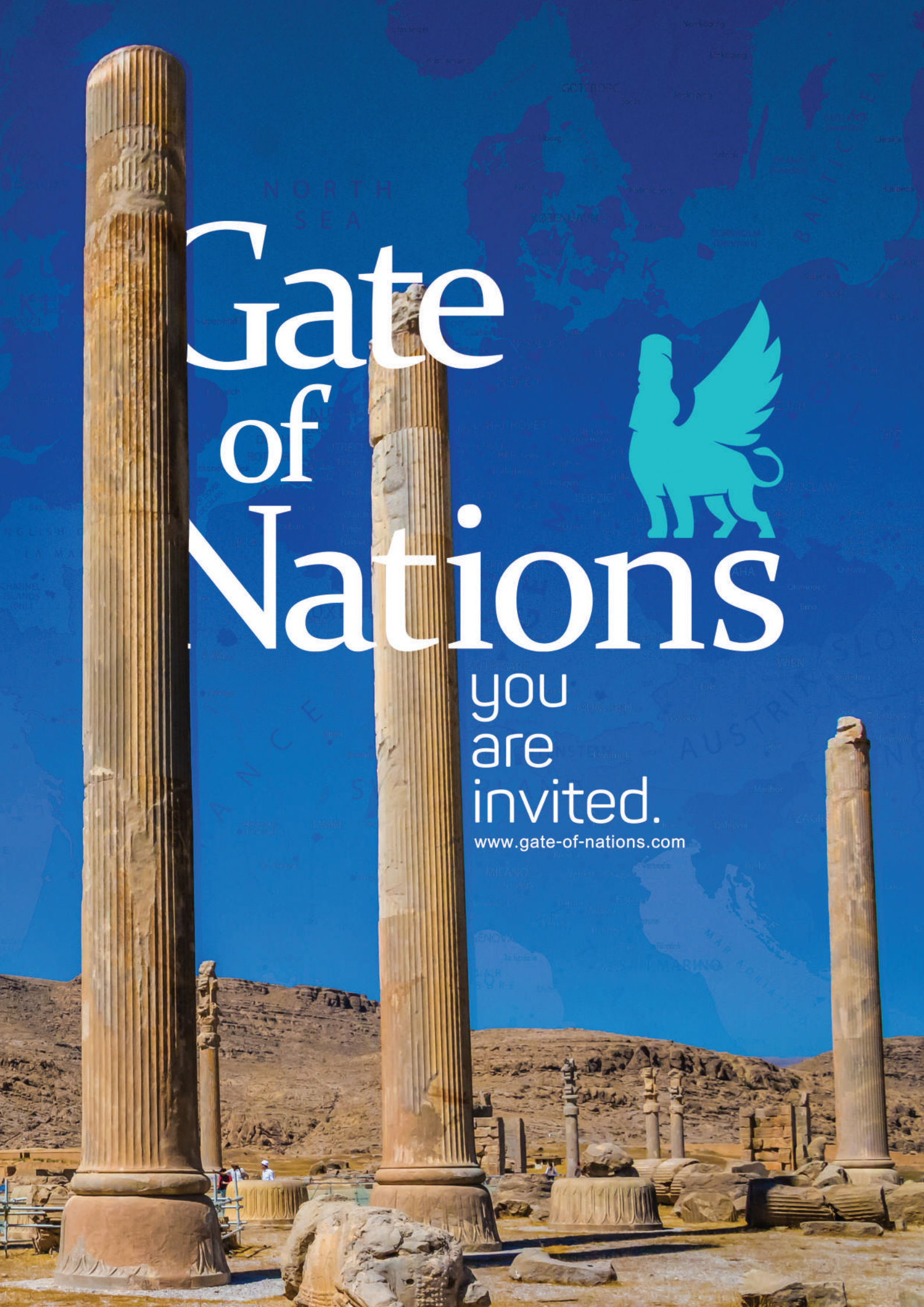


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We are recommended by Indigo Traveller!

Indigo Traveller, a vlogger and travel influencer who travels to the “misunderstood parts of the planet showing the human side of what we read in the headlines”, has recommended us to travel to Iran with, through his words in his YouTube channel: Looking to travel in Iran? Visit this website for information: <https://gate-of-nations.org> Such an honor to be introduced by him!



See this video



Masoud Esmaeeli

FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR

With a knowledge on financial accounting and tourism management, Masoud Esmaeeli founded Gate of Nations in 2018. Knowing where to invest and put his asset, he soon began to base the company's development on the gathering of a team- reliable, potent, creative, each expert in what they do and with a desire to experience more and more (know more about our team on page 72).

Moreover, as a lover of Persian culture and art (He plays the piano and knows the Persian Traditional Radifs: the collection of old Persian melodies), he is leading Gate of Nation's vision to be a united organization, introducing Persian music by holding concerts and tours, Persian artifacts, cousins, and other artistic aspects of Iran, because we are a "Gate" to the great land of Persia.

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Why Iran?

What can you expect from traveling to Iran? With the mainstream media profile of this "just another middle-eastern country", many may think that they have a pretty clear image of Iran. But does the media show you the whole picture of Iran?

These are our choices of 5 top reasons for traveling to Iran:

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE. Almost every great city in Iran has been the capital in a certain period and a rich and colorful history brings with it rich and colorful historic buildings, palaces and monuments. Even if you just consider one element in the history of architecture in Iran, gardens, for example, you can see the history reflected in them. There is Taagh Bostan in Kermanshah and Pasargadae Garden as part of the Pasargadae complex in Fars province from the pre-Islamic era, to Safavid Gardens of Isfahan and Ghajar Gardens and modern gardens of Tehran. Iranian history can be seen in palaces and mansions and traditional houses all over the country. Our CULTURAL TOURS covers this most famous reason of traveling to Iran.

EXOTIC NATURE. From the lush jungles of the northern side of Alborz mountain range to the Lut desert, the center of which has been recorded as the hottest place on earth, you can find great geographical diversity in Iran. In our GEO-TOURS we will show you the natural phenomena you have rarely seen!

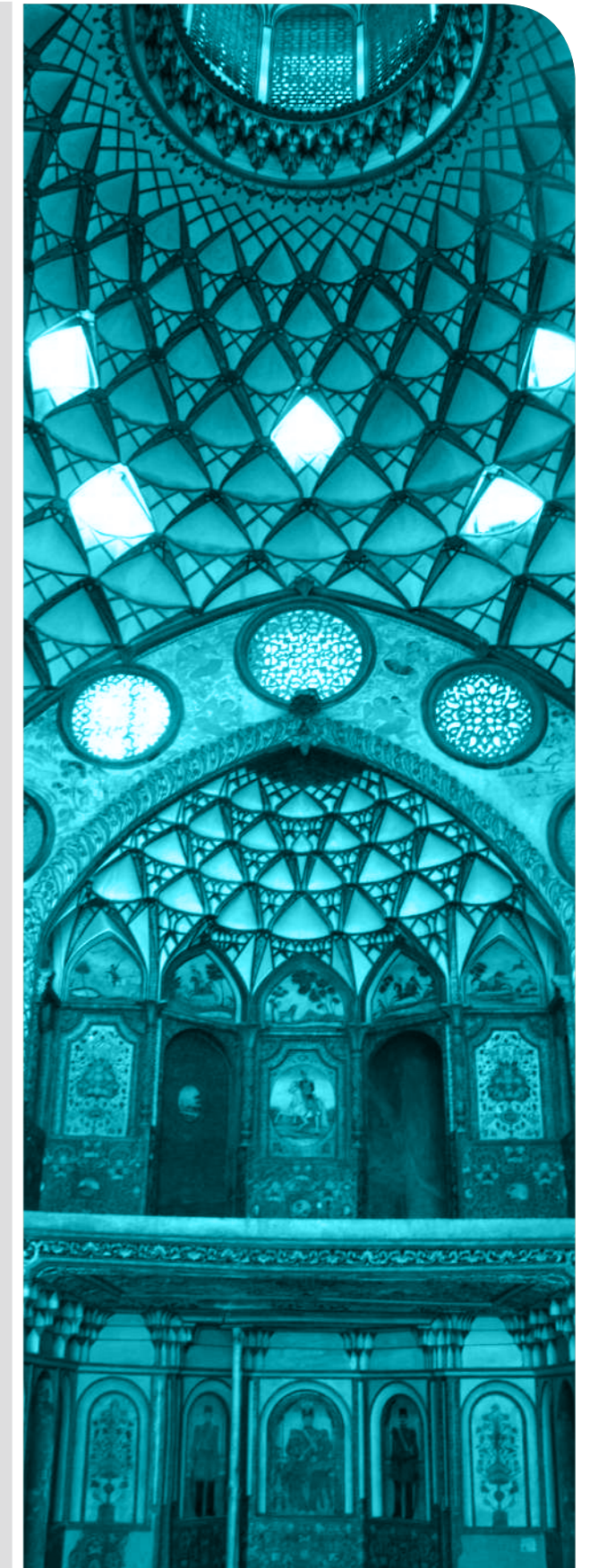
PEOPLE. A cliché about Iran is right: the exuberant hospitality. Whether an invitation to chai (the Persian word for tea) or to dinner – the Iranians want to take care of everything. The famous Persian kindness will surely touch you. Most Persians are incredibly generous. Our TOURS are a chance to mingle with people and locals in homestays and local houses.

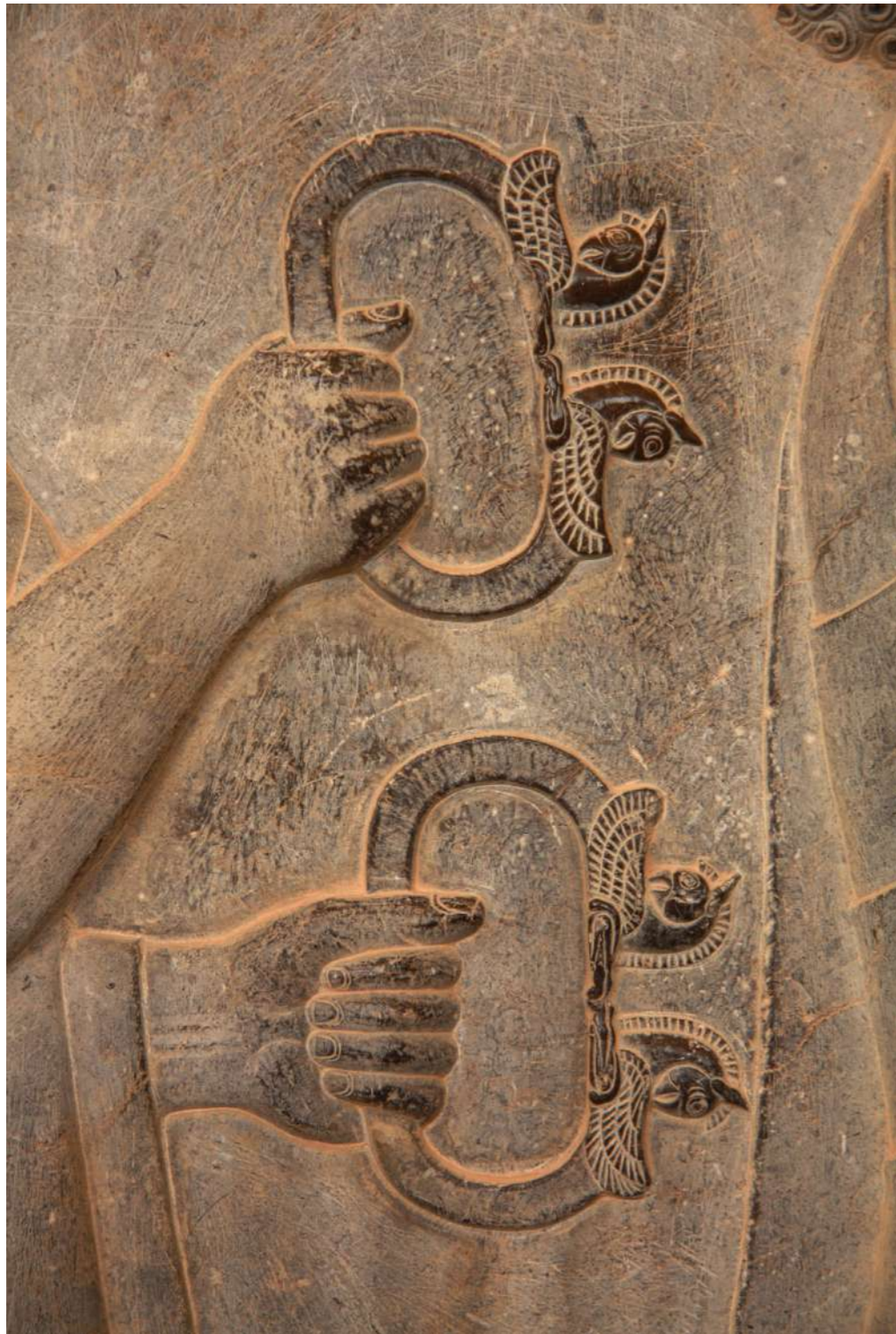
FOOD. "If you're in a big city go for complicated foods, those in which the cook should be experienced not those which are based on the freshness of ingredients. And if you were in a village, go for the simplest and freshest dishes." I guess this can be true everywhere but in Iran, it means that you can find heavy Beryun in Isfahan or when you are in golden beaches of the Persian Gulf you can get a bite of the freshest fish; or pure organic honey and butter for your breakfast in Azarbaijan. We take care of your stomach wherever you go!

