

GAVAR



FestiVar
ARMENIA



The FestiVar Music Festival logo draws inspiration from Martiros Saryan's painting «Armenia,» which also marks its 100th anniversary in 2023. The vibrant Saryan colours in the logo capture the lively and joyful summer atmosphere of Armenia, perfectly reflecting the spirit of FestiVar.

This summer, MoESCS and the Public Television Company of Armenia extended their invitation to explore Gavar and Sisian, indulge in local delicacies, discover hidden gems, and revel in delightful concerts.

GAVAR, AUGUST 12

14:00-19:00 – local product fair

Gegharkunik region, Gavar, near the Central Square

15:00-20:00 – Concert of local artists and guest artists from Yerevan:
YereOne Project and OnPlay band

20:00-22:00 – **Gala concert**

First part: Program of "First Studio" featuring Kami Friends

Aram MP3

Erik Karapetyan

Brunette

Sona Rubenyan

Arsen Grigoryan

Second part: Aram MP3

22:00-23:00 – DJ Apostle

WHERE TO GO IN GAVAR AND NEIGHBOURING PLACES



The memorial wall is located in the Central square of Gavar. It represents the cuneiform inscription found at a place called "Berdi Glukh" left by the Urartian king Rusa, the son of Sardur. The protocol is presented in 3 languages.



The temple-city of Khaldi is affectionately known as «Berdi Glukh» by the locals. The fortress stretches approximately 400 metres from east to west. In the south-eastern portion of "Berdi Glukh", an enchanting sight awaits—a paved bridge, lovingly referred to as the Stone Bridge by the people. This bridge gracefully spans over the Gavaraget River, adding to the allure and charm of this ancient city.



Gegharkunik museum of Local Lore exhibits a fascinating collection of paintings, carpets, miniatures of ancient settlements, and various other artefacts that celebrate the rich history of the region and pay homage to the beauty of Sevan Lake.

Address: 18 Zoravar Andranik, Gavar
Opening hours on August 12 from 11:00 to 17:00



Gavar State Drama Theatre was founded in 1935. In 1959, it was named after Levon Kalantar. The theatre building was rebuilt in 2018. It is one of the most important cultural hubs of the region.

Address: 8 Central Square, Gavar



Samvel Kocharyants Park is located next to the Gavar Central Square. Within the park, there is a bust commemorating Samvel Kocharyants, the esteemed designer and developer of the first Soviet nuclear warheads for ballistic missiles, who earned the distinction of being twice awarded the title of Hero of Socialist Labor. This remarkable monument was unveiled on October 3, 1987. A renovation of the park took place in 2020.



In the heart of the city, next to the St. Astvatsatsin Church, lies a grand monument dedicated to the fallen heroes of the Great Patriotic War. Crafted from basalt, the 14 meter-high memorial features impressive relief work. The architectural genius behind this masterpiece is Rafayel Israyelyan, while the skilled hands of sculptors R. Yekmalyan and B. Hovhannisyan brought it to life.



In memory of the esteemed philanthropist and patriotic merchant, Hayrapet Agha Khachatryan (Kolot), the bronze statue was erected in New Bayazet in 2015, commemorating the 100th anniversary of his passing. Positioned alongside the school he founded, now known as the «Art School named after Hayrapet Khachatryan,» the statue stands as a testament to his enduring legacy. Affectionately known as «Kolot» due to his height, the people of New Bayazet hold his name dear with special affection.



The St. Astvatsatsin Church, constructed in 1905 through community contributions, proudly graces the city centre. Historical documents preserved in the Gavar Museum of Local Lore reveal that the church's construction was initiated in 1902 under the guidance of esteemed religious figure Khoren Muradbekyan and the architectural expertise of Vasily Mirzoyan. The church received its anointment in 1905, with the inaugural mass led by Khrimyan Hayrik.



Close to the St. Astvatsatsin Church stands the Saint Karapet basilica. During the Soviet era the church was used as a storage and subsequently neglected. However, in 2012, it underwent renovation and was restored as a fully operational church.



Mount Azhdahak is located in the central region of the Geghama mountain range, straddling the border between the Kotayk and Gegharkunik regions. With an elevation of 3597 metres, Azhdahak is the highest peak in the Geghama range. A crater lake lies near the summit, on the north-western side.



Gridzor Valley is characterised by numerous mineral springs that emerge from the fault line along its stretch. Among them is one of the world's coldest springs, boasting a chilling temperature of +4 °C. Towards the valley's end, the Gridzor waters cascade down a 3-metre height, forming a picturesque waterfall.



Akna Lake is a crater lake in the Geghama range. The basin surface is around 8.2 square km. Since 1959, it has been used as a reservoir.



Hayravank Monastery, dating back to the 9th to 12th centuries, stands in the northeastern part of the village of Hayravank, located in the Gegharkunik region. The monastery is strategically positioned on a rocky cape, overlooking the picturesque Sevan Lake. Both the church and the gavit have been meticulously preserved. Among the many inscriptions found within the monastery, the most ancient dates back to the year 1211, adding to the historical significance of this remarkable site.



The settlement of Noratus traces its origins back to the New Stone Age. It is renowned for its vast collection of khachkars, often referred to as the «forest of khachkars.» These ancient monuments and early-period memorial columns have been well-preserved over time.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN GAVAR

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23 Noratus, Gegharkunik

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Margarit Street, Hayravank Administrative
Region, Gegharkunik

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Sevan Lake bank, near Berdkunk,
Gegharkunik

RESTAURANTS AND CAFES IN GAVAR

ALMAV RESTAURANT

Restaurant

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Zoravar Andranik 1st Street, Gavar

MANU KING

Fast Food

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41 Sayadyan, Gavar

GALAXY CAFÉ

Restaurant, café

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32 Azatutyun, Gavar

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OAZIS HOTEL & RESTAURANT

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Noratus, Sevan-Martuni
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On August 26, FestiVar music fest will colour the summer evening of Sisian. Sisian nature and unique musical rhythms will unite in the Syunik region. Stay tuned for upcoming details about Sisian concert!

