ❖ Mount Ararat is a national symbol of Armenia, even though it's currently located inside Turkey's borders
- ❖ There are about 11 million Armenians (or people of Armenian descent) outside of Armenia, many of which are in the US, including the Kardashians!
- ❖ Armenia has one of the oldest and longest ropeway in the world
- ❖ Armenia has an important lake called Lake Sevan, which is one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world

Holy Mount ARARAT

- ❖ The Bible states: "And on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mount Ararat." (Genesis, 8:4). During the Great flood, after floating on waters for 150 days, Noah's ark stopped on Mount Ararat, and on this very day, the human race was granted a second birth in Armenia: on Mount Ararat.
- ❖ Although the mountain is not in modern Armenia today but it is still blessed mountain for Armenians. This mountain has miraculous beauty, and is a symbol of the motherland for every Armenian living in any corner of the world.



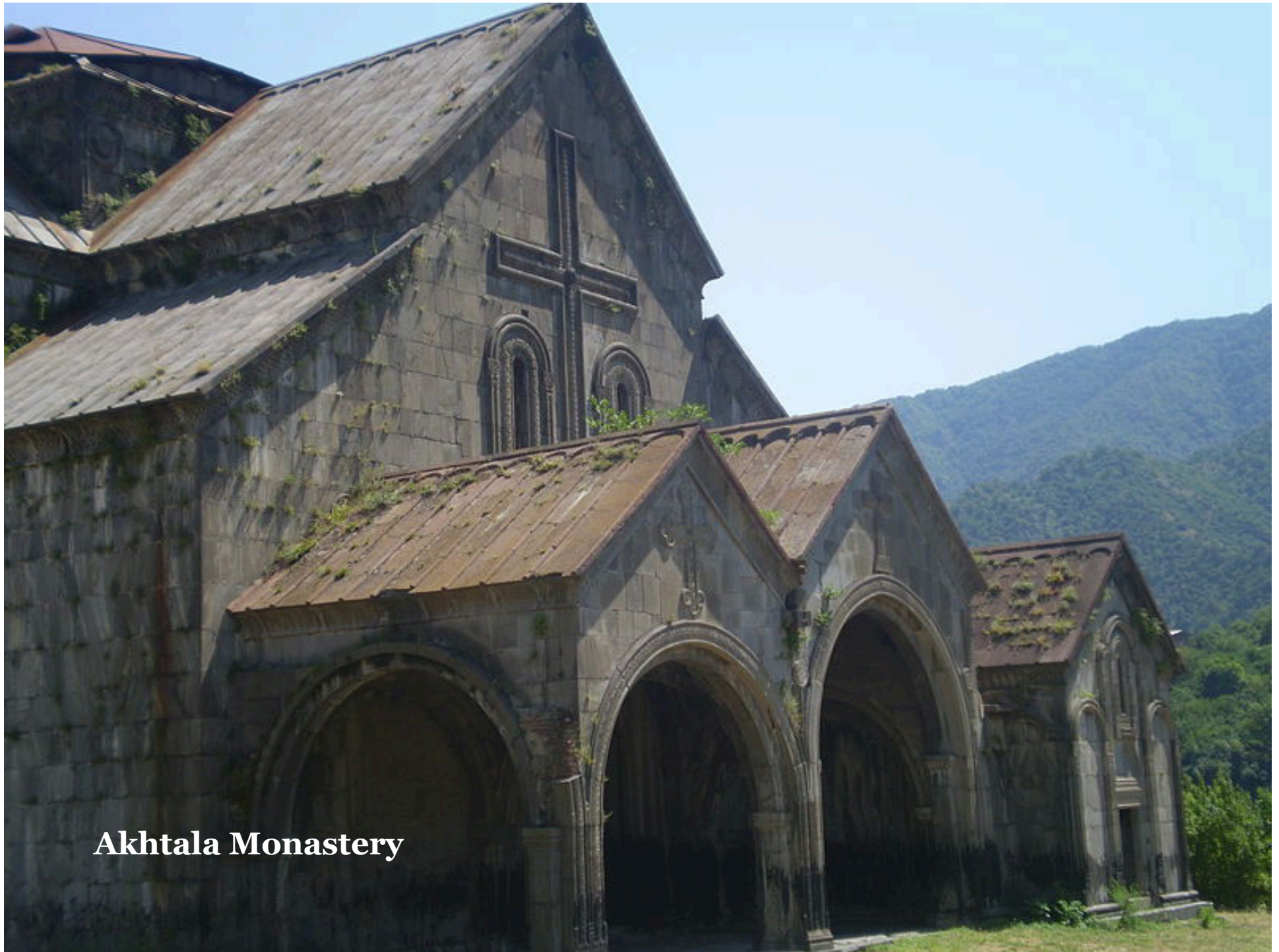
View of Mount Ararat, a national symbol of Armenia, from the Yerevan, the capital city





