

Archival Fieldwork in Armenia

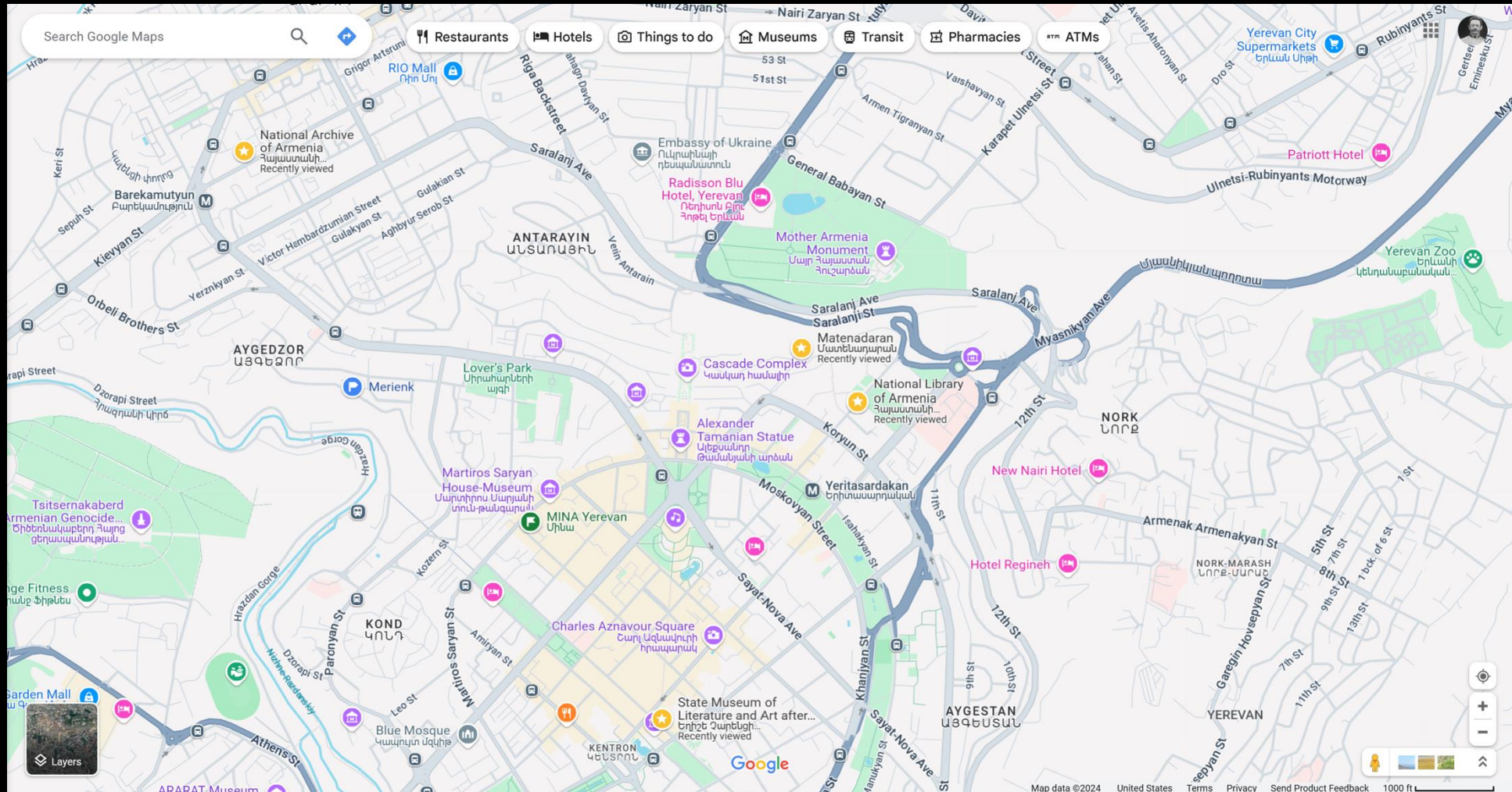
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Is Armenia Right For You?

- Research questions?
 - Ottoman Armenian history
 - Imperial Russian Armenian history
 - History of Soviet Armenia
 - Armenian literature and culture



Getting To Know Your Way Around Yerevan



Archives and other Repositories in Yerevan

- National Archive of Armenia
- Yeghishe Charents Museum of Literature and the Arts
- Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts (Matenadaran)
- National Library of Armenia

National Archive of Armenia (HAA)

- Required material:
 - Passport
 - Written application
- Accessibility:
 - Generally easy; staff conversant in Armenian, Russian, and some English
- Material available for consultation: history of Armenia (ca. 1700–Present)
- Important collections: Catholicos' Divan and Soviet-era materials, foreign correspondence



Yeghishe Charents Museum of Literature and the Arts

- Required material:
 - Passport
 - Written application
- Accessibility:
 - Generally easy; staff conversant in Armenian and Russian
- Material available for consultation: personal papers of Ottoman, Russian/Soviet Armenian writers



Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts (Matenadaran)

- Required material:
 - Passport
 - Written application
 - Headshot of you (1 x 1)
- Accessibility:
 - It depends... ; staff conversant in Armenian, Russian, and some English; digital access
- Material available for consultation: mixed
 - History of Armenia (ca. 800 AD – present)
 - Illuminated manuscripts
 - Collection divided between it and the HAA; mainly consists of personal papers of Armenian ecclesiastical figures but still some useful gems can be found in sources in Armenian and Russian





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National Library of Armenia

- Required material:
 - Passport
 - Written application
 - Headshot of you (1 x 1)
 - Accessibility: Very easy, very helpful; staff conversant in Armenian and Russian
- Material available for consultation: newspapers, and other print media, books, as well as a rare collections



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Some Important Information

- Retrieval times: depends
 - HAA, one business day
 - GAT, one business day
 - Matenadaran...depends
- Photography is forbidden at most of the institutions, so you will either have to transcribe all documents, or pay for their scans, which, depending on the archive will nowadays run up to at least \$1 per page
- Build a good rapport with archivists

Other Archival Holdings in Yerevan

- Social Sciences Documents Section (located on Baghramyan 25)
- Film and Photo Archive (part of the HAA collections)