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Mountain Horse Race and Festival Day

A first for Armenia, in demanding but breathtaking mountain terrain

On 11 October, the village of Artavan in the Vayk community of Vayots Dzor hosts a mountain horse race. Spend the day surrounded by nature and watch which horse and rider come home first across almost 15 km of hard mountain trail.

The day in Artavan is a celebration in itself: warm village hospitality, traditions, home cooking, national dancing, sporting contests and an awards ceremony for the winners.

The programme also includes

- A jeep tour to Artavan Lake, a hydrogeological natural monument
- A walk to the medieval stone arched bridge over the stream that runs through the village

Join us.



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THE DAY IN SHORT

What	Mountain horse race and festival day
Where	Artavan, Vayk community, Vayots Dzor, Armenia
When	11 October 2026
Hours	08:00 – 18:00
Race	About 15 km of mountain trail, roughly three hours
Getting there	130–140 km from Yerevan along the Yerevan — Meghri highway, 2–2.5 hours

While the riders are out on the trail, the village lives its festival: a harvest market by the schoolchildren and their parents, a hay-bale lounge with warm blankets, village cooking — cheese, matsun, aveluk and dried fruit — a karate demonstration, dancing, and horse rides for guests.

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