**Crystallized basalt
cliffs in the Garni
Gorge**

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Akhtala Monastery



Haghartsin Monastery,
in the Tavush region of
Armenia, was built in the
late 13th Century



Haghpat Monastery
(10th - 13th Century)

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YEREVAN

- ▣ Yerevan is located in the Ararat Valley
- ▣ It occupies 227 square km and is 865 to 1390 m above sea level.
- ▣ Emerging from Ancient Castle of Erebuni, which was founded in 782 BC by Armenian king Menua, Yerevan is 29 years older than Rome and Babylon

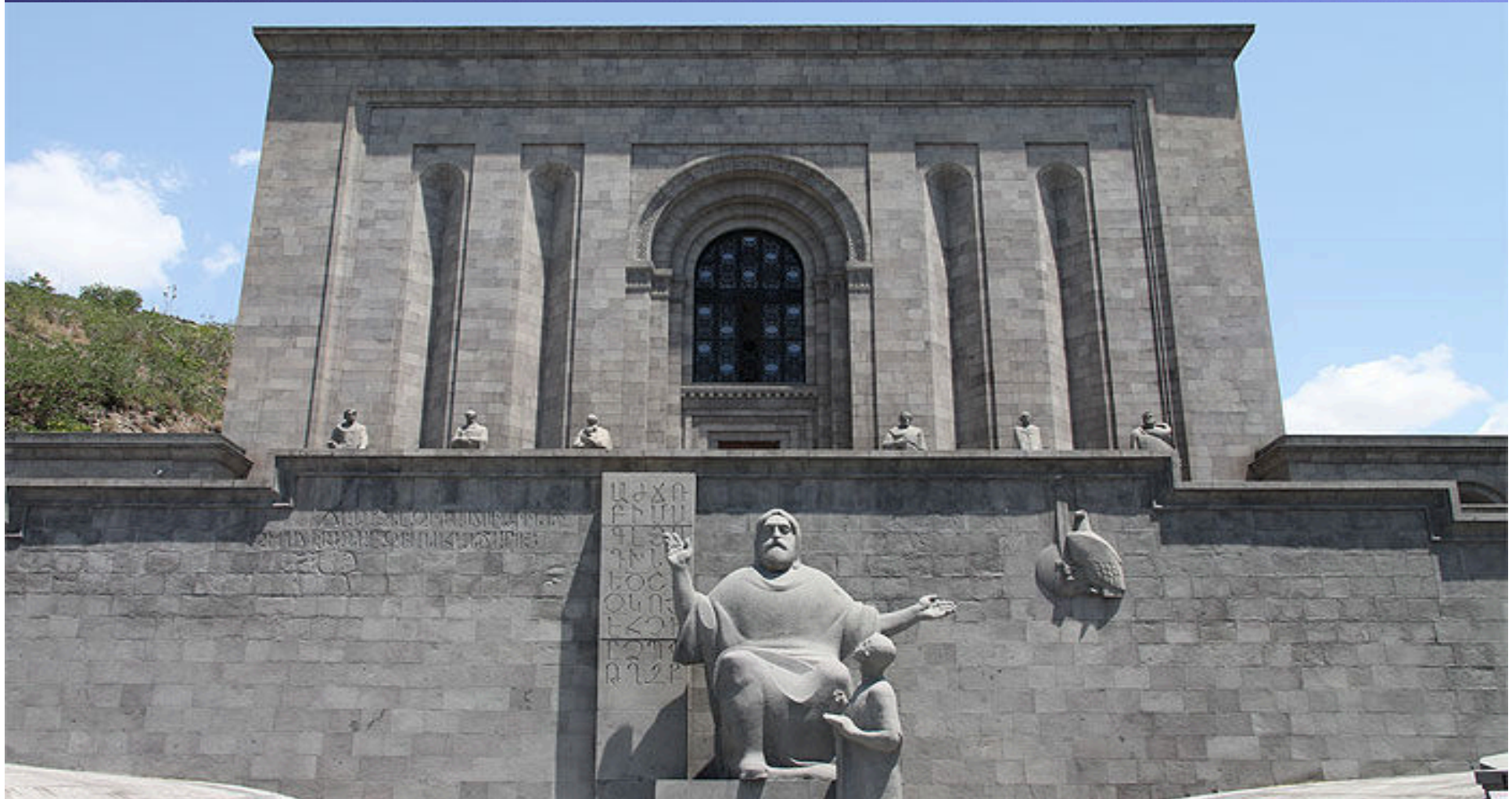


REPUBLIC SQUARE



MATENADARAN

Has one of the world's largest manuscript collections in the world and has the largest collection of Armenian Manuscripts. It has over 17 000 units from Armenian and foreign ancient Manuscripts.