SAFETAY. "Iran is generally a very safe place to travel, so much so that many travelers describe it as the 'safest country I've ever been to', or 'much safer than traveling in Europe'. Violent crime against foreigners is extremely rare and, indeed, if you do your best to fit in with local customs, you are unlikely to be treated with anything but courtesy and friendliness – that applies to Americans, too. We have hitchhiked across deserts, stayed in the homes of strangers and left bags in restaurants and cafes without any problem". Says Lonely Planet, now one of the most reliable sources for the travelers. Check also Travel Risk Map to be sure of it: <https://www.travel-riskmap.com/#/planner/map/security>. OUR FIRST AND FORMOST CONCERN IS YOURS SAFETY.

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Gate of Nations is a German-Iranian tour operator providing escorted tours and self-guided tours with the destination of Iran and even more, its neighboring countries. With the precision and the sense of responsibility you could expect from the Germans, we guarantee the complete safety, ease of booking and traveling, and affordable prices. Gate

of Nations, named after an ancient gate for welcoming guests from the whole world to the famous paradise of Persepolis, consists of our main office located in Germany and the young aspiring team working in our office in Tehran, Iran.





Why Gate of Nations?

The benefit of having us at your side is summarized in the fact that we are one team in Germany and Iran. This, mostly, results in cheaper prices due to doing the services ourselves, and better quality due to having a thorough knowledge of the tourism of Iran. Moreover, there is no trouble transferring money between the two countries, which unfortunately many tour operators face these days. Variety of tours and first-hand knowledge of Iran are also among the advantages.

- Here is a complete list of what we can offer you as a German-Iranian tour operator:

CUSTOMIZED TOUR

Our tour operators and itinerary planners, experts at what they do, will customize the best tours based on the tourists' specific preferences. No matter how long it takes and how many revisions it needs, the result of their efforts will always be to the passengers' satisfaction.

VALUING THE PASSENGERS' MONEY

We are one team in Germany and Iran. We are free of the need to make contact with mediators. That makes us be able to give the cheapest prices all the time. As about valuing money, the whole company of Gate of Nations is insured by R + V Allgemeine Versicherung AG per § 651r of the BGB. So for exam-

ple, in the case of bankruptcy, the payments will be refunded or if insolvency occurs after the start of the package holiday and if the transportation is part of the package, the return of passengers is guaranteed.

OUR SERVICES AND STANDARDS

Variety of Tours

We are proud to present our guests the best variety of tours, from the Iranian classic ones to tours designed for specific tastes and interests like wildlife fans, geology, sport, and adventure. Our tours are the products of hours and hours of discussions and collaborations by some of the best itinerary planners and experts in the related subject, some of whom are among the famous and reliable practitioners in Iran,

with years of experience in their fields.

Best Hotels and Accommodations

Passengers will be accommodated in suitable centrally-located three-star or four-star hotels. Gate of Nations also presents local and traditional homestays, caravanserais and eco-lodges throughout Iran, which are one of the best options for self-guided tours. The stay in These accommodations will be among the highlights of the trips, for the passengers will experience very different moments deeply rooted in the culture of Iran.

Expert and Local Tour Guides

Our tour guides have been specially trained as guides

and leaders and will be assisted by local guides if necessary. Among them are specially experienced tour leaders with years of experience of leading German tourists to Iran and working for well-known German agencies. Furthermore, our cohort of tour guides includes a variety of people able to handle different types of tours from individuals to group tours.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

It is of utmost importance to provide the passengers a safe and secure travel experience. Our 24/7 supporters in the agency and the reliable and experienced tour guides are the reason for the comfort and peace of mind.

FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE IN IRAN

Our tours present the best opportunity to visit a country yet to be discovered. With us, the passengers will understand the Persian culture with its rich historical roots, a variety of local foods, different ceremonies, rituals, and the local people's lifestyles. With our learned and expert Iranian guides, passengers will have a unique experience in an exotic country.

EASE OF BOOKING FROM GERMANY

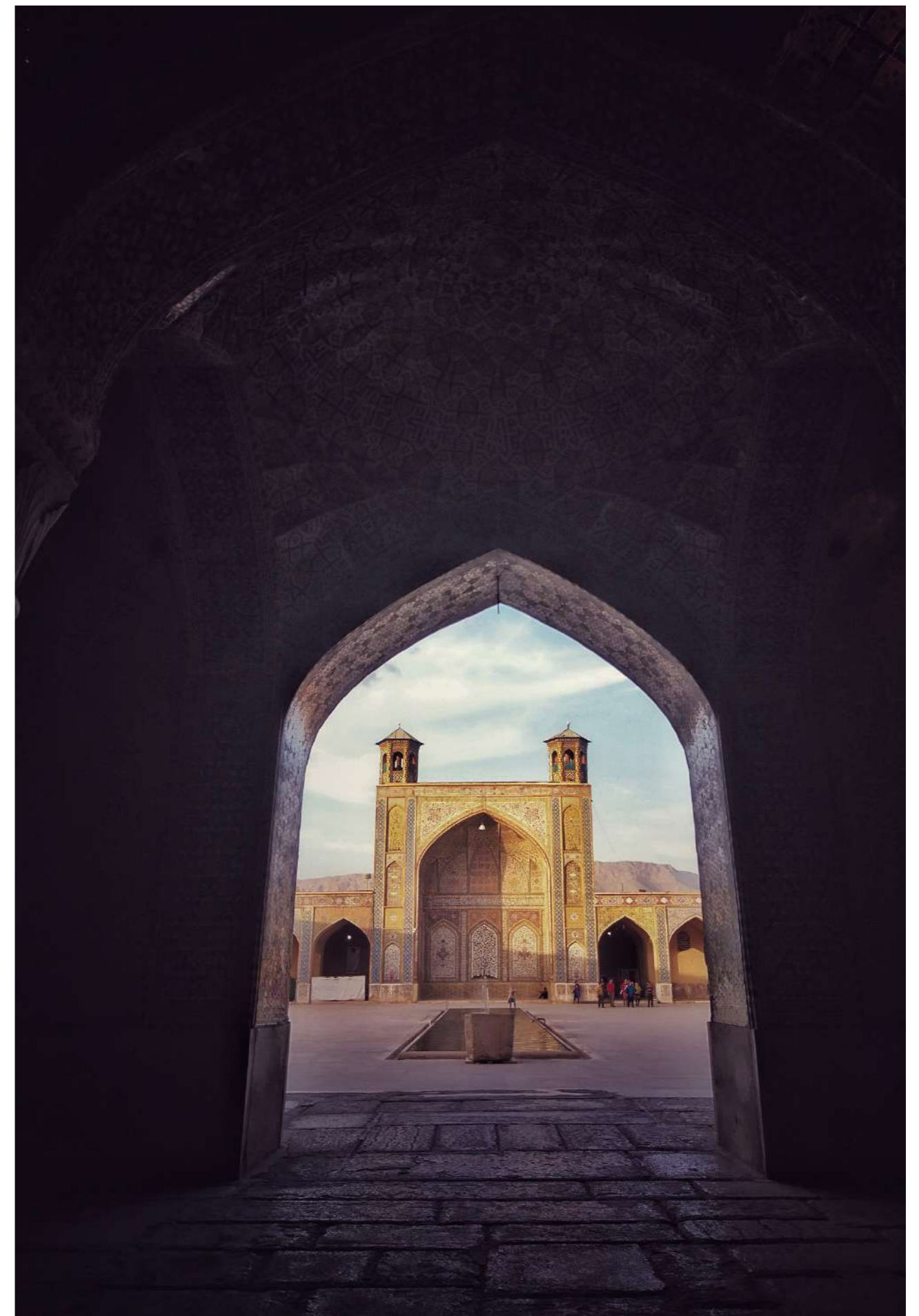
Most of the tour operators based in Iran face some troubles in transferring money due to the unfortunate sanctions; However, by being located in Germany and providing the service from there, Gate of Nations has provided ease of booking and purchasing by any globally accepted means of purchasing and transference.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

We have received some of the greatest feedback from our guests. From China to the U.S., our guests have had a fantastic experience with us. Lei Zhenchuan, a dear guest of ours was so pleased to say: "You are the best! And Iran is such an amazing country with such a unique culture, Gate of Nations is unequivocally the best tour agency I've ever gone with [...] I cannot wait to take another trip to Iran!

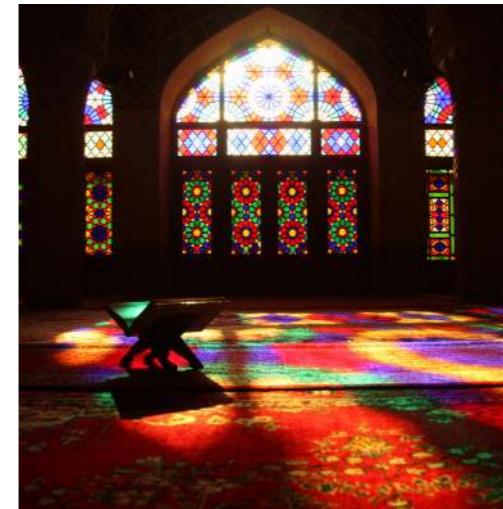
Abhay Sapru, another guest who is going to travel with us again, said "I really enjoyed my stay with Gate of Nations. They were so kind to me".

Please refer to the end of the catalog to see the TESTIMONIAL pages.



” It is a classic route through some of the most famous and richest cities of Iran. “

Cultural Tours



The week of Persia

7 Days in Iran.

Tehran ✈️ Kashan ✈️ Isfahan ✈️ Shiraz ✈️ Tehran

- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 7 days
- Style: Classic
- Hotel Rate: 4-star
- vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stopping by 7 UNESCO world heritage sites
- Visiting the capital, a mixture of modern and traditional lifestyles
- Walking in peaceful Persian gardens
- Being amazed at the turquoise mosques of Isfahan
- Discovering Persepolis, the most impressive heritage from the Persian Empire
- Visiting Shiraz, the land of gardens and poetry
- Wandering in the spiral and mysterious Bazaars in Iran
- Visiting Kashan, the city of the carpet and rosewater
- Spending time in Safavid palaces in Isfahan, the masterpieces of Iranian art



Have an Extraordinary Week in Iran

Details:

This tour introduces the most elemental themes of Iran in the shortest time possible, best for those who wish to see and know Iran as others usually have: it is a classic route through some of the most famous and richest cities of Iran.

We travel to Kashan, which is one of the most important cultural cities in Iran and located at the border of mountains and desert. After spending a day in Kashan, our journey continues on the road to Isfahan by visiting Abyaneh, one of the oldest villages in Iran en-route.

Two days full of architectural wonders in Isfahan, each having a hidden story in its bosom, is your next experience. After Isfahan, our next destination is Shiraz for two days. Shiraz is famous for its poetry and wine. The diversity of food and restaurants will be a highlight of your trip. Also, Shiraz is unique for the peaceful and amazing Persian Gardens full of orange trees.



DAY 1- DRIVING TO KASHAN AND CITY TOUR

in Kashan

Welcome to Iran. Your guide who accompanies you during this trip will welcome you at the IKA airport with flowers. You would be transferred directly to Kashan, located at the border of Zagros mountains and the desert. Kashan is famous for rosewater and carpets. In Kashan, we will visit a UNESCO World Heritage Persian Garden and several monuments from the 17th to 19th Centuries.

DAY 2- DRIVING TO ISFAHAN AND CITY TOUR

in Isfahan

After leaving Kashan and spending one hour on the road, we will visit Abyaneh, a village from thousands of years ago with a distinct culture and landscape. Then we continue our trip to Isfahan and will visit one of the oldest mosques of Iran and two magnificent bridges there.

DAY 3- CITY TOUR IN ISFAHAN

in Isfahan

In Naqsh-e-Jahan Square (a UNESCO World Heritage site), we will visit two spectacular mosques and two glorious palaces and the shops all around the square where you can find the best souvenirs in Iran. In the afternoon, on the other side of the river which is called New-Jolfa, we will visit an Armenian church and the Music Museum.

DAY 4- DRIVING TO SHIRAZ VIA PASARGADAE

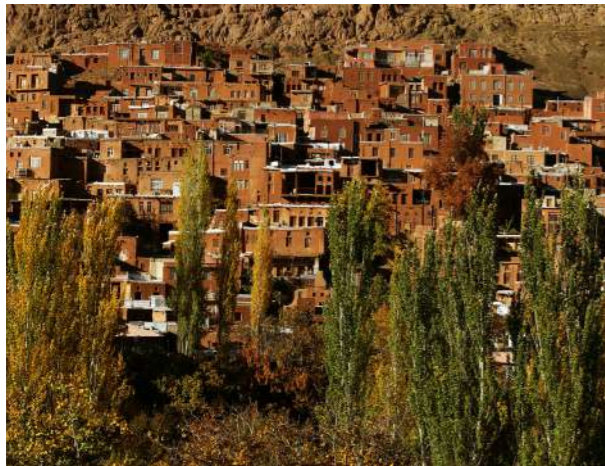
in Shiraz

Having a long drive from Isfahan to Shiraz, we will stop on the way to visit the Pasargadae, where Cyrus the Great's tomb is located. Pasargadae is a UNESCO World Heritage site, inscribed in 2004.

DAY 5- CITY TOUR IN SHIRAZ

in Shiraz

A full day sightseeing in Shiraz, the land of poets and artists. We visit a masterpiece of tiling art in a mosque called "Pink-Mosque" and two Persian gardens lush with flowers and orange trees. The Bazaar of Shiraz is famous for having nice areas and tea houses next to the mosque and a citadel all from the 18th century. In the afternoon, nowhere is better than Hafiz's tomb, also, we visit Shah-Cheragh mausoleum which is a big holy shrine for Shia people.



