

Amaras Art Alliance

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK PROGRAM

“THE JOY OF MUSIC”



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To be able to sing across this ancient country, to bring joy to the citizens of Armenia, and speak the universal language of music with the Little Singers and Sayat Nova Music School is a bridge of friendship and peace across the oceans. Thank you for giving me this unforgettable opportunity.”

Amaras Art Alliance is proud of our reputation for providing the highest quality alternative spring break music programming for the college bound high school travel enthusiast.

Participants will be partnered with students from the acclaimed Sayat Nova Music School, Yerevan, Armenia, under the direction of conductor Maestro Tigran Hekikyan while enjoying the camaraderie of the famous “Little Singers of Armenia”.

Students will perform in five public concerts and will be joined by other local renowned musicians or vocalists.

Our flexible flight scheduling often permits time to explore a major European city: either Vienna, London, Paris, Prague, Frankfurt, or Zurich, or to investigate the mystique of the secrets of Moscow, Russia.

While en route to and from performances in Armenia, students will have the extraordinary opportunity to taste the zest of the cuisine of the Caucasus’, to share in the ancient culture of its people, and visit historical and national sites while traveling along Marco Polo’s breathtaking silk route through mountains and valleys.

Student Reflections

“I want to thank you for giving the opportunity to see the most beautiful country in the world. I was deeply affected by all I saw and the people I met. The trip put my life in perspective and expanded my limited view of the world and its people. You have given me a jewel and let me keep it for 10 days!”

Computer away message—“Missing Armenia soooo much!”

“Thank you for the wonderful concert opportunities you provided for us during our music program in Armenia. It was an honor and privilege to sing with the Armenian Little Singers and it is an experience I will remember for the rest of my life.”

“I cannot imagine a more beautiful country with breathtaking mountains and outstanding brilliant singers! I have made friends in Armenia, which I shall hold dear to my heart for a lifetime! “

Comments from Parents

*"This is an experience my daughter will not forget. You made possible a unique experience for all students.
A mother*

*"The trip expanded my daughter's horizons on so many levels; culturally, socially, human relations. Thank you for sharing all the wonderful things that make Armenians such warm loving people.
A father*

In the city of Yerevan students will visit museums, the home of a world renowned Armenian composer, Aram Khachaturian, and will take pleasure in the security of our supervised afternoon city walking tour with individual English speaking peer guides. Our city tour will give ample time to explore grouped interests, an opportunity to exchange information about teenage life in USA and a land locked former Soviet country, and shop in local trade, paintings and craft markets.

Yerevan's city night life will include a concert or opera performance, a walking tour of the historical Republic Square, the legendary Opera Square, outdoor cafes, restaurants, particularly the notable waterside restaurant where one may spot an international diplomat, and a night at a disco or jazz club.

Accommodations will be centrally located in the city of Yerevan.



Students exploring an ancient monastery

The Amaras Art Alliance **Alternative Spring Break Program** is a combined international travel, focused time devoted to music education and performance experience, which also provide opportunities for audition experience, global citizenry and promoting volunteerism. Each student is expected to participate in collection and packing of aid, which will be distributed to villages and orphanages during their visit throughout the country.

The free joint concert with vocal students in Armenia brings the Joy of Music free to its citizens not only in the city, but also in impoverished areas of the country and children in orphanages.

The quality of the program is indicated by the life changing experiences some students have while on the trip, building self confidence in performance, helping to define social responsibility, identifying career goals, or enhancing their interest in furthering music education once they return to the USA.

Amaras is dedicated to supporting music education programs in America and Armenia. Through the sponsorship of this concert program, we provide the opportunity for enhanced music development and improved performance skills for singers. In addition to developing a new repertoire, essential for chorus' seeking advanced medals and placement in competitions, this opportunity offers music directors opportunities for exploring new ways of interpreting and presenting music in both countries.



Students planting trees at The Genocide Memorial