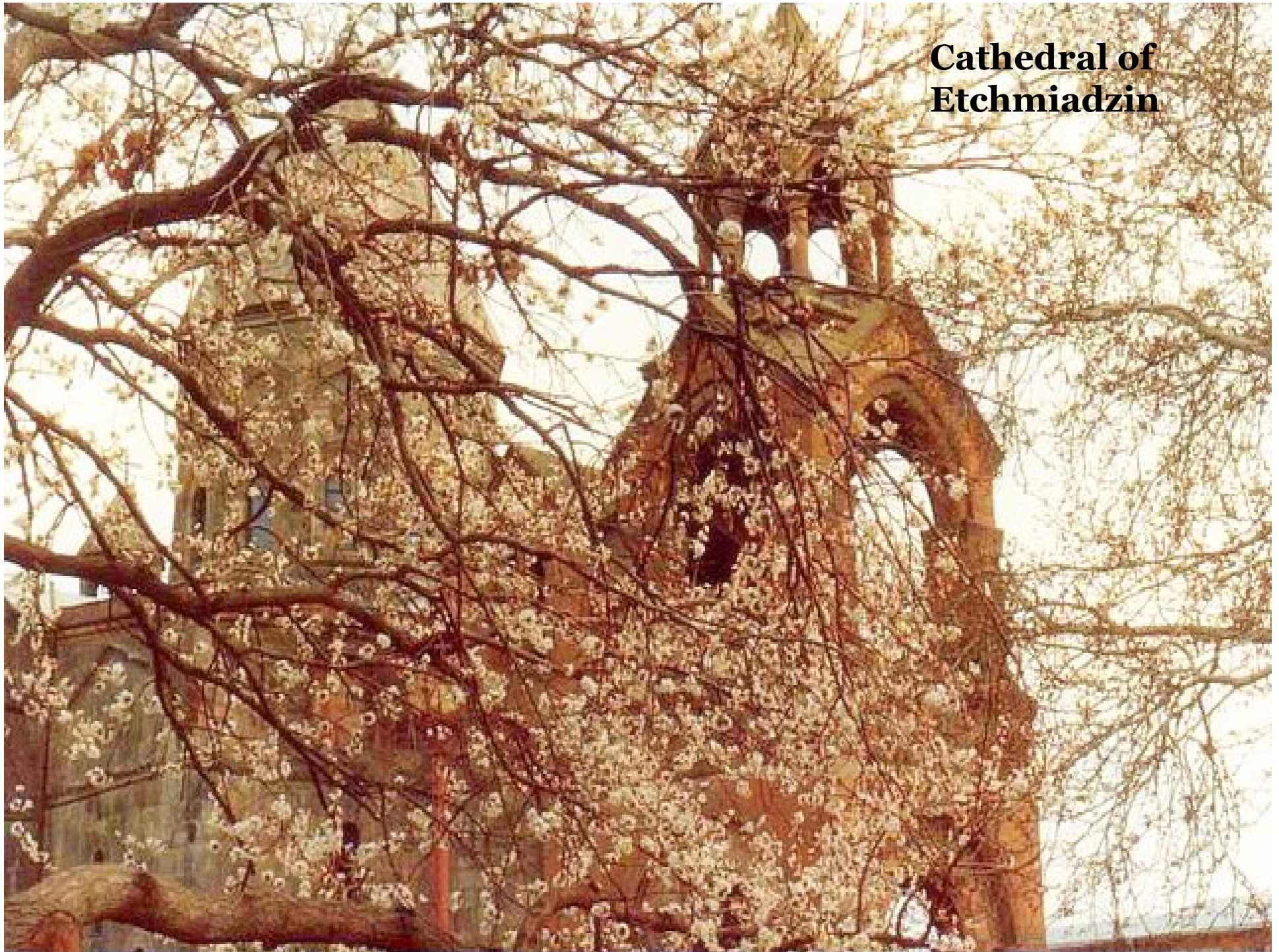


FREEDOM SQUARE

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**Cathedral of
Etchmiadzin**



MAGIC SOUND OF DUDUK

The Duduk is among the oldest Armenian instruments. It has a 1,900 year history. Duduk is a wind instrument made from apricot timber, and thus it is called tsiranapogh (apricot pipe)

It has a warm, soft sound that is controlled by pressure of the lips and by closing eight or nine holes with fingers.



APRICOT

Armenia is the motherland of the Apricot, is the oldest and genuine center for growing apricot. The apricot was imported into Europe by Lucullus, a Roman general after the 1st century B.C. Because of its origin the fruit was known as "prunus Armeniaca" which means "Armenian plum"



