

Armenia, July 28-Aug 5, 2012



Description of the build

Habitat for Humanity Europe and Central Asia welcomes families from around the world to make homeownership a reality for people in need – one house, one family at a time.

Be part of this event engaging the parents in building someone's better future alongside their children. Experience together new culture, learn more about the Armenian family you will be working with and make a difference to their life by giving them a hand out of the poverty cycle.

"Too many highlights to mention: trip to Lake Sevan and monasteries, having lunch, dancing, working at site, farewell party with tears in our eyes, time when team became team, getting to know each other, working with homeowner and trying to communicate in any way we could think of...fantastic, unforgettable experience when we made lots of new friends."

Miriam Engelova, Armenia Parent & Child Build 2010 team leader

What are we going to build?

We would be helping a family renovate or build their own house made of tuft – the traditional Armenian construction material.



Come **Build** in Armenia

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Itinerary

July 28, **Saturday** • Arrival in Yerevan, Armenia

July 29, **Sunday** • Orientation, sightseeing

July 30, **Monday** • Build on site with families and local community

July 31, **Tuesday** • Build on site. Visit families in their present homes

Aug 1, **Wednesday** • Build on site, free evening

Aug 2, **Thursday** • Build on site 1/2 day sightseeing trip

Aug 3, **Friday** • Build on site. Farewell dinner with families

Aug 4, **Saturday** • Departure from Yerevan

Aug 5, **Sunday** • Departure from Yerevan

Accommodation

The team will stay in a 3-star hotel. Meals will be offered as follows: breakfast in the hotel, lunch on site, and dinners in local restaurants.

Cost

Trip cost includes lodging, food, in-country transport, traveler's medical insurance, orientation, materials and a donation to the host program. Participants will need to arrange and pay for their own flight to Armenia and visa (if required). Trip cost range from € 1,200 (\$ 1,560) per single adult depending on the family size.

Why Armenia?

Armenia's transition to a market economy was marred by the severe Spitak earthquake of 1988, which killed 25,000 people, and a violent conflict with Azerbaijan over the Nagorno Karabagh region from 1988-94, resulting in thousands of deaths and 1.4 million refugees. In 1999, more than half of Armenia's population lived in poverty; by 2006, the figure had dropped to 26 percent. Habitat for Humanity Armenia tackles poverty housing through a variety of efforts, including the construction of affordable, efficient, earthquake-safe houses; the completion and reinforcement of half-built homes; the renovation or improvement of existing dwellings; implementation of water and sanitation facilities; advocacy of improved housing policies for low-income families; engagement of volunteers and other like-minded partners; and more. So far, Habitat has helped more than 800 families in need in Armenia into safe and secure shelter.



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