

Vayots Dzor



Territory	-	2308 sq. km
Population	-	80 th
Center	-	Yeghegnadzor
Sights	-	Areni, Arkazi, Boloraberd (Proshaberd), Gladzor university, Noravank, Shatinvank, Smbataberd, Spitakavor, Surb Zorats, Tanade, Tsaghats Kar, Yeghegis.

Noravank

The Noravank monastery is situated on a ledge of a deep winding gorge of a tributary of the Arpa River near the village of Amaghu, Vayots Dzor district. Noravank ensemble stands amidst the bizarre-shaped precipitous red cliffs. Built in place of an ancient monastery, it grew in the reign of Princes Orbelyan of Syunik. In the 13th-14th centuries the monastery became a residence of Syunik's bishops and, consequently, a major religious and, later, cultural center of Armenia.

Of great interest are the vestibule of St.Karapet church and the church of St.Astvatzatzin, built by Momik.

The church of St.Karapet (the 9th-10th cc.), which has come down to us in ruins, is the most ancient monument of Noravank. To the north of it, there is the main temple, also dedicated to St.Karapet. Erected in 1216-1223, it belongs to the widespread cross-winged domed type with two-storey side-chapels in the corners.

Smbataberd

The Smbataberd defense complex of the 10-11th centuries is located in the Vayots Dzor, to the east of the Artabuynk village. It has high and wide (2-3 m) pyramid type fort-walls built with large basalt stones, and protected by the Artabuni and the Yeghegis Rivers and deep canyons. The fort is divided by a wall on both the northern and southern sides, where the ruins of the middle-fort dwellings and water-pools have been preserved. The water originated from the natural springs and canals of the Tsaghats Kar' monastery nearby.

Information about the schools proposed to renovation by “AEF” in 2008

Region Vayots Dzor, village Sali

1. Construction estimate exists. It has been made up by construction agency of the region (at the moment it is under construction by me):
2. I have seen the school and have closely reviewed the estimate.
3. All the works are included in the estimate.
4. The school consists of 1 building. The school is entirely one-storied.
5. Our suggestion was to renovate the whole building.
6. The roof has been entirely renovated in 2003.
7. The school electricity will be entirely renovated.
8. The school is intended to be heated with electricity.
9. The floors are intended for being partly repaired and partly changed.
10. The toilets are outdoors and will be entirely renovated. There is water around the school.
11. The doors will be repaired and partly changed.
12. The windows will be entirely changed with metaloplastics.
13. The school was built in 1972.
14. 250 people live in the village.
15. 46 pupils study in the school.
16. 11 teachers and 6 executive personals work in the school.
17. It is 125 km from Yerevan to Sali.

To my mind the school must be immediately renovated. The school headmaster is Mr. Mher Hovakimyan. To my mind after the renovation it will be normally kept. The money intended by us is enough for entirely renovating it.

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