FAMOUS ARMENIANS



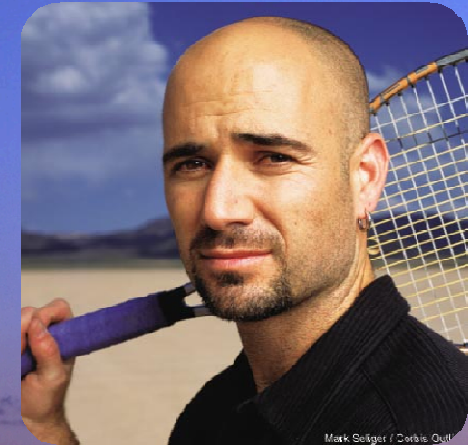
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Kim Kardashian



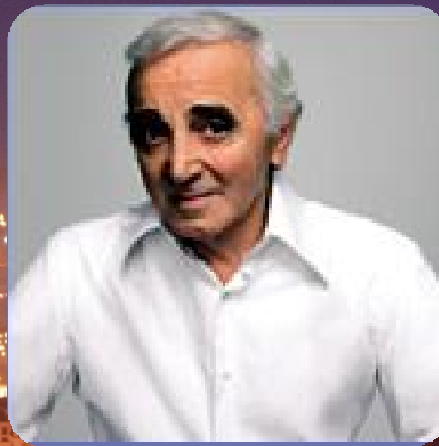
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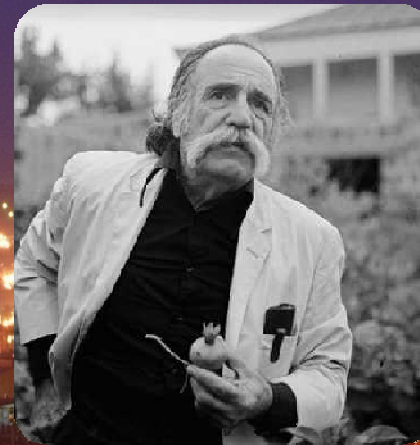
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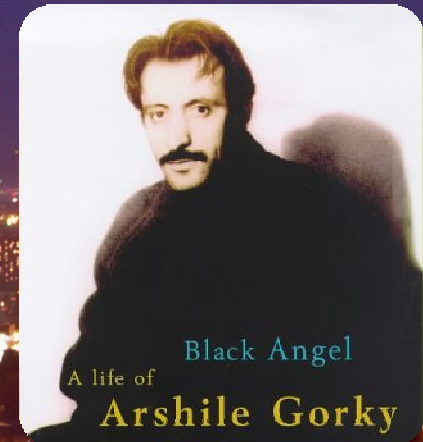
Kirk Kerkorian



Charles Aznavour



William Saroyan



Arshil Gorky

Finishing remarks



- ❖ Armenia – a developing democratic country
- ❖ More than 1 million tourists in 2012
- ❖ Safe and beautiful country with thousand years old churches and monasteries

Thank you.

Feel free to ask questions!

