



**BOLOGNA BEYOND 2010:
ROLE AND INVOLVEMENT OF STUDENT IN THE PROCESS
SUMMER SCHOOL IN TSAKHKADZOR, ARMENIA
JULY 3-10, 2011**

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

All participants are invited to register before 15 June 2011 at the latest using the attached registration form.

VISA INFORMATION

Visas are issued in diplomatic missions and consular posts of the Republic of Armenia, at the border crossing points of the Republic of Armenia (conventional visas) or electronically (e-Visa, to apply click https://evisa.mfa.am/pls/dbms/evis_n.put_application_p0). To enter Armenia foreign citizens can obtain a visa at Yerevan's international Zvartnots Airport upon arrival. The cost of a tourist visa for 21 days is 3000 Armenian Drams which is around 6 euros.

VENUE

Tsakhkadzor is a city and a popular health resort in Armenia located north of Hrazdan in the Kotayk Province (marz). The population of 1,600 in 2009, is a decrease of more than half of the 3,400 reported in the 1989 census.

Tsakhkadzor means valley of flowers in Armenian. The city is located 50 kilometers north of Yerevan, on the southeastern slope of Teghenis Mountains, at a height of 1750 meters above sea level, surrounded with alpine meadows.

PROGRAMME

The Summer School will last 8 days, from 3 July to 10 July 2011. The annotated agenda /program/ will be circulated in due time before the Summer School by organizers,

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Arrival is foreseen on July 3, 2011

Departure is foreseen on July 10, 2011

ACCOMODATION

Hotel accommodation will be booked by organizers. The expenses will be covered by organizers.

Accommodation is provided for participants at **"Youth Center in Tsakhkadzor" hotel.**

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CATERING

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Coffee breaks and cultural programmes will be provided by the organizers,

TRANSPORTATION

Upon arrival at Yerevan Zvartnotc airport at the central hall there will be a welcome desk of the organizers where you will be given some more information about transportation. Busses will take participants from Yerevan Zvartnotc airport to Tsakhkadzor.

If you prefer not to wait for the bus, you can take the taxi from the airport to Tsakhkadzor. The official taxi service provider for Zvartnotc airport is "Taxi Tour". The fair of one way ride with taxi from Zvartnotc to Tsakhkadzor (~70km) is 11000 AMD (~20€).

You will be asked to indicate your arrival times on the registration page.

GENERAL INFORMATION

History

Armenia, transliterated Hayastan, officially the Republic of Armenia (Հայաստանի Հանրապետություն, Hayastani Hanrapetut'yun), is a landlocked mountainous country in the South Caucasus region. Armenia is bordered by Turkey to the west, Georgia to the north, the de facto independent Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and Azerbaijan to the east, and Iran and the Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan to the south.

A former republic of the Soviet Union, Armenia is a unitary, multiparty, democratic nation-state with an ancient and historic cultural heritage. The Kingdom of Armenia was the first state to adopt Christianity as its religion in the early years of the 4th century (the traditional date is 301). The modern Republic of Armenia recognizes the Armenian Apostolic Church as the national church of Armenia, although the republic has separation of church and state.

Tsakhkadzor In the early medieval period the region belonged to the feudal clan of Varazhnuni, which governed the forest that was used as a hunting ground for the Armenian Arshakuni Kings from the 4th to the 5th centuries. In the 6th century, the territory passed into the possession of the House of Kamsarakan. Beginning from the 10th century, the clan of Kamsarakan merged with the House of Pahlavuni, who were also related to the Arshakunis. Gregory Pahlavuni, the leader of the clan and subsequently the prince of the Kecharis principality, built the Kecharis Monastery in honor of Gregory the Illuminator in 1033. In 1051 he constructed the Church of Holy Nshan. The territory passed to the rule of Zakarid princes during the 13-14th centuries, at times falling to the rule of Proshyan and Khagbakyan families. During the larger part of the later centuries, the region was constantly the arena of the Ottoman-Persian wars. Finally in 1828, according to the Treaty of Turkmenchay, the region was connected with the Erivan Governorate and entered into the composition of the Russian Empire. During the Soviet era Tsakhkadzor was developed into a modern city intended to attract large numbers of tourists. Many historical buildings and dachas, built before the revolution by industrialists and merchants from Yerevan and Tbilisi, were either nationalized in favor of the state or they were sold in auctions.

Currently, Tsakhkadzor is a fast developing winter resort that attracts hundreds of ski and snowboard enthusiasts from around the world. Many people choose this undiscovered destination to combine their snow experience with an extraordinary experience of touring the country wintertime. Best months for skiing and snowboarding are normally February and March. Usually, snow cover is good from January to mid-April.

Currency: Armenian dram (AMD). Exchanging money is strongly recommended in licensed places. You can change money at the airport Zvartnotc, but probably the rate is much better at one of the change-booths in the city. 1EUR is approx. 550-560 Armenian Dram (AMD).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

The weather in Yerevan is hot in July, the average daytime temperature is ~ + 28 C°.

Local Time is GMT + 2 hours

DRESS CODE

The dress code is formal during the lectures, meeting with officials. In other time it is free. Do not forget to bring swimming dresses, if the weather will be good we will have a day in Lake Sevan.

USEFUL LINKS:

<http://www.haias.net/armenia.html>

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0107292.html>

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

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/5275.htm>
<http://yourarmenia.com/PicturesOfArmenia.aspx>

EMERGENCY

The general emergency numbers you can call are
Fire 1-01
Police 1-02
Ambulance service 1-03

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