

Armenia, June 25—July 2, 2011



Description of the build

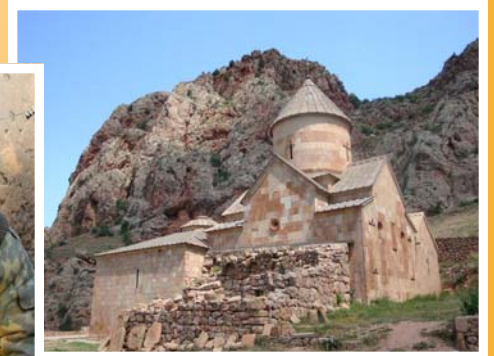
Habitat for Humanity Europe and Central Asia welcomes women from around the world to make homeownership a reality for people in need. The Armenia Women Build will give you the opportunity to reach out to women in housing need in Tavush region to emerge in a different culture and develop new relationships.

"The women homeowners, local and expat volunteers, the interpreters, and our GV team of 13 awesome women demonstrated what I believe are some of the secrets to a happy, fulfilling life: the spirit of helping and serving others, the value of hard work, and the amazing rewards of opening your heart to new friendships across the world."

Ruth Anne Hamel, Women Build participant

What are we going to build?

We would be helping a family with renovation or repair of their house made of tuft – the traditional Armenian construction material. Concrete work: mix sand and cement, pour water, make the mixture and carry with buckets; hauling tuft blocks; putting the plaster on the walls; painting the walls; sanding windows, doors and walls clear of plaster and painting them; fixing the roof.



Come **Build** in Armenia

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Itinerary

June 25, **Saturday** • Travel day, Arrival in Yerevan, Armenia
June 26, **Sunday** • Orientation, sightseeing, Transfer to Tavush
June 27, **Monday** • Build on site with families and local women
June 28, **Tuesday** • Build on site with families in their present homes
June 29, **Wednesday** • Build on site, free evening
June 30, **Thursday** • Build on site 1/2 day, R&R with picnic in Dilijan
July 1, **Friday** • Build on site. Farewell Armenian BBQ with families
July 2, **Saturday** • Return to Yerevan, Departure

Accommodation

On the first day the team will stay in a hostel in Yerevan. For the rest of the trip the team will stay in a 3 star hotel/B&B in Ijevan. Meals will be offered as follows: breakfast in the hotel, lunch on site, and dinners in local restaurants.

Cost

Cost of the trip is €1,140 – 1,200 (\$ 1,590 -1,670) plus round-trip airfare. 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).

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 nearly 400 families in need in Armenia into safe and secure shelter.



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