

SISIAN



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*The logo of Festival Music Fest is inspired by
Martiros Saryan's painting "Armenia".*

*The bright and impressive Saryan colors convey the mood of early Armenian
summer. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the painting.*

The MoESCS and the First Channel invite you to Sisian to taste local products, visit hidden and known corners and enjoy concerts.

SISIAN, AUGUST 26

- 15:00** - Local product fair, near the
Sisak Nahapet Square, Sisian, Syunik Region
- 17:00** - Concert of local and guest artists from Yerevan:
TmbaTa, The Boing Orchestra
- 20:00** - Gala Concert
Grisha Agakhanyan – “Top 10 of Rabiz” program
Garik and Sona
- 22:00** - DJ

WHERE TO GO IN SISIAN AND NEIGHBOURING PLACES



Sisian History Museum after Nikogahyos Adonts was founded in 1990. The museum curates archaeological findings from post-1990 excavations conducted in Sisian, including sites like Zorats Karer grave field, Aghitu, and Syuni Fortress grave field. Additionally, the collection encompasses a wide array of serendipitous discoveries, an extensive compilation of Syunik carpets, and various other significant materials.

Address: Sisian, Adontsi St., 6a Building
Opening hours: 09:00-18:00



The Sisian branch of the Armenian National Gallery was founded in 1978. The gallery presents masterpieces by renowned Armenian painters and sculptors of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including names like M. Saryan, P. Terlemezyan, A. Galentz, S. Arakelyan, E. Isabekyan, H. Hakobyan, H. Hmayakyan, H. Zardaryan, G. Khanjyan, S. Baghdasaryan, S. Manasyan, H. Gyurjyan, V. Ayyazyan, M. Abeghyan, A. Gharibyan, and others.

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Through excavations conducted in Aghitu cave, archaeologists unearthed stone tools crafted from flintstone and obsidian that date back to the Upper Paleolithic period. As per findings from archaeologists, these caves were home to humans around 40,000 to 26,000 years ago. During that time, the caves provided shelter for Stone Age hunters. These caves were located near the river, positioned slightly higher up, and provided a suitable environment for both fishing and hunting activities.



Aghitu Memorial is located 4km east from Sisian, in the center of Aghitu village. The monument was built in the VII century. It is a three-storied building. According to legend, the site is said to hold the graves of two princes who perished in a battle against their enemies. The surrounding area is full of archeological monuments, providing evidence of its history as a former pagan place of worship. The graveyard with sculpted gravestones and khachkars is also preserved.



Located within the Sisian vicinity, the Arzuman Bridge spans the River Vorotan, situated downstream from the Darbas village.. It was built in 1675 by master Hayrapet. There is an inscription on its construction. Arzuman Bridge is a one-arch beautiful building. The arch is built with polished stones. The right bank of the bridge leans on cliffs, while the left was lower and was raised up with an artificial barrier.



Melik Tangu Bridge is 20km east from Sisian. It was built in 1855 over the River Vorotan by Syunik Melik Tangu. The bridge was built with the stones from the ruins of an earlier church and graveyard. The bridge is exactly under the Vorotnaberd Fortress cliff. The fortress has been conquered many times and was reclaimed in 450 A.D. by Vardan Mamikonyan. Later, in the 18th century, Davit Bek freed it from Melik Baghri and further fortified its defenses..



The Shaki Waterfall can be found near the left tributary of the Vorotan River. It has a height of 18 meters. According to the legend, a group of enemies captures 93 young girls and brings them to their leader. Upon arriving at the spot where the waterfall stands today, the girls requested permission to bathe and subsequently plunge into the Vorotan waters, vanishing from sight. Amid them, a blue-eyed girl named Shake attempts to break free by fleeing into the nearby tributary. The enemies caught up to her, yet suddenly, a cliff emerges in the water, concealing Shake behind the waterfall formed from it. Since that fateful day, both the waterfall and the neighboring village are named after Shake.



Sisian area is famous for its water resources. Shambi Reservoir is an excellent spot for fishing as well as for swimming and leisure. In addition to its primary purpose of generating energy, the reservoir is also used for irrigation. Thanks to it, around 5000 ha area is irrigable. The reservoir is famous for its drainage pits built in the form of a flower. Locals call it "Shambi Margaritka".



St. Grigor Church (Syuni Monastery, St. Hovhannes Church, Sisavan) is in the north-western part of Sisian. However, according to S. Orbelyan, Syunik historian, Monastery was built by Lady Varazdukht of Syunik, naming it after Gregory the Illuminator. The palace of Syunik princes was in the square before the monastery. The monastery was built on the foundations of a pagan temple as evidenced by its name (Syuni – light, sun).



Zorats Karer (Dik-Dik Karer, Carahunge) ancient megalithic complex is located near Sisian. According to the legend, renowned commanders were buried here. Numerous ceremonies, including funerary rituals, occurred at this location. A number of physicists and astronomers believe that it was a place of worship similar to the British Stonehenge and served also as an observatory.



Vrotnaberd Fortress is 21km east from Sisian, along a ridge overlooking the Vorotan gorge. The fortress stretches from north-west to south-east, forming a saddle. It is surrounded from three sides by the Vorotan gorge. In south-east, the citadel rises to 50m. In its south-west, there used to be an arched wall connecting it to the fortress. In the eastern part of the citadel, there are remnants of a watchtower and a chapel.



Vrotnavank (Vaghatin Monastery) is located 2km south-east from Vaghatin village of Syunik region. The monastery was established in the year 1000 A.D. under the patronage of Queen Shahandukht of Syunik. Alongside the monastery, Shahandukht constructed a prayer house, workshops, and storage buildings, while also encircling the monastery with a protective wall. Inscriptions from the 14th century, attributed to the House of Orbelyans, can still be seen on the monastery's stones.



The Ughtasar Petroglyphs are 25km north from Sisian, located between Black and Red Lakes. The petroglyphs are dated back to 5000-2000 B.C. The petroglyphs showcase various scenes of people engaged in hunting, labor, and religious ceremonies, while also featuring depictions of both wild and domesticated animals, as well as celestial objects.



Tatev Monastery is located 35km south from Sisian. The monastery hosted the renowned University of Tatev and miniature painting. The monastery used to have a great library. The mausoleum of famous Armenian philosopher and theologian Gregory of Tatev was built there. Tatev is known also for its upright pendulum. The monastery is mostly restored and currently serves as the bishopric center of Syunik.

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On August 26, FestiVar music festival will colour the summer evening of Sisian. Sisian nature and unique musical rhythms will unite in the Syunik region.



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