

Syunik region

Territory: 4,506 km²

Population: 119,87

Center: Kapan

Highest elevation: 3904m

Lowest evaluation: 380m

The main branches of economy: industry, agriculture

Location

Syunik province is in the southern part of Armenia. It is bordered by the Vayots Dzor Province from the north, Azerbaijan's Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic exclave from the west, the de facto independent Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) from the east, and Iran from the south. Its capital and largest city is the city of Kapan.

The highest part of the Iranian highlands on the territory of Armenia runs through this region - Zangesur mountain range, with its highest peak Kaputdschugh (3905 m).



History

Historically, Syunik was one of the 15 provinces of the ancient Kingdom of Armenia. The name of the province is derived from the ancient Armenian Siunia dynasty, who were governors of the historic province of Syunik since the 1st century. After the establishment of Soviet Union on this territory the Zangezur province, later on the Syunik region was formed.

Economy



Syunik is rich in mineral resources: colored metals - copper, molybdenum, zinc, etc., and precious metals - gold, silver, as well as non-metallic mineral resources - building and facing stones, basalt, limestone, marble, granite, gemstones, etc.

The main branches of region industry are mining industry and production of electric energy, as well as agriculture.

As it's the republic's southernmost province, it has a great strategic and economic importance for Armenia. It exports energy resources from Armenia to Iran and other regions. Recently, a new Armenia-Iran pipeline (140km long) has been opened Armenia-Iran motor-road passes through the region.



Monuments, Museums & Historical Places to Visit in Syunik, Armenia



1. **Tatev Monastery – Goris**
2. **Vorotnavank Monastery – Sisian**
3. **Mount Ughtasar Petroglyphs**
4. **Halidzor Fort**
5. **Yeritsavanq Church – Kapan**

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2. **St. Hripsime Basilica Church – Goris**
3. **Sisian History Museum**
4. **Aksel Bakunts House Museum**
5. **Meghri Fortress – Meghri**



Nature & Wildlife Tourist Places to Visit in Syunik

1. **Arevik National Park**
2. **Devil's Bridge**
3. **Shaki Waterfall**
4. **Mount Kaputjukh**
5. **Mount Khustup**
6. **Shikahogh State Reserve**
7. **Mount Ughtasar**
8. **Mount Oughtasar**
9. **Sevlich Lake**
10. **Spandarian Reservoir**