DAY 6- DRIVING TO PERSEPOLIS AND FLYING BACK TO TEHRAN

in Shiraz

In the morning, we will drive for one hour to visit Persepolis, the most glorious heritage in Iran from the Persian Empire and then Naqsh-Rostam, the tomb of Darius and his grandchildren and several Sassanid inscriptions.

DAY 7- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

in Tehran

In Tehran, after visiting the National Museum, designed by Andre Godard, the French Architect, we will walk to the Golestan Palace. In the Bazaar, you will have the experience of visiting the busiest market in Iran. Jewelry museum is the next destination*. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to IKA airport to fly back home.








*Note: * Visiting the crown jewels museum is based on the working days of the museum, the museum is open from Saturday to Tuesday 14-16.30*



The Pure Persia

10 Days in Iran.

Tehran  Kashan  Isfahan 
Yazd  Shiraz  Tehran

- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 10 days
- Style: Classic
- Hotel Rate: 4star
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stopping by 9 UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Walking in the peaceful Persian Gardens
- Being amazed at the turquoise mosques of Isfahan
- Discovering Persepolis, the most impressive heritage from the Persian Empire
- Exploring Yazd, one of the oldest towns in the world with clay alleys and houses
- Visiting Shiraz, the land of gardens and poetry
- Getting to know the Safavid palaces in Isfahan



Touch the Pure Culture of Persia in 10 Days

Details:

"The Pure Persia" is a pure classic tour, best for those who wish to see the golden triangle of Iran: Isfahan, Yazd, and Shiraz. These are the cities famous from the time of yore, being introduced in journals of famous travelers and orientalists. This trip shows you the essence of Iran, embodied in art and history.

We travel to Kashan, one of the most important cultural cities in Iran. After spending a day in there, our journey continues on the road to Isfahan and visiting Abyaneh, one of the oldest villages in Iran en-route. We will see for two days, the architectural wonders of Isfahan and you will hear the stories being carried on for centuries. After Isfahan, we will walk through the cob alleys in Yazd, the only city of Iran the whole of which is registered on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Our next destination is Shiraz, famous for its poetry originating from the 13th and 14th centuries, wine and the sedating Persian Gardens. This trip will end after a full day sightseeing in the central part of Tehran and you will be transferred directly to Ika airport according to your departure flight time.



DAY 1- DRIVING TO KASHAN AND CITY TOUR

in Kashan

Your guide who accompanies you during this trip will welcome you at the IKA airport with flowers.

You will see:

Fin garden, Borujerdi and Tabatabaei historical houses, Soltan-Ahmad bathhouse, Aqa-Bozorg mosque, and Kashan Bazaar.

DAY 2- DRIVING TO ISFAHAN

in Isfahan

You will see:

Abyaneh village, Jame mosque of Isfahan, Si-o-se-pol and Khaju bridges

You will Experience:

Being among the people of Abyaneh village and walking on the bridges in Isfahan.

DAY 3- CITY TOUR IN ISFAHAN

in Isfahan

You will see:

Naqsh-e-Jahan Square, Imam, and Sheikh-Lotfollah mosques, Ali-Qapu edifice, Bazaar, Chehelsotoun palace, Vank church, and the Music Museum

You will Experience:

Being amazed by the most beautiful mosques in Iran and the variety of arts in Bazaar and Palaces. Also, you are invited for a live music performance in the Music Museum.

DAY 4- CITY TOUR IN ISFAHAN

in Isfahan

You will see:

Jame mosque of Isfahan

You will know:

The process of developing Jame mosque of Isfahan and the difference of architecture in the Islamic era in Iran.

DAY 5- DRIVING TO YAZD VIA NAEIN AND MEYBOD

in Yazd

You will see:

Jame mosque of Naein, Old part of Naein, Narin castle, Abbasi Caravanserai, a pigeon house

You will Experience:

Walking in two desert towns and cob buildings with wind towers and cisterns.

DAY 6- CITY TOUR IN YAZD

in Yazd

You will see:

Tower of Silence, Fire Temple, Jame Mosque, Dolat-Abad Garden, Amir-Chakhmaq Square, Fahadan district, Water Museum, Zoorkhaneh

You will experience:

Walking in narrow cob covered alleys, meet with 1700 years old burning fire, feeling the wind through the highest wind tower.

Another unique experience is the Persian gym which is called Pahlevani sport and they do it in a place called Zoorkhaneh.

DAY 7- DRIVING TO SHIRAZ VIA PASARGADAE

in Shiraz

You will see:

Pasargadae, The old cypress tree.

You will know:

Where and when the first Achaemenid era began and Cyrus the great started an empire.

DAY 8- CITY TOUR IN SHIRAZ

in Shiraz

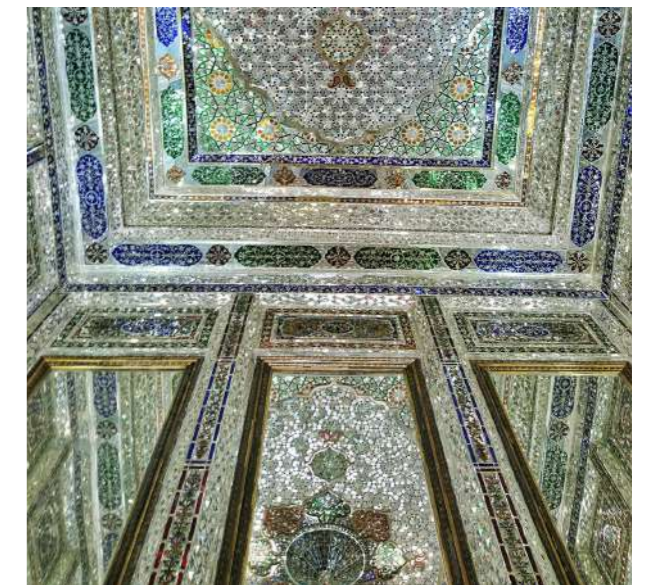
You will see:

Nasir-Al-Molk mosque, Eram and Narenjestan-Ghavam gardens,

Vakil Bazaar, Kharim-Khan citadel, Hafiz'sa, and Saadi's tombs, and Shah-Cheraq mausoleums

You will Experience:

Being surprised at the unbelievable sunshine getting through the colorful windows on the carpets of the Pink-Mosque and how beautiful and peaceful the gardens in Shiraz are.



DAY 9- DRIVING TO PERSEPOLIS AND FLYING BACK TO TEHRAN

in Shiraz

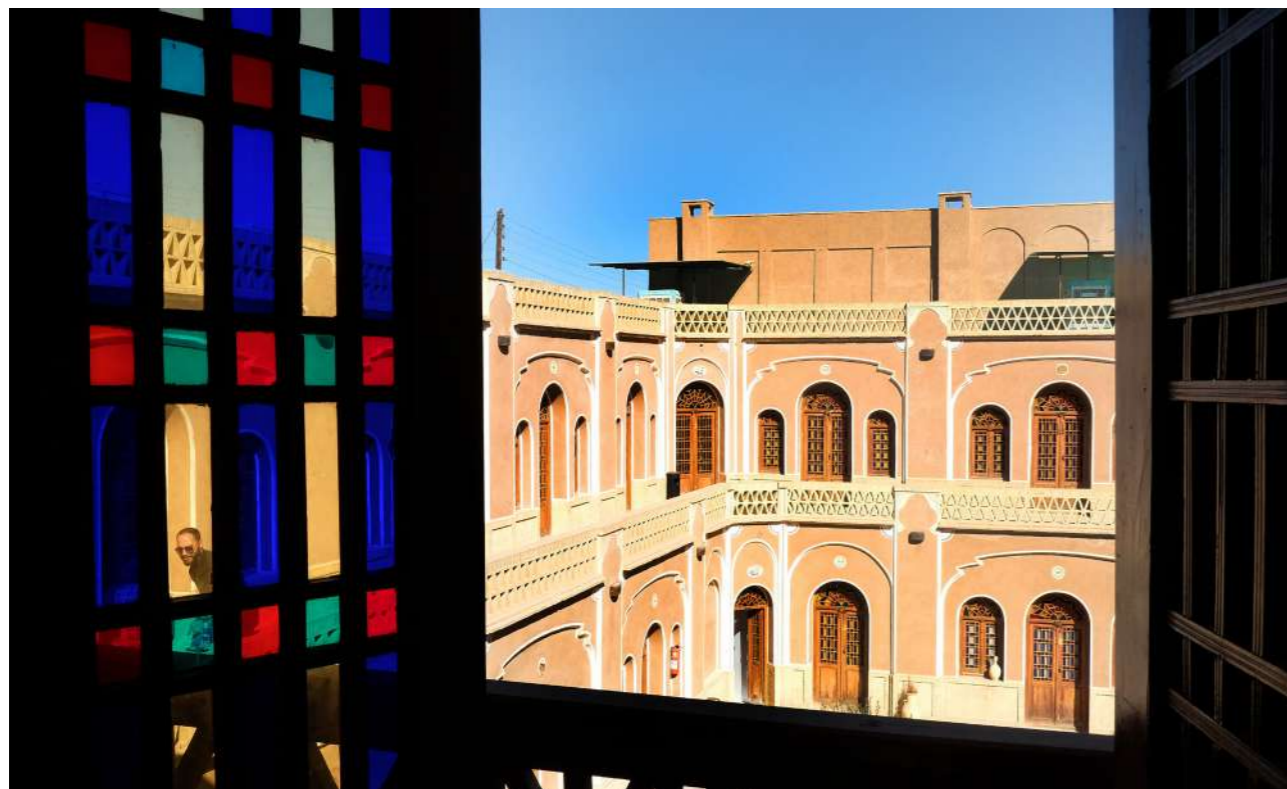
You will see:
Persepolis, Naqsh-Rostam
You will Experience:
Standing in awe of the magnitude of the Persian Empire in 500 BC
and being amazed by the size of the stones on the surface and the columns;



DAY 10- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

in Tehran

You will see:
National Museum, Golestan Palace, Grand Bazaar and the Jewelry Museum.
You will experience:
Meeting the mixture of modern and traditional ways of living in Tehran; Being surprised at the amount and size of the amazing jewels in the museum.



The True Persia

14 Days in Iran.
The Route is:

Tehran ✈️ Kashan ✈️ Isfahan ✈️
Yazd ✈️ Kerman ✈️ Shiraz ✈️
Tehran

- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 14 days
- Style: Classic
- Hotel Rate: 4star
- Transportation: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stopping by 12 UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Visiting Kashan, land of the carpet and rosewater
- Walking in the peaceful Persian Gardens
- Getting to know the Safavid palaces in Isfahan, the masterpieces of Iranian art
- Exploring Yazd, one of the oldest towns in the world with clay alleys and houses
- Touching the magnitude of Shahdad desert in Kerman
- Discovering a heaven in the midst of a desert, called Shazdeh Garden
- Visiting Shiraz, the land of gardens and poetry
- Discovering Persepolis, the most impressive heritage from the Persian Empire
- Wandering in the spiral and mysterious Bazaars in Iran



Meet the True Persia in 14 Days

Details:

This is our last classic tour, adding another eye-catching destination to the triangle of Isfahan, Yazd and Shiraz, called Kerman. Aside from the architectural wonders of those previous provinces, we, the most enthusiastic experts in tourism, will bring to your attention what is unique to this land: nature entangled with culture. Follow us.

After arriving at IKA airport, we start the tour with traveling to Kashan, which is one of the most important cultural cities in Iran. Our journey continues on the road to Isfahan, visiting Abyaneh, one of the oldest villages in Iran en-route.

Like our other classic tours, we will have two days full of architectural wonders in Isfahan. After Isfahan, we will walk through the cob alleys in Yazd, the only city of Iran the whole of which is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

In Kerman, you will experience the most amazing sites you may have never seen before in your journeys: a huge adobe citadel with high towers and walls and the most mysterious desert in Iran called Shahdad. The latter is famous for its naturally structured Kaluts, making it so special that it has attracted many specialists whole around the world.

Our next destination is Shiraz, famous for its poetry originating from the 13th and 14th centuries. This trip will end after a full day sightseeing in the central part of Tehran and you will be transferred directly to IKA airport according to your departure flight time.



DAY 1-DRIVING TO KASHAN VIA QOM

🏠 in Kashan

You will be transferred directly to Kashan and visiting Fatima-al-Masumeh mausoleum in Qom en-route. Also we will visit Kashan's Bazaar in the afternoon.

DAY 2-CITY TOUR IN KASHAN

🏠 in Kashan

Visiting Fin garden, Sialk hills, Borujerdi and Tabatabai historical houses, Soltan-Ahmad bathhouse, Aqa-Bozorg mosque.

DAY 3- DRIVING TO ISFAHAN

🏠 in Isfahan

Meeting the people of Abyaneh village, en-route and in the evening, having a walk on Si-o-se-pol and Khaju bridges.

DAY 4- CITY TOUR IN ISFAHAN

🏠 in Isfahan

Experience walking in Naqsh-e-Jahan square including Imam and Sheikh-Lotfallah mosques, Ali-Qapu edifice, Bazaar, Visiting Chehelsotoun palace and in the afternoon Vank church.



DAY 5- CITY TOUR IN ISFAHAN

🏠 in Isfahan

Discovering the Jame mosque of Isfahan and Listening to Persian music in the Music Museum. A free afternoon to discover Isfahan.

