

# **INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS 2012**

**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS FORUM**

Oct 3-5, 2012, MARRIOTT HOTEL, YEREVAN, ARMENIA

## **Travelling To Armenia**



### **Location**

Geographically located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, the main point of entry to Armenia is Yerevan Zvartnots International Airport located about 7miles/11km South West of Yerevan. Transfer options to and from Yerevan airport to the city (journey time aprox 15-20 minutes by car) include airport taxis and shuttle buses is best pre-arranged via the hotel concierge transfer service.

### **Airlines**

Several international airlines operate direct flights to Yerevan from major European cities. These include: Air Armenia, the national carrier, often code-shared with an international airline (Athens, Berlin, Dubai, Milan Malpensa, Moscow Domodedovo, Paris CDG, Saint Petersburg and Tel Aviv), Austrian Airlines (Vienna), BMI-British Airways (London Heathrow), Czech Airlines (Prague), Flydubai (Dubai), LOT (Warsaw), Meridiana (Rome), and Russian International (Moscow Sheremetyevo). During high season (which includes October and the Forum week) several additional seasonal flights are also operational from e.g. Amsterdam, Barcelona, Lyon, Marseille and Venice.

London Heathrow, Vienna or Dubai are the most likely convenient connecting points from other international locations, especially SE Asia or the USA. Please check your local travel agent for further details and options. International flights tend to arrive late at night (e.g. between 11pm to 1am) and depart in the early morning (e.g. between 6am-7am). Please take this into account when planning your hotel accommodation needs. Local time in Yerevan is GMT +4; Armenia does not operate daylight saving in the summertime, i.e. during the Forum week.

**Please note: October is high tourist season in Armenia, flights and hotel accommodation get booked up very quickly. To avoid disappointment please ensure you book your flight and accommodation NOW.**

## **Entry Requirements**

Entry into Armenia is swift and efficient but visas are required for most international visitors. These are usually very straightforward, quick and easy to obtain either via the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia (conventional visa) or on-line (e-Visa). ***A letter of invitation is not required to obtain a single-entry tourist visa for a stay up to 21 days. For visa purposes, attendance at the Forum qualifies visitors as tourist.***

**Conventional Visa:** Submit the following paperwork to the Consular Section of your nearest Armenian Embassy:

- A completed visa application form, one for each applicant (downloadable from our website)
- One recent passport-size photo, attached to the application form (black-and-white or colour)
- The original passport (valid for at least 4 months)
- Money order/certified cheque payable to the Embassy of Armenia (no cash or personal cheques)

**e-Visa:** An e-Visa is the equivalent of a conventional visa except paper plays no part in the process nor is a visa affixed to the applicant's passport; the entire process is conducted electronically via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: <http://www.armeniaforeignministry.am/eVisa>. Applicants will need to provide passport and credit card information as the application is processed immediately with, in most cases, the visa issued electronically within two business days. Applicants and border control agents are informed simultaneously.

Entry visas can also be obtained in the immigration hall at Zvartnots international airport immediately on arrival, but this is not recommended unless absolutely unavoidable.

In the extremely unlikely event of experiencing any difficulties, full visa support will be provided by the Armenian Development Agency and Foreign Ministry in Yerevan.

## **Spouse Programme & Extended Stay**

Spouses are especially welcome to accompany Forum delegates, and are cordially invited to attend all of the Forum social functions. In addition, a special Spouse Programme has been arranged for Thursday 4 October, with the emphasis on relaxation, enjoyment and conviviality. The programme combines selected sightseeing opportunities with shopping and other items of interest, with the special spouse lunch traditionally the high spot of the day. The Friday lunchtime finish allows delegates the opportunity to take advantage of the reduced Forum hotel rate to arrive early and/or spend the weekend in Armenia at the end of the Forum. A sightseeing and orientation tour is also available for early arrivals on Wednesday 3 October, starting at 11am, including lunch.

## **Foreign Exchange**

The local currency in Armenia is Armenian DRAMs. Equivalent exchange rates for major international currencies as at 29 April 2012 are indicated below. 24 hour currency exchange facilities are available at the airport and at many locations in the city centre stores and banks as well as ATMs. Many city centre convenience stores are open 24 hours.

Currency	UK£	US\$	€	SFr	¥	Kr Won	Taiwan \$	Rubles
AMD	639	393	520	433	4.89	0.35	13.4	13.4

## **Other Information**

See also: [www.armeniaforeignministry.am](http://www.armeniaforeignministry.am) or contact: [info@armeniaforeignministry.com](mailto:info@armeniaforeignministry.com)  
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