

# Armenia

## Medical Summary

*The health risk information presented here is summarized from Shoreland Travax<sup>®</sup>, a decision-support tool used by health care providers to perform a detailed health risk analysis based on specific locations, individual travel styles, and traveler risk behaviors. Travax provides practitioners current, independently researched malaria risk and prevention recommendations in a map-based format that goes beyond the annual WHO and CDC statements included here. Not included here are current reports from Travax of disease outbreaks or environmental events that may pose elevated risks to travelers' health and safety. The Providers section of this site offers a directory of health care providers who utilize Shoreland Travax for travel health counseling. Learn more about the detailed reports and maps available from these practitioners (includes links to samples).*

## General Information

Armenia is a developing nation but is in the upper half of the world's economies. Located in southwestern Asia (east of Turkey and west of Azerbaijan), the climate is classified as dry summer near Yerevan, with cooler temperatures throughout the rest of the country.

## Immunizations

Depending on your itinerary, your personal risk factors, and the length of your visit, your health care provider may offer you vaccination against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, rabies, or typhoid fever. Routine immunizations, such as those that prevent tetanus/diphtheria or "childhood" diseases, should be reviewed and updated as needed.

## Malaria

The following is current information as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

### *WHO—International Travel and Health (current online update, Country List)*

No statement given.

### *CDC—Health Information for International Travel (current online edition)*

Areas with malaria: None.

Drug resistance: Not applicable.

## Other Concerns

### Travelers' Diarrhea

High risk exists throughout the country, with moderate risk in deluxe accommodations. Food and beverage precautions may reduce the likelihood of illness.

Travelers should carry loperamide for self-treatment of diarrhea and, if risk is moderate to high, an antibiotic to add if diarrhea is severe. Consult a knowledgeable health care provider regarding which antibiotic is appropriate for you and most effective for your destination.

### Other Food-Borne Illnesses

Precautions to prevent brucellosis may be needed.

### Insect- and Arthropod-Borne Diseases

Leishmaniasis may pose a risk. Personal protective measures are important.

### Other Disease and Health Risks

Additional concerns include plague, tuberculosis.

## Consular Advice

*The material below includes information from the U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.K. Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), as well as from additional open-source material. Standard safety precautions that apply to all international travel can be found in the Library article Safety and Security.*

## Consular Travel Advice

Due to military conflict, Australia (DFAT) advises avoiding travel to Nagorno-Karabakh region and areas bordering Azerbaijan. U.S. (DOS), U.K. (FCO), and Canada (GAC) have more limited warnings.

## Terrorism Risk

Low risk of attack by transnational terrorist groups exists throughout the country.

## Crime

Moderate risk of violent crime (armed robbery, home robbery, sexual assault, carjacking, and murder) and moderate risk of petty crime exist throughout the country. Theft of valuables from unattended vehicles is common.

## Civil Unrest

Protests and demonstrations occur throughout the country (especially in Yerevan, Gyumri, and other cities) and are generally peaceful, but have the potential to turn violent without warning. Bystanders are at risk of harm from violence or from the response by authorities.

## Unsafe Areas

Armed conflict occurs; landmines and other unexploded ordnance are present in Nagorno-Karabakh Region.

A dangerous security environment exists in border areas, especially in areas bordering Azerbaijan.

## Transportation Safety

High risk of traffic-related injury or death exists. The road-traffic death rate is 12 to 24 per 100,000 population. The rate is less than 10 in most high-income countries. Driving at night is not advised. Seek local advice before traveling on roads outside urban areas after dark.

Traffic flows on the right-hand side of the road. Travelers (including drivers and pedestrians) accustomed to traffic moving on the opposite side should be vigilant when navigating traffic.

Exercise caution on public transportation, especially on rail services, due to the risk of pick-pocketing.

Public buses and vans do not meet international safety standards (due to unsafe vehicles and poor maintenance).

Many taxis are unsafe. Use taxis from official ranks or dispatched via smart phone app or radio from a reputable company and ascertain the license or identification number of the dispatched vehicle.

## Natural Disasters

Seismic activity frequently occurs.

## Consular Information

Selected Embassies or Consulates in Armenia

- | United States: [+374] 10-464-700; [am.usembassy.gov](http://am.usembassy.gov)
- | Canada: [+374] 10-56-79-90; [travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates/armenia](http://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates/armenia)
- | United Kingdom: [+374] 10-264-301; [www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-yerevan](http://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-yerevan)
- | Australia: Australia does not have an embassy or consulate in Armenia.

Armenia's Embassies or Consulates in Selected Countries

- | In the U.S.: [www.usa.mfa.am](http://www.usa.mfa.am)

- | In Canada: [www.armembassycanada.ca](http://www.armembassycanada.ca)
- | In the U.K.: [www.uk.mfa.am](http://www.uk.mfa.am)
- | In Australia: Armenia does not have an embassy or consulate in Australia.

### Visa/HIV Testing

HIV testing is not required to obtain a tourist, work, or residence visa.

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