DAY 6- DRIVING TO YAZD VIA NAEIN AND MEYBOD

🏠 in Yazd

Getting to know the Jame mosque and the old parts of Naein town and also Narin castle, the ice house, the Caravanserai and the pigeon house in Meybod.

DAY 7- CITY TOUR IN YAZD

🏠 in Yazd

Sightseeing in Yazd including the tower of silence, the Zoroastrians fire temple, Amir-Chakhmaq square, Dowlat-Aabad garden, Fahadan district, Jame mosque, water museum, Zoorkhaneh Heritage site, The whole city is inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



DAY 8- DRIVING TO KERMAN AND CITY TOUR

🏠 in Kerman

Leaving Yazd to Kerman and visiting Zein-al-Din Caravanserai en-route. In the afternoon, we visit Ganjali-Khan complex and Jabalieh Dom in Kerman.

DAY 9- AN EXCURSION TO MAHAN AND LUT DESERT

🏠 in Kerman

Experience walking in the strangest Persian Garden, Shazdeh Garden. Discovering Shah-Nemat-Allah-Vali in Mahan, Rayen citadel and discovering the Kaluts in the Lut desert.

DAY 10- DRIVING TO SHIRAZ VIA MEYMAND AND PASARGADAE

🏠 in Shiraz

A long day on the road to Shiraz and visiting the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Meymand village and Pasargadae en-route, where Cyrus the Great's tomb is located.



DAY 11- CITY TOUR IN SHIRAZ

🏠 in Shiraz

Sightseeing Shiraz including Nasir-almolk mosque, Eram and Narenjestan-Ghavam gardens, Vakil Bazaar, Karim-Khan citadel; Being exposed to the Persian poetry in Hafiz and Saadi mausoleums, Visiting Shah-Cheraq mausoleum.

DAY 12- DRIVING TO PERSEPOLIS AND FLYING BACK TO TEHRAN

🏠 in Tehran

Exploring Persepolis and Naqsh-Rostam in the morning. In the afternoon, you fly back to Tehran.

DAY 13- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

🏠 in Tehran

Visiting the most famous touristic site of Tehran, Golestan Palace, and then National Museum, the crown jewels museum, and the Grand Bazaar of Tehran.

DAY 14- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

Visiting the northern part of Tehran, Niavaran and Saad-Abad palaces, Tajrish Bazaar, Darband gorge. At the end of the day transfer to IKA airport for your departure flight.





The Perfect Persia

21 Days in Iran The Route is:

Tehran 🚗 Kashan 🚗 Isfahan 🚗 Yazd
 🚗 Kerman 🚗 Shiraz 🚗 Ahvaz 🚗
 🚗 Dezful 🚗 Kermanshah 🚗 Hamedan
 🚗 Zanjan 🚗 Tabriz 🚗 Tehran

- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 21 days
- Style: Culture and history
- Hotel Rate: 4star
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stopping by 19 UNESCO world heritage sites
- Visiting The capital, a mixture of modern and traditional lifestyles
- Walking in peaceful Persian gardens
- Feeling the Lut desert in Kerman
- Being amazed at the turquoise mosques of Isfahan
- Visiting Persepolis, the most impressive heritage from the Persian empire
- Touching Yazd, one of the oldest towns in the world with cob covered alleys and houses
- Visiting Shiraz, the land of gardens and poetry
- Wandering in the spiral and mysterious Bazaars in Iran
- Strolling in Kashan, land of the carpet and rosewater
- Walking in Meymand, A UNESCO world heritage village because of the age and way of living in hand dig rooms under the ground
- Visiting the Safavid palaces in Esfahan, the masterpieces of Iranian art
- Being surprised at a huge Ziggurat from 2000 BC
- Marveling at the fantastic ancient hydraulic system of Shushtar



- Knowing about Susa, the first cradle of civilization in Iran
- Driving through Zagros mountains with spectacular sceneries
- Being amazed at the incredible inscriptions in Kermanshah
- Walking in the mysterious town of Hamedan, the first capital of Iran
- Discovering an old story village
- Visiting the biggest brick made dome in the world
- Exploring one of the oldest temples of Zoroastrians
- Walking through the longest Bazaar in Iran
- Riding a boat in one of the longest water caves on the earth

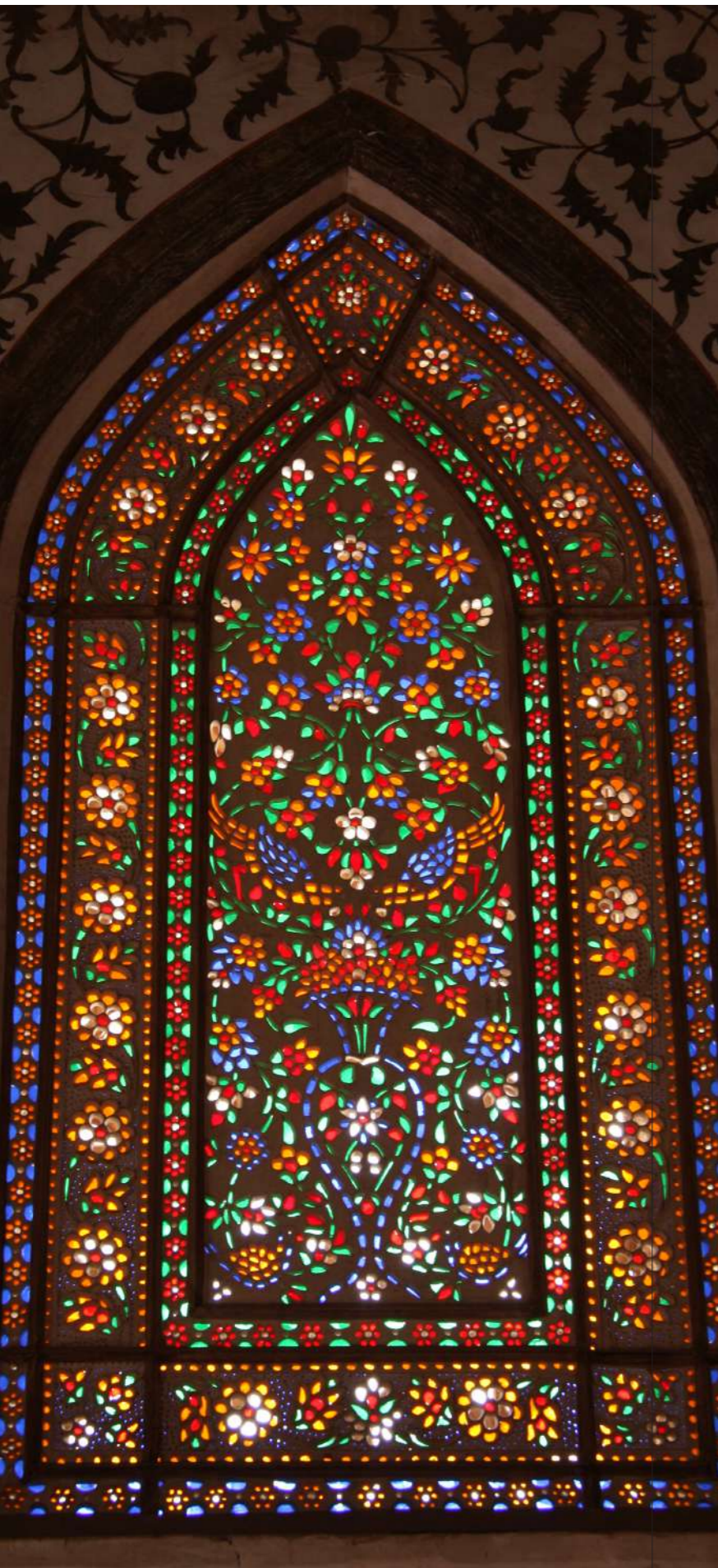
Meet the Perfect Persia in 21 Days

Details:

Here, in this long journey that we will go through together, you will know, understand and experience all the cultural and historical aspects of Iran which include both the most popular sites in the hearts of visitors, tourists, and orientalists and also the less trodden places. The main themes are thus: the history, culture, and art, along with other natural and adventurous discoveries that add more excitement to this journey.

After arriving at Ika airport, we start the tour with traveling to Kashan, which is one of the most important cultural cities in Iran and located at the border of mountains and desert. After spending a day in Kashan, our journey continues on the road to Isfahan and visiting Abyaneh, one of the oldest villages in Iran en-route.

In Isfahan, we will discover architectural wonders, each having a hidden story in its bosom. Then, we will walk in the clay alleys in Yazd, the only city of Iran the whole of which is



inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. It is an experience you will never forget. Also, you will meet the Zoroastrian people and their way of life. In Kerman, you experience some amazing areas you have never seen before, a huge adobe citadel with high towers and walls, and also the most mysterious desert in Iran located in Kerman.

Our next destination is Shiraz, famous for its poetry originating from the 13th and 14th-century. The diversity of food and restaurants makes you feel sedated and reposed. Visiting Persepolis (UNESCO World Heritage site), the most impressive ancient site of Iran would amaze you and then we have a long drive to the southwest of Iran.

The western part of Iran is less known for tourists but it is full of amazing places to see and fantastic things to experience. In the southwest, at Khuzestan province, there are three UNESCO world heritages, which shows how ancient that area is, as well as Lorestan province in the heart of Zagros mountain with ancient castles and bridges. Also in the west, you visit Kermanshah with mysterious inscriptions which is another UNESCO world heritage site.

The next destination is Hamedan, the city of mystic people and different religions, the first capital of Iran in 500 BC and also famous for Hegmataneh, the summer capital of the Persian Empire in the Achaemenid era. An old stony village close to Hamedan and also Ganjnameh inscription and waterfall are some interesting places to visit around the City. On the way to the northwest of Iran, we will have a visit to the Alisadr Cave, which is a candidate as the longest water cave on the earth. Just before arriving in Zanjan, the Soltanyeh Dome would catch your eyes with spectacular turquoise color, making it another UNESCO world heritage site in Iran.

On the way to Tabriz, Takht-e-Soleiman is another UNESCO world heritage site to amaze you with its ancient temples of Zoroastrian people belonging to the ancient history of Iran. In Tabriz, an interesting museum and mosque are waiting for you as well as its Bazaar, which is the longest one in Iran and also a UNESCO world heritage site.

This trip will end after a full day sightseeing in the central part of Tehran. then you will be transferred directly to Ika airport according to your departure flight time.



DAY 1- DRIVING TO KASHAN VIA QOM

🏠 in Kashan

You will be transferred directly to Kashan and visit Fatima-al-Masumeh mausoleum in Qom en-route. Also visiting Kashan's Bazaar in the afternoon.

DAY 2- CITY TOUR IN KASHAN

🏠 in Kashan

Visiting Fin garden, Sialk hills, Borujerdi and Tabatabai historical houses, Soltan-Ahmad bathhouse, Aqa-Bozorg mosque.

DAY 3- DRIVING TO ISFAHAN

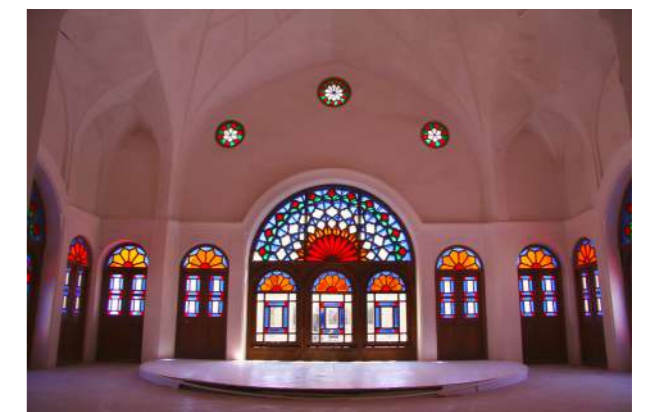
🏠 in Isfahan

Visiting Abyaneh village en-route to Isfahan; and in the evening, having a walk on Si-o-se-pol and Khaju bridges.

DAY 4-CITY TOUR IN ISFAHAN

🏠 in Isfahan

visiting Naqsh-e-Jahan square including Imam and Sheikh-Lotfollah mosques, Ali-Qapu edifice, Bazaar,



and Chehelsotoun palace. In the afternoon Vank church.

DAY 5-CITY TOUR IN ISFAHAN

🏠 in Isfahan

Visiting Jame mosque of Isfahan and the music museum. Free afternoon to discover Isfahan.

DAY 6- DRIVING TO YAZD VIA NAEIN AND MEYBOD

🏠 in Yazd

On the road to Yazd, visiting Jame mosque and the old parts of Naein town and also Naryn castle, the ice pit, the Caravanserai and the pigeon house in Meybod.

DAY 7- CITY TOUR IN YAZD

🏠 in Yazd

Sightseeing in Yazd including the tower of silence, the Zoroastrians fire temple, Amir-Chakhmaq square, Dolat-Abad Garden, Fahadan district, Jame mosque, water museum, Zoorkhaneh.





DAY 8- DRIVING TO KERMAN AND CITY TOUR

in Kerman

Leaving Yazd to Kerman and visiting Zein-al-Din Caravanserai en-route. In the afternoon we visit Ganjali-Khan complex and Jabalieh Dom in Kerman.

DAY 9-AN EXCURSION TO MAHAN AND LUT DESERT

in Kerman

An excursion to visit Shazdeh garden and Shah-Nemat-Allah-Vali in Mahan, Rayen citadel and Kaluts in the Lut desert.



DAY 10- DRIVING TO SHIRAZ VIA MEYMAND AND PASARGADAE

in Shiraz

A long day on the road to Shiraz and visiting Meymand village and Pasargadae en-route.

