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Armenia: Great Destination for travelers

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Armenia prides itself on being the first nation to formally adopt Christianity (early 4th cent

By May 1994, when a cease-fire took hold, Armenian forces held not only Nagorno-Karabakh but a

Geography

Government: Republic

Armenia is located in the southern Caucasus & is the smallest of the former Soviet republics.

Prime Minister: Andranik Markarian (2000)

President: Robert Kocharian (1998)

Area: 11,506 sq mi (29,800 sq km)

Population (2004 est.): 2,991,360 (growth rate: -0.3%); (Armenian, 93%; others, Kurds, Ukraini

Capital & largest city: Yerevan, 1,462,700 (metro. area), 1,267,600 (city proper)

Other large cities: Vanadzor, 147,400; Gyumri (Leninakan), 125,300; Abovian, 59,300

Monetary unit: Dram

Language: Armenian 96%, Russian 2%, other 2%

Religion: Armenian Apostolic 94%, other Christian 4%, Yezidi 2%

Ethnicity/race: Armenian 93%, Russian 2%, Azeri 1%, other (mostly Yezidi Kurds) 4% (2002).

Note: as of the end of 1993, virtually all Azeris had emigrated from Armenia

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