DAY 11- CITY TOUR IN SHIRAZ

in Shiraz

Visiting Shiraz including Nasir-Almolk mosque, Eram and Narenjestan-Ghavam gardens, Vakil Bazaar, Karim-Khan citadel, Hafiz and Saadi mausoleums, Shah-Cheraq mausoleum.



DAY 12-DRIVING TO PERSEPOLIS

in Shiraz

An excursion to visit Persepolis and Naqsh-Rostam bas-reliefs.

DAY 13- DRIVING TO AHVAZ VIA BISHAPUR

in Ahvaz

A long drive to Ahvaz with a stop to visit Bishapur's ancient site.

DAY 14-SIGHTSEEING IN KHUZESTAN PROVINCE

in Dezful

Full day sightseeing in Khuzestan including Susa ancient site and museum, Choqa-Zanbil ziggurat, Shushtar historical hydraulic systems.



DAY 15- DRIVING TO KERMANSHAH VIA KHORRAM-ABAD

in Kermanshah

Visiting Falak-al-Aflak castle and Bisotoun inscriptions en-route, Anthropology Museum.

DAY 16-DRIVING TO HAMEDAN

in Hamedan

Visiting Taq-e-Bostan inscriptions in the morning. In the afternoon, visiting Varkaneh stony village near Hamedan.

DAY 17-CITY TOUR IN HAMEDAN

in Hamedan

A full day sightseeing in Hamedan including Hegmataneh ancient hill, Alavian dome, Avicenna Mausoleum, Ester tomb, Ganjnameh inscriptions and waterfall, and also Imam square.

DAY 18-DRIVING TO ZANJAN

in Zanjan

Visiting Alisadr cave and Soltanieh dome en-route.



DAY 19- DRIVING TO TABRIZ VIA TAKHT-SOLEYMAN

in Tabriz

Visiting Takht-e-Soleiman en-route.

DAY 20- CITY TOUR IN TABRIZ AND FLYING BACK TO TEHRAN

in Tehran

Visiting Blue Mosque, Azerbaijan Museum, and Tabriz Bazaar. In the afternoon, flying back to Tehran.

DAY 21- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

in Tehran

Visiting Golestan Palace, National Museum, the crown jewels museum, the Grand Bazaar of Tehran. At the end of the day being transferred to IKA Airport for your departure flight.



** Note: Visiting the crown jewels museum based on their working day, the museum is open from Saturday to Tuesday 14-16.30*



The Mysterious West

7 Days in Iran

The Route is:

Tehran ✈️ Dezful ✈️ Kermanshah
 ✈️ Hamedan ✈️ Zanjan ✈️ Tabriz
 ✈️ Tehran

- Season: All around the year (only in summer the southwest is too hot)
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 7 days
- Style: Culture
- Hotel Rate: 4
- vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stopping by 7 UNESCO world heritage sites.
- Being surprised by a huge Ziggurat from 2000 BC
- Marveling at the fantastic ancient hydraulic system of Shushtar
- Knowing about Susa, the first civilization place in Iran
- Driving through Zagros mountains with spectacular sceneries
- Being amazed by the incredible inscriptions and bas-reliefs in Kermanshah
- Walking in the mysterious town of Hamedan, the first capital of Iran
- Experience walking in an old stony village
- Visiting the biggest brick made dome in the world
- Discovering one of the oldest temples of Zoroastrians
- Getting lost in the longest Bazaar in Iran
- Riding a boat in one of the longest water cave on the earth



Have a Mysterious Week in the West of Iran

Details:

The western part of Iran is less known for tourists and has less trodden paths, but satisfied with wondrous places to see and fantastic things to experience. This is a package for those who have seen the golden triangle of Iran and are saturated with the famous names and yearn for new experiences and discoveries.

In the southwest, at Khuzestan province, as well as Lorestan province in the heart of Zagros mountain, three UNESCO World Heritage sites are located, presenting to you their ancient history, including Choqa-Zanbil ziggurat and Shushtar hydraulic system. Also in the west, you will visit Kermanshah with its mysterious inscriptions and bas-reliefs, including another UNESCO World Heritage site. They belong to the Achaemenid and Sassanian or even Median empires, dating back to the 8th/7th century B.C. The next destination is Hamedan, the city of mystic people and different religions, the first capital of Iran in 500 BC. An old stony village close to Hamedan and also Ganjnameh inscription and waterfall are some interesting places to visit around the city. Just before arriving in Zanjan, the Soltanyeh Dome would catch your eyes with its spectacular turquoise color, making it another UNESCO World Heritage site in Iran. On the way to Tabriz, Takht-e-Soleiman is also a UNESCO World Heritage site to amaze you with its ancient temples of Zoroastrian people belonging to the ancient history of Iran. In Tabriz, an interesting museum and mosque are waiting for you as well as its Bazaar, which is the longest one in Iran and also a UNESCO World Heritage site.



DAY 1- FLYING TO KHUZESTAN

in Dezful

full day sightseeing in Khuzestan including Susa ancient site and museum, Choqa-Zanbil ziggurat, Shushtar historical hydraulic system.

DAY 2- DRIVING TO KERMANSHAH VIA KHORRAM-ABAD

in Kermanshah

Visiting Falak-al-Aflak castle and Bisotoun inscription and bas-relief en-route.

DAY 3- DRIVING TO HAMEDAN

in Hamedan

Visiting Taq-e-Bostan bas-reliefs in the morning. In the afternoon visiting Varkaneh stony village near Hamedan.

DAY 4- CITY TOUR IN HAMEDAN

in Hamedan

A full day sightseeing in Hamedan including Hegmataneh ancient hill, Alavian dome, Avicenna mausoleum, Ester tomb, Ganjnameh inscriptions and waterfall, Imam square.



DAY 5- DRIVING TO ZANJAN

in Zanjan

Visiting Alisadr cave and Soltanieh dome en-route.

DAY 6- DRIVING TO TABRIZ VIA TAKHT-SOLEYMAN

in Tabriz

Visiting Takht-e-Soleiman en-route.

DAY 7- CITY TOUR IN TABRIZ

in Tabriz

Visiting Blue mosque, Azerbaijan museum, Tabriz Bazaar. In the afternoon you fly back to Tehran.



A Journey to the Southern Islands

9 Days in Iran The Route is:

Isfahan Shiraz Qeshm and Hormuz Islands, Qeshm Tehran

- Season: From October to April, due to hot summers of southern Iran
- Start: Isfahan
- Finish: Tehran
- Style: Culture- Nature
- Hotel Rate: 4-star hotel
- Vehicle: depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stopping at 5 UNESCO world heritage sites and visiting the UNESCO global geo-park of Qeshm Island
- Walking in peaceful Persian gardens
- Discovering Persepolis, the most impressive heritage from the Persian Empire
- Visiting Shiraz, the land of gardens and poetry
- losing yourself in the spiral and mysterious Bazaars in Iran
- Visiting the UNESCO Global Geopark of Qeshm Island
- Walking in the natural wonders of Chahkooh and the Stars Valley
- Riding a ferry in the Persian Gulf
- Visiting the otherworldly beauty of Rainbow Valley
- Riding a boat in the unique Mangrove Jungles
- Visiting The capital, a mixture of the modern and traditional lifestyles



The Extraordinary Southern Islands

Details:

Iran's southern islands are magnificent, yet not fully discovered by the world travelers. In this trip starting from the famous cities of Isfahan and Shiraz, we would like to take you to the south, the mysterious land of various and heart-touching cultural and natural phenomena.

Your travel begins in Isfahan, you will have three amazing days there to see the delicacy and beauty of Safavid era architecture, bazaars, and gardens including the UNESCO World Heritage site of Naghsh-e Jahan Square. Our next destination is Shiraz, famous for its poetry originating from the 13th and 14th-century and the diversity of food and restaurants. Visiting Persepolis, the most impressive ancient site of Iran would amaze you.

On the way to Shiraz, we will visit the Pasargadae (UNESCO world heritage). You will visit the magnificent Persepolis (another UNESCO world heritage) and much more in Shiraz. Your trip continues by a flight across the southern parts of Iran to the UNESCO Global Geopark of Qeshm Island. In Qeshm and then in Hormuz Islands you will see a different side of Iran. The beautiful and extraordinary nature of Qeshm and Hormuz, together with the traditions and hospitality of the locals will bring a rich new experience to you. After two wonderful days in Qeshm and Hormuz Islands, you will fly to Tehran and based on your departure time may have some time to visit Tehran.



DAY 1- ARRIVING IN ISFAHAN

In Isfahan

Visiting Atiq Mosque, Chehel Sotoun Palace, traditional Bazaar, Naqsh-e Jahan square including Shah (Imam) Mosque, Sheykh Lotfollah mosque, and Ali Qapou Palace.

DAY 2- ISFAHAN- CITY TOUR

In Isfahan

Visiting Jolfa Neighborhood, Vank or Maria Church, Music Museum, 33 Bridge and Khajoo Bridge, Hotel Abbasi Garden.

DAY 3- ISFAHAN- CITY TOUR

In Isfahan

Visiting Hasht Behesht Palace, Monar Jonban (the Shaking Minarets), Atashgah Mountain.



DAY 4- DRIVING TO SHIRAZ VIA PASARGADAE

In Shiraz

Visiting Pasargadae (UNESCO World Heritage), Quran Gate.

DAY 5- SHIRAZ- CITY TOUR

In Shiraz

Visiting Persepolis and Necropolis (UNESCO World Heritage), Eram Garden, the tomb of Hafiz. Visiting Persepolis and Necropolis (UNESCO World Heritage), Eram Garden, the tomb of Hafiz.

DAY 6- CITY TOUR- FLIGHT TO QESHM ISLAND

In Qeshm

Visiting Nasirolmolk Mosque (Pink Mosque), Narenjestan Garden, Khan School and Vakil Complex (Bath, Bazaar and mosque), Karim Khan Citadel.



DAY 7- QESHM- VISITING THE NATURAL WONDERS

In Qeshm

Visiting Chahkoo Canyon, Stars Valley, Salt cave, Kharbas Cave and Naz Island.

DAY 8- EXCURSION TO HORMUZ

In Hormuz

Visiting Rainbow Valley, Portuguese Castle, Museum & Art Gallery of Ahmad Nadalian based on the local art, Mangrove Jungle.



DAY 9- FLY TO TEHRAN AND HOME

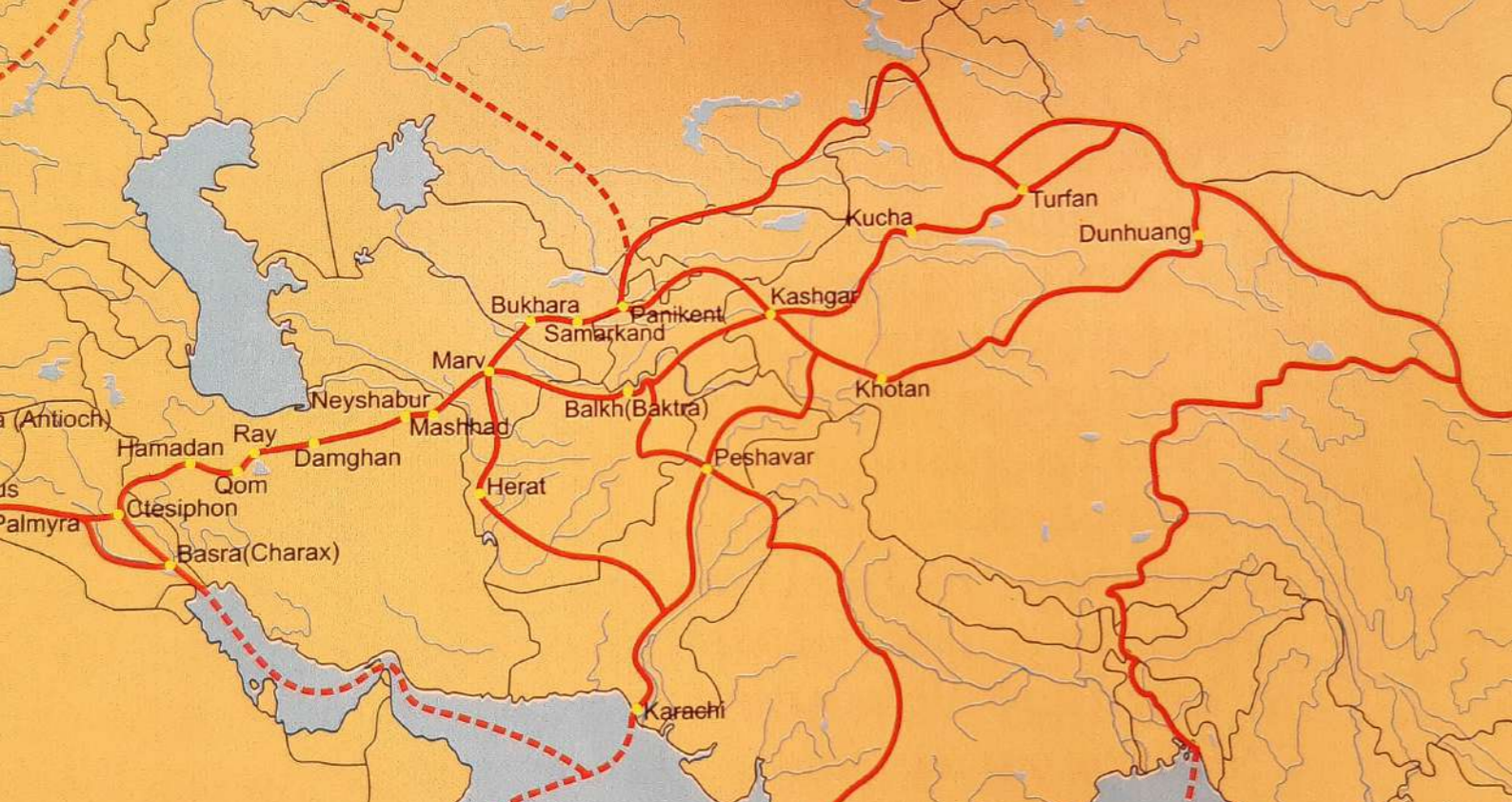
Departure or City Tour in Tehran

Visiting The holy shrine of Imam Khomeini, Shopping in Tehran (optional).



** Note: The possibility of some activities may change depending on the religious ceremonies.
** Note: The possibility of a live concert in the Music Museum depends on religious ceremonies and holidays.*

** Note: Covering all these sites depend on the flight schedule.
These flights are only on Saturdays, nowadays. The schedule may change, leading to the change of the itinerary.*



Gate of Nations On The Silk Road

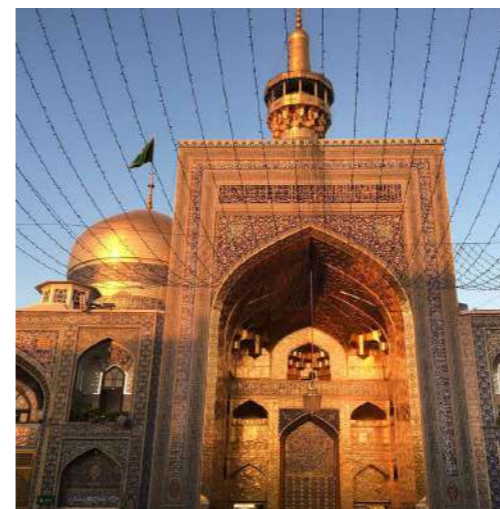
Silk, originally from China, has been known in Iran since ancient times; the "Silk Road" linking the two countries is well named, for from the 4th century B.C. until around the 7th century A.D. silk was the most important article of trade between them.

But the cultivation of the silkworm only spread into Iran toward the end of the Sasanian period, probably by the 6th century A.D.

Silk production was one of the first things that attracted European merchants to Iran. At the time of Marco Polo, the traders of Genoa, then at the summit of its glory, had recently included the Cas-

pian provinces within the sphere of their activity. Thus, this is one the Gate of Nations' most distinguished tours.

In this journey, we discover less known places in Iran and experience being on the ancient Silk Road and walking through the paths where the great travelers such as Marco Polo used to. A great experience for you is knowing caravanserais, a building that served as the inn of the Orient, providing accommodation for commercial, pilgrim, postal, and especially official travelers. The term *kārvān-sarā* was commonly used in Iran and is preserved in several place names.



On the SILK ROAD

7 Days in Iran
The Route is:

Tehran ✈️ Mashhad ✈️ Sabzevar
✈️ Shahrud ✈️ Semnan ✈️ Tehran
✈️ Hamedan ✈️ Kermanshah ✈️ Tehran

- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 10 days
- Style: Culture
- Hotel Rate: 3 and 4-star
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Visiting 11 caravansaries on the silk road
- Experiencing the ancient unknown places
- Being exposed to many ancient stories of Silk Road and Iranian mythologies
- Meeting the traditional way of trade, travelling and accommodation
- Exploring the oldest mosque in Iran, traditional markets called bazaar
- Visiting Hamedan, The first capital of Iran belonging to 500 BC
- Standing in awe of Imam-Reza mausoleum, the biggest mausoleum in Iran
- Discovering Bisotoun inscription, a UNESCO world heritage
- Discovering ancient Sassanid bas-reliefs and Seljuq architecture- spec. the towers



Experience The Silk Road in 10 Days

Details:

We will embark upon an exciting journey in the heart of Persia that livens up past travelling routs, historical and various hidden stories; we will take steps on the ancient routs of very old travelers, especially through what we now as caravansary- the quadrangular inns, enclosed by huge walls with small windows near the top. The name is derived from the word "caravan" and the Persian word *sarāi*, which means "palace" or "inn".

Silk Road, a complex of interconnected roads that linked the Mediterranean countries to China through the middle Asian countries since 200 BC. This road was the main artery of commerce and trading among all the empires along the road. Its function was not only to satisfy the needs for trading goods but for cultural interconnections.

Iran is located on this ancient road and according to the UNESCO reports, Iran's share of Silk Road starts from the Partian period and continued until the Safavid dynasty (17th century).

After passing Chinese borders, the Silk Road was to enter Iran from the northeast part of the country and continued to the west through the Persian cities like Samarkand Bukhara, Marv, Neyshabur, Damqan, Ray, Qom, Hamedan and Ctesiphon and then Mediterranean regions, all of which used to be parts of Iran. In the Safavid dynasty, two secondary roads were added to the main Silk Road. One started from Ray to Kashan, Esfahan, Yazd and Kerman and continued to the east near India and the other one started from Ray to Qazvin, Zanjan, Tabris and continued to the

west near Turkey.

At this tour, we visit the main and the ancient Silk Road in Iran and our journey starts from the eastern part of Iran. Since Samarkand and Marv are not parts of Iran anymore, we start from Mashhad and with an excursion to Sarakhs, which is located at the border to Turkmenistan. Then we follow the Silk Road to the central part of Iran with a couple of stops on the way to discover the old Caravansaries and castles as well as the cities. We will have an overnight in Tehran, the current capital of the country and go on the journey to the west. The first destination in the west is Hamedan, an ancient city and the first capital of Iran in 500BC. After Hamedan and on the way to Kermanshah, we have a couple of stops to visit a circle-planned Caravansary, an ancient Anahita temple and Bisotoun inscription, an important heritage from Darius the great and a UNESCO World Heritage site. At the end, we have an excursion to Qasr-Shirin, another important place on the Silk Road and especially during the Sassanid dynasty.



DAY 1- FLYING TO MASHHAD

🏠 in Mashhad

Flying from Tehran to Mashhad to start the tour from the east. Visiting Imam-Reza Mausoleum and Goharshad Mosque in Mashhad.

You will Experience:

Being amazed of the stunning size and details of the Shrine.

DAY 2- AN EXCURSION TO THE BORDER OF TURKMENISTAN

🏠 in Mashhad

An excursion to Sarakhs and visiting the mausoleum of Loghman, Robot-Ashraf (Caravansary on the Silk Road) and Sangbast historical complex.

You will Experience:

Your first time exploring of a very old Caravansary in



Iran, walking among ancient Persian constructions used to lead travelers.

DAY 3- DRIVING TO SABZEVAR VIA NEYSHABUR

🏠 in Sabzevar

Visiting Qadamgah Mausoleum, Attar-Neyshaburi Mausoleum, the Archaeology Museum in Shah-Abbasi Caravansary of Neyshabur, Khosrogerd minaret, Sabzevar's historical Mosalla (Friday mosque) and Ice-houses of Sabzevar.

You will Experience:

Discovering the less-known attractions of Iran, less-known architectural wonders specific for Iran and a very few other Middle Eastern countries.

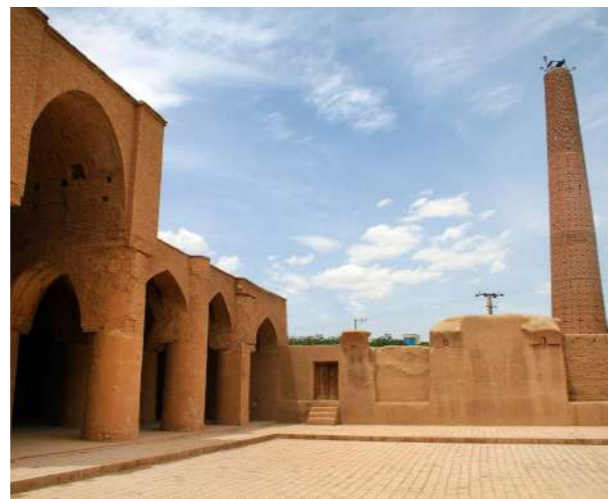
DAY 4- DRIVING TO SHAHRUD

🏠 in Shahrud

Visiting Miyandasht Caravansaries, Bayazid Mausoleum, Kashaneh Tower and Jame-Mosque of Bastam on the way.

You will Experience:

Hearing stories about Sufis and Darvishes in Iran, Exploring the Mongols' art and architecture.



DAY 5- DRIVING TO SEMNAN VIA DAMQAN

🏠 in Semnan

Visiting Mehmandoust Tower, Tarikhaneh Mosque, Pir-Alamdar tower, Daulatabad fort and Ahowan stone-made Caravansary on the way to Semnan.

You will Experience:

Visiting the second oldest mosque in Iran and knowing the history of it.

DAY 6- DRIVING TO TEHRAN VIA DAYR-E GACHIN CARAVANSARY

🏠 in Tehran

Visiting Jame Mosque, Arg gate in Semnan and the cistern of Garmsar, Dayr-e Gachin Caravansary and Jame mosque of Varamin on the way to Tehran.

You will Experience:

Visiting an old caravansary in the heart of the desert and knowing the history and the usage of each part of it.

DAY 7- DRIVING TO HAMEDAN VIA LALEJIN

🏠 in Hamedan

Visiting Toghrol tower in Rey, stone-made castle and Lalejin town on the way to Hamedan.

You will Experience:

Visiting an ancient tower! Walking among the beauti-



ful pots in the city of pottery art, Lalejin and shopping pottery artifacts.

DAY 8- CITY TOUR IN HAMEDAN

🏠 in Hamedan

Visiting Hegmataneh ancient hill, Alavian tomb, Hamedan's Bazaar, Avicenna mausoleum and Ganjnameh inscriptions.

You will Experience:

Being overwhelmed by the history and art in one of the most beautiful cities in Iran, home to the most ancient Persian Empire and also carrying the tombs of great Islamic thinkers.

DAY 9- DRIVING TO KERMANSHAH

🏠 in Kermanshah

Visiting Taj-Abad Caravansary, Anahita temple, Bisotun inscription and Caravansary and Taq-Bostan bas-reliefs on the way to Kermanshah.

You will Experience:

Being amazed at the details in the Sassanid bas-reliefs and the Achaemenid inscriptions.

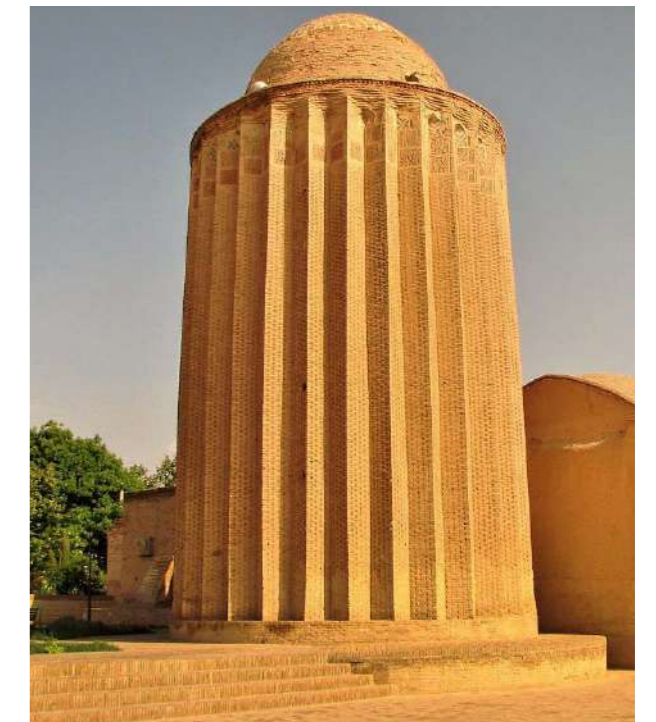
DAY 10- EXCURSION TO QASR-SHIRIN AND FLYING BACK TO TEHRAN

🏠 in Kermanshah

Visiting Taq-e-Gara, Khosrow palace, Char-Qapi fire temple and Qasr-Shirin Caravansary.

You will Experience:

Being exposed to the love story of Khosrow and Shirin This tour ends in Tehran.



GEO Tours

“ The first Iranian tour operator to focus on Geo-tours and the geomorphological features of Iran. ”



The Geo-Archaeo Face of Iran

15 Days in Iran

Tehran ✈️ Dezful ✈️ Hamedan ✈️
Zanjan ✈️ Tehran ✈️ Qeshm ✈️ Shiraz ✈️
Rafsanjan ✈️ Kerman ✈️ Tabas ✈️
Mesr ✈️ Damqan ✈️ Sari ✈️ Tehran

- Season: Spring and Autumn
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 15 days
- Style: Geo-Tour and Archaeology
- Hotel Rate: 3, 4 and local houses
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stopping by 11 UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Being surprised at a huge Ziggurat from 2000 BC
- Exploring the fantastic ancient hydraulic system of Shushtar
- Walking in Susa, the first civilization place in Iran
- Driving through Zagros mountains with spectacular sceneries
- Walking into one of the longest water caves on the earth
- Visiting the biggest brick dome in the world
- Visiting Qeshm Island, the lonely Geopark of Iran
- Looking at the huge landslide of Seimareh
- Strolling in Hormuz Island, a huge salt dome with different sceneries
- Discovering two spectacular deserts of Iran, each unique in style
- Experiencing overnight in local houses in different areas
- Standing in awe of Rage Valley, a magnificent natural structure
- Touching the sands of the Caspian sea and looking at the highest volcano mount in Asia in one day



The Most Spectacular Geological and Archaeological Sites of Iran

Details:

Gate of Nations is proud to be the first Iranian tour operator to focus on Geo-tours and the geomorphological features of Iran, which are less known and less emphasized upon, yet drastically important. Here, in this experiential journey, the main themes are geology, archaeology, and art, along with other cultural and natural discoveries, adding more excitement to this exploration.

At first, in Khuzestan province, three UNESCO World Heritage sites are located, indicating the rich history of civilization in this area. On the second day through Zagros mountains with spectacular scenery, we pass by Kabir-Kooh anticline and the huge landslide of Seimareh. Having visited Afrineh Waterfall, we arrive at Hamedan, the city of mystic people and different religions. There we visit Ganjnameh inscriptions and waterfall. On the way to the northwest of Iran, we pay a visit to Alisadr Cave, which is a candidate as the longest water cave on the earth and just before to arrive at Zanjan, Soltanyeh dome would catch your eyes with a spectacular turquoise color on the dome (UNESCO World Heritage). A full day of excursion around Zanjan would amaze you; Takht-e-Soleiman, another UNESCO World Heritage with ancient temples of Zoroastrian people and also a travertine mount with a fantastic view and the castle of Behestan are another places in your itinerary. Having driven from Zanjan to Tehran, we visit the Geology Museum and then fly to Qeshm Island from Mehr-Abad airport.

In Qeshm, which is a world geo-park, we visit some geo-



logical attractions. Chahkooh Gorge, Stars Valley and Hara Forest and also a full day of excursion in Hormuz island would complete our two days in the southern part of Iran. After flying to Shiraz, we start a full day of archaeology sightseeing with Persepolis, Naqsh-e Rostam bas-reliefs and Pasargadae. Having spent the night in a local house in Bavanat, we drive to Kerman province, and before arriving at Rafsanjan, we visit a Troglodyte village, Meymand, which is a UNESCO World Heritage because of the cultural landscape of the village. In Rafsanjan, we visit a beautiful gorge, Rageh, shaped by natural forces like erosion.

We have a full day of excursion in Kerman with amazing places to see; the day starts with visiting Rayen Citadel, the biggest survived adobe-made town in the world. Then we drive back to Mahan and after visiting Shazdeh garden, a UNESCO World Heritage Persian garden, In the afternoon, we drive to Lut desert, the natural UNESCO World Heritage, to have the amazing sunset through the desert. Dig-Rostam hot spring, Nayband and Esfahak villages and experiencing an overnight in Esfahak are the great experiences of this trip.

Around Tabas we have a look at the ancient dome of Kurit and Morteza-Ali gorge a beautiful canyon that leads you to a hot spring. Mesr desert, our next item, is the most beautiful desert in the central area. After Semnan, and Damqan, we drive to Sari, the capital of Mazandaran province next to the Caspian Sea and we visit Badab-Soort spring with amazing travertine terraces en-route including roads through Hyrcanian forest, a natural UNESCO World Heritage in Iran.

The last day of the tour belongs to the north to visit the Caspian Sea, which is the biggest lake on the earth and on the way back to Tehran, we pass by mount Damavand, the highest pick of the middle east and the highest volcano mount of Asia.



DAY 1- TO DEZFUL

 in Dezful

Having an early flight from Tehran to Dezful. A full day excursion in Khuzestan province including the ancient city of Susa, Choqa-Zanbil Ziggurat and the ancient hydraulic system of Shushtar.

DAY 2- TO HAMEDAN

 in Hamedan

Visiting Khazineh gorge, Afrineh Waterfall, passing by Seimareh landslide and Kabirkooch anticline, Ganjnameh inscriptions, and waterfall.

DAY 3- TO ZANJAN

 in Zanjan

Visiting Ali-Sadr water cave and Soltanyieh dome en-route to Zanjan.

DAY 4- EXCURSION TO TAKHT-SOLEYMAN

 in Zanjan

A full day excursion including Takht-Soleyman ancient site and travertine spring, Behestan Castle and passing by a zinc mine.



DAY 5- TO TEHRAN AND TO QESHM ISLAND

 in Qeshm

Visiting the Geology Museum in Tehran before flying to Qeshm Island.

DAY 6- EXCURSION IN HORMUZ ISLAND

 in Qeshm

Exploring Hormuz, the rainbow island of Iran.

DAY 7- EXCURSION IN QESHM ISLAND AND

 TO SHIRAZ

 in Shiraz

Visiting Chahkooh Gorge, Stars Valley and Hara Forest (Mangrove trees). Flying to Shiraz in the evening.

DAY 8- TO BAVANAT

 in Bavanat

Visiting Persepolis, Naqsh-Rostam bas-reliefs and Pasargadae en-route.





DAY 9- TO KERMAN

 in Kerman

Visiting Meymand (Troglodyte village) and Rageh gorge.

DAY 10- EXCURSION IN KERMAN PROVINCE

 in Kerman

A full day excursion in Kerman province including Rayen Citadel, Lut desert, Shazdeh Garden in Mahan and the spectacular scenery of central mountains en-route.

DAY 11- TO THE CENTRAL DESERT

 in Esfahak

Visiting Dig-Rostam hot spring next to Nayband long fault, Nayband and Esfahak villages.

DAY 12- TO MESR DESERT VIA TABAS

 in Mesr

Visiting the ancient dam of Kurit and Morteza-Ali Gorge. In the afternoon, we have a walk-in Mesr desert.

DAY 13- TO DAMQAN

 in Damqan

Passing by the basin of Semnan salt domes and visiting Tarikhaneh mosque in Damqan.

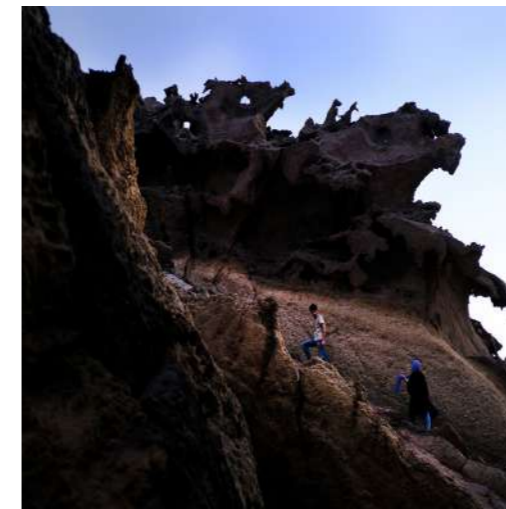
DAY 14- TO SARI

 in Sari

Visiting Badab-Soort travertine terraces and spring. The road continues through the Hyrcanian forest.

DAY 15- TO TEHRAN VIA CASPIAN SEA

Visiting the Caspian sea and passing by Damavand volcano mount. The departure flight from Tehran.



The Geo Face of iran's Islands

15 Days in Iran

Tehran ✈️ Qeshm ✈️ Hormoz
✈️ Bandar-Abbas ✈️ Tehran/
Dubai

- Season: From November to April
- Start: Tehran/Dubai
- Finish: Tehran/Dubai
- Duration: 7 days
- Style: Geo-Tour
- Hotel Rate: 3star and eco-lodge
- vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Visiting the lonely Geo-Park of Iran
- A discovery in Hormoz, the rainbow island
- Namakdan, the longest salty cave on the earth
- Hormoz island, a salt dome mixed with volcano sceneries



انجمن زنان نقاش جزیره هرمز



The Fascinating Geo-Park of Qeshm and Hormuz Islands

Details:

Qeshm Island, the lonely geo-park and the widest island in the Persian Gulf, attracts lots of tourists annually, who are interested in geology, flora and fauna, the culture of local people and discovering unknown places.

This tour is focused on the geological face of the island and discovering this spectacular Geo-park. Qeshm island is a part of the huge mountain range of Zagros, which has been deformed by the result of the pressure of Saudia Arabia plateau. The Geo-sites of the island are the best samples of erosion-made formations and also you visit Cuesta hills, anticline of Salakh, Dolines, Rockfalls, encrustation, erosion-made gorges, and valleys. Also, there is a salt dome in the western part of the island, which has the longest salt cave in the world with 6600m length.

You can find a great variety of flora and fauna in Qeshm. The most famous one is the mangrove trees, which is called Hara forest by the Iranians. A huge area in the northern coast of the island is covered by mangrove trees. Also in winter in the southern coast, you can find a crown of turtles lying on the beach and, by renting a boat, you can see Dolphins jumping up and down in the ocean.

Hormuz Island is the other destination on this trip. Hormuz is known as the rainbow island and the paradise of geologists. The entire island is a salt dome with a volcano and erosion-made formations. In Hormuz, you can visit a manifold of geo-sites. Salt dome and cave, red and silver beaches, statue valley, the rainbow valley, and cave. This variety of colors in the soil of Hormuz is the main attraction for tourists to visit the island.



DAY 1- TO QESHM/ BANDAR-ABBAS

🏠 in Qeshm

Flying from Tehran to Qeshm Island or Bandar-Abbas.

DAY 2- DAILY EXCURSION IN GEO-PARK OF QESHM

🏠 in Qeshm

Visiting Geo-sites including Namakdan salty cave and salt-dome, Geo-link and Shoor-valley.

DAY 3- DAILY EXCURSION IN GEO-PARK OF QESHM

🏠 in Qeshm

Visiting Geo-sites including Chah-kooch gorge, Statue valley and Hara mangrove trees.

DAY 4- DAILY EXCURSION IN GEO-PARK OF QESHM

🏠 in Qeshm

Visiting Geo-sites including the geology museum of Qeshm, Stars valley and Khorbas caves.



DAY 5- GOING TO HORMUZ ISLAND WITH FERRY

🏠 in Hormuz

Visiting The salt-dome of Hormuz, Statues valley, Salty-cave, the rainbow valley, the red and silver beach, the rainbow cave and the Turtle beach.

DAY 6- EXCURSION IN HORMUZ ISLAND

🏠 in Hormuz

Visiting Dr. Nadalian museum and Portuguese castle then free time to excursion in Hormuz.

DAY 7- HORMUZ TO BANDAR-ABBAS BY FERRY AND ✈️ TO TEHRAN

Leaving Hormuz Island to Bandar-Abbas by ferry in the morning and being transferred directly from the jetty to the airport to fly back to Tehran

Distances:

Hormuz to Bandar-Abbas takes approximately 30 minutes

The duration of flight to Tehran is 1 hour and half.



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The Spectacular North

10 Days in Iran
The Route is:

Tehran ➡ Alamut
➡ Qazvin ➡ Masouleh ➡ Anzali
➡ Ramsar ➡ Lavij ➡ Gorgan
➡ Damqan ➡ Tehran

- Season: All around the year except winter
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 10 days
- Style: Mix of Culture and Nature
- Hotel Rate: 3 and 4-star hotels, ec lodge
- vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Stop by 3 UNESCO world heritage sites
- Driving in some parts of the ancient Silk Road
- Walking into the fantastic ancient Hyrcanian forest
- Alamut, the mysterious castle of Assassins
- Driving through Alborz mountains with spectacular sceneries
- Being amazed at the incredible fortress of Roud-Khan
- Caspian sea with amazing sandy seashores
- Visiting the highest brick made tower in the world
- Discovering Masouleh, an ancient vertical village
- The erotic style gravestones in Khaled-Nabi cemetery
- Being amazed at the scenery of the Caspian sea while riding the cable car in Ramsar
- Swimming in a natural spa in the Lavij village
- Visiting the second oldest mosque of Iran



The Beauty of the Caspian Sea and the Hyrcanian Forest Through the History and Culture

Details:

The northern part of Iran is so popular for Iranians and a fantastic place to experience a different culture through the purity of nature. Our tour starts with driving to the fantastic valley of Alamut to visit an amazing lake with beautiful nature next to high range mountains, but the main destination is Alamut castle with its amazing structure. The Alamut castle was founded by Hassan-Sabbah for Assassins to defend against their enemy. Next, we drive to Qazvin, which was the capital of Iran for a couple of years in the 16th century by the Safavid dynasty. After driving through Alborz mountains, the scenery becomes different when we get to the ancient Hyrcanian forest landscape and rice farms. Hyrcanian forests cover a unique forested massif that stretches 850 km along the southern coast of the Caspian Sea. The history of these broad-leaved forests dates back 25 to 50 million years when they covered most of this Northern Temperate region. This forest was recognized as a natural world heritage in 2019 by UNESCO.

The first destination in Guilan province is the rural museum, which presents the culture of the people in that region and then we drive to the heart of the Hyrcanian forest to have a hike to a high fortress, Roud-Khan, an ancient fortress with amazing scenery and unconquerable towers. Spending one night in Masouleh, the most beautiful vertical village in Iran would be a memorable experience for everyone. After Masouleh, we drive to the

sea to visit Bandar Anzali (Alzani Port), riding a boat in the lagoon and have a walk in the seaport to complete your fourth day in the north. Our journey continues on the coast road and passing by several towns to reach Ramsar, the most beautiful town in the north, where the forest and the sea join together. There, you will experience riding a cable car from the seashore to the top of a mountain through the forest. Also visiting the palace of Reza-Shah Pahlavi, the founder of the Pahlavi dynasty in the 20th century, is in your itinerary in Ramsar.

After driving for a couple of hours on the coast road, the next destination is Lavij, a high village in the heart of Alborz mountains and famous for having a hot spring and natural spa. This natural spa is the best way to relax and refresh you for the rest of the tour. After leaving Lavij, we drive to the eastern part of the northern line and before arriving at Gorgan province, we visit a UNESCO world heritage; Abbas-Abad garden of Behshahr. This Persian garden has a complicated hydraulic system and it is very different from other Persian gardens.

The sightseeing in Gorgan province includes Gonbad-e-Qabus, the highest brick-made tower with an impressive structure and a UNESCO world heritage. Also the ancient cemetery of Khaled-Nabi with ancient gravestones, which have a peculiar and exotic erotic style.

After leaving Gorgan, our route to coming back to Tehran is on the ancient Silk Road and before arriving at Damqan for overnighting, we visit Bastam, an ancient and important town located on the Silk Road and there we visit Bazayid-Bastami mausoleum, which was a famous Sufi. Then we take a look at Kashaneh tower, an amazing structure from the Mongols era. Visiting Jame mosque of Bastam, will complete our city tour in Bastam. On the last day of your tour, we will visit Tarikhaneh Mosque in Damqan, which is the second oldest mosque in Iran and also Jame mosque of Semnan before reaching Tehran.



DAY 1- DRIVING TO ALAMUT

 in Alamut

Visiting Evan lake en-route.

DAY 2- VISITING ALAMUT CASTLE AND DRIVING TO QAZVIN

 in Qazvin

Visiting Alamut castle and then in Qazvin sightseeing including Safavid complex and Sardar cistern.

DAY 3- DRIVING TO MASOULEH

 in Masouleh

Visiting rural heritage museum and Roud-Khan fortress en-route.

DAY 4- DRIVING TO BANDAR-ANZALI

 in Bandar-Anzali

After a morning walk in Masouleh, the rest of the day visiting Anzali seaport and lagoon.

DAY 5- DRIVING TO RAMSAR

 in Ramsar

Visiting Caspian sea, Ramsar cable-car and Pahlavi palace.



DAY 6- DRIVING TO LAVIJ VILLAGE

 in Lavij

Visiting Sisangan national forest park en-route and trying natural spa in the village.

DAY 7- DRIVING TO GORGAN VIA AB-BAS-ABAD GARDEN

 in Gorgan

Visiting Abbas-Abad garden in Behshahr en-route and an evening walk in Alang-Darreh forest.

DAY 8- SIGHTSEEING IN GORGAN PROVINCE

 in Gorgan

Visiting Gorgan museum, Gonbad-e-Qabus tower and Khaled-Nabi ancient cemetery.



DAY 9- DRIVING TO DAMQAN VIA BASTAM

 in Damqan

Visiting Bayazid-Bastami mausoleum, Kashaneh tower and Jame-mosque in Bastam en-route.

DAY 10- DRIVING TO TEHRAN VIA SEMNAN

Visiting Tarikhaneh mosque in Damqan and Jame mosque of Semnan en-route. The tour will finish in Tehran.



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Damavand Volcano 5671 meter

Tehran 🚗 Larijan 🧑🏃 Damavand 🧑🏃
Polur 🚗 Tehran

6 Days in Iran.

- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 6 days
- Style: Active Tour
- Hotel Rate: Camp, local hotel and 4star hotel
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Visiting the capital, mixture of modern and traditional life style.
- Visiting Larijan, the small village with hot mineral springs.
- Climbing and camping in high altitude
- Staying at the top of the highest volcano of Asia
- Acclimatization experience
- Photography in a unique nature
- Enjoying trekking in the beautiful Alborz mountain range.



Climbing Mount Damavand

Details:

Mount Damavand, a potentially active volcano, is a strato-volcano which is the highest peak in the Middle East and the highest volcano in Asia (5671m).

Damavand has a special place in the Persian mythology and folklore. It is in the middle of Alborz range, adjacent to Varārū, Sesang, Gol-e Zard, and Mīānrūd. It is near the southern coast of the Caspian Sea, in Amol County, Mazandaran Province, 66 kilometres (41 miles) northeast of the city of Tehran.

Mount Damāvand is the 12th most prominent peak in the world, and the second most prominent in Asia after Mount Everest. It is part of the Volcanic Seven Summits mountaineering challenge.





DAY 1- DRIVING FROM TEHRAN TO LARIJAN

🏠 in Larijan

You would be transferred directly to Larijan to visit Alborz range with the great landscape of Damavand and spectacular scenery of Haraz road.

DAY 2- DRIVING TO THE START POINT OF THE CLIMB

🏠 in Bargah

Spending one hour on the dusty road to reach Damavand climbing track in the south-face, a small camp and parking called Gosfandsara. Taking some mules to carry the packs and starting to trek to the base camp of Damavand located 4200 Meter ASL called Bargah and staying there for the night.

DAY 3- ACCLIMATIZATION

🏠 in Bargah

A full day acclimatization with high altitude. Climbing up to 4500 meter and coming back. Resting and enjoying the landscape.



DAY 4- DAMAVAND SUMMIT 5671 METER

🏠 in shelter

Having a big day of ascending from Bargah, 4150 m, to Damavand summit, 5671 meters (8 hours). Staying at the summit, taking some pictures, descending to the shelter and having a summit party!

DAY 5- BACK TO TEHRAN

🏠 in Tehran

Descending from the shelter to Gosfandsara and driving to Tehran via Haraz road. Visiting Milad tower as well as having dinner at a traditional restaurant and resting at the hotel.

DAY 6- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

🏠 in Tehran

Visiting Golestan palace, National museum, the crown jewels museum and Grand Bazaar of Tehran. In the afternoon transference to IKA airport for your departure flight.



Biking in Persia

The Route is:

Tehran 🚗 Ardabil 🚗 Talesh
 🚗 Masouleh 🚗 Fuman
 🚗 Tehran

7 Days in Iran

- Season: spring, summer and autumn
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 6 days
- Style: Active Tour
- Hotel Rate: Camping, local house, villa and 4star hotel
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Exploring the highlights of Iran's nature by bicycle
- Cycling in mountain, forest and marine climates
- Being accompanied by a professional biking coach and guide
- 5 day-cycling from Talesh to Masouleh- the ancient village of Persia
- Rural Sightseeing in the fantastic villages of Subatan, Lorahini and Masouleh
- Meeting and spending time with the local people
- Crossing Alborz Range and staying in an unforgettable accommodation in Masouleh
- Swimming in the Caspian Sea



Biking in Spectacular North

Details:

You will cycle, along with our Professional biking coach and guide, in the fantastic areas of **Neor Lake to Subatan, Aghevlar, the Caspian Sea and Fuman** all in the main cities of **Talesh** and **Masouleh** in the north of Iran. Biking from Neor Lake to Subatan Village is one of the best choices for you to see a lake, forest and a beautiful village on the same trip. You can also enjoy a variety of weather (sunny, rainy, foggy, etc.) during the same day. You can have your own cycling equipment or rent it from us.

Talesh is a wonderful mountainous area, and its intact nature is a charming place for those who love nature. It is located on 140 km northwest of Rasht, on the south-western coast of the Caspian Sea. Neor Lake is home to the birds such as; ruddy shelduck and migrant swallows. Sports, fishing and other recreational activities are common and popular among visitors at this lake.

Masouleh is a vertical village in Iran. Masouleh architecture is unique. The buildings have been built into the mountain and are interconnected. Courtyards and roofs both serve as pedestrian areas similar to streets. Masouleh does not allow any motor vehicles to enter, due to its unique layout. It is the only village in Iran with such a prohibition. However, the small streets and many stairs simply also wouldn't make it possible for vehicles to enter. The spectacular architecture of Masouleh is well-known as "The yard of the above building is the roof of the below building".

Yellow clay coats the exterior of most buildings in Masouleh. This allows for a better visibility in the fog.

* Note: Visiting the crown jewels museum based on their working day, the museum is open from Saturday to Tuesday 14-16.30



DAY 1- DRIVING TO NEOR LAKE

in camp

You would be transferred directly to Neor lake via an amazing road in the Caspian seashores, the lake is located at the border of Alborz mountains. You will have your first traditional food of northern Iran.

DAY 2- BIKING FROM NEOR TO SUBATAN VILLAGE

in Subatan

Biking in an unique region, green hills covered by yellow flowers and fog.

DAY 3- BIKING FROM SUBATAN TO AGHEVLAR VILLAGE

in villa

A full day biking on dusty roads on green hills and rays! Crossing some beautiful villages like Lorahoni and enjoying the fresh air and spectacular landscape.



DAY 4- BIKING TO CASPIAN SEA

in villa

Having a long downhill from Aghevlar villa to the Caspian seashore. Biking in an asphalt downhill road near the river and forest to Talesh and crossing the town to the Caspian Sea. Swimming and relaxing in the Caspian sea.

DAY 5- MASOULEH

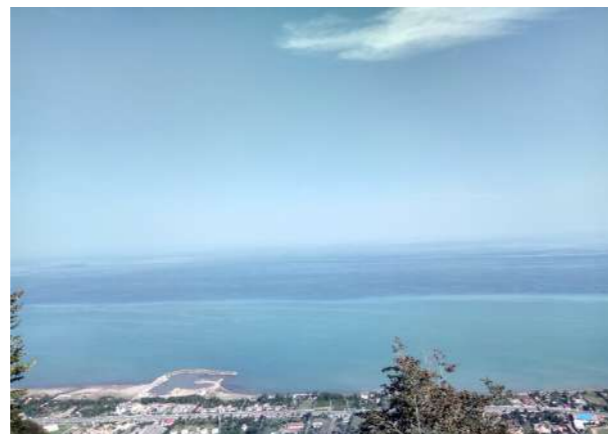
in Tehran

Having a traditional lunch in Masouleh and biking downhill from Masouleh to Fuman (45 km DH). Driving back from Masouleh to Tehran.

DAY 6- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

in Tehran

Visiting Golestan Palace, National Museum, the crown jewels museum, the grand Bazaar of Tehran. In the afternoon transference to IKA airport for your departure flight.



* Note: Visiting the crown jewels museum based on their working day, the museum is open from Saturday to Tuesday 14-16.30



Skiing in Iran!

The Route is:

Tehran Dizin Tehran

7 Days in Iran.

- Season: winter
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 5 days
- Style: ski tour
- Hotel Rate: 4-star
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Visiting the capital, a mixture of the modern and traditional life style.
- Visit Chaloos, the most spectacular road in Iran.
- Enjoy Skiing in a unique ski resort.
- The scenery of the biggest volcano in Asia.
- Experiencing Iranian lifestyle.
- Taking photographs in a unique nature.
- Accommodation in the beautiful Alborz mountain range.



Dizin ski resort

Details:

Iran has two extensive high ranges, Zagros and Alborz and also a couple of high mountains in the central part of the country. From all the 16 ski resorts in Iran and Dizin, the one located in Alborz range is the most famous one. According to testimonials of expert Skiers of the world, Alborz mountains has one of the best proper snow for skiing.

Our ski resort offers a wide variety of terrains, for many ski runs with max, 850-meter vertical drop. There exists a special experience for everyone, from long rolling cruising runs to wide bowls or narrow chutes. Dizin winter & summer international ski resort is located in the northwest of Tehran, where you and your family are offered a variety of sports activities to enjoy your short break fully. The following facilities are available in Dizin: hotel restaurant, ski school, tennis & volleyball courts, children's playground & summer grass skiing. Skiing facilities are available in the resort to hire; therefore you do not need to bring your gears. The ski school uses the international teaching method on the site, making your learning more enjoyable.

Dizin ski complex is the first ski and winter sports resort in Iran which has been officially recognized and granted by the International Ski Federation for its capability in administrating official and international competitions.

Dizin is situated in the northern mountains of Tehran at the Gajereh region which is 123 km by Chaloos and 71 km by Shemshak roads. Since Chaloos is the usual route to Dizin, you should consider the 3.5-hour drive to reach Dizin ski resort in the winter. The lowest point of the region is 2650 m and the highest point is 3600 meters above sea level.



DAY 1- DRIVING FROM TEHRAN TO DIZIN

🚗 in Dizin resort

You would be transferred directly to Dizin resort via Chaloos road. Visiting Alborz range with the great landscape of Damavand and beautiful villages. Skiing in the afternoon.

DAY 2- FULL DAY SKIING

🚗 in Dizin resort

Full day skiing at the great and amazing Dizin ski resort in the Alborz mountain range.

DAY 3- FULL DAY SKIING

🚗 in Dizin

Full day skiing at the great and amazing Dizin ski resort in the Alborz mountain range.



DAY 4- SKIING AND BACK TO TEHRAN

🚗 in Tehran

Half of the day skiing and returning to Tehran in the afternoon. Having dinner at a traditional restaurant and resting at the hotel.

DAY 5- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

🚗 in Tehran

Visiting Golestan Palace, National Museum, the crown jewels museum, the Grand Bazaar of Tehran. In the afternoon, transference to IKA Airport for your departure flight.



*** Note: * Visiting the crown jewels museum based on their working day, the museum is open from Saturday to Tuesday 14-16.30**



Trekking in Alborz range

The Route is:

Tehran 🚗 Mazichal 🚶‍♂️ Vandarbon
🚗 Caspian sea 🚗 Tehran

- Season: spring, summer and autumn
- Start: Tehran
- Finish: Tehran
- Duration: 6 days
- Style: Active Tour
- Hotel Rate: Camp, Local house and 4star hotel
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group

Highlights

- Visit the capital, mixture of modern and traditional life style.
- Visit Mazichal, a small village in Alborz range.
- Visit the Caspian Sea, the biggest lake in the world.
- Visit and camp in Valasht Lake.
- Climb and camp in a high altitude.
- Trekking in an amazing area.
- Acclimatization experience.
- Photography in a unique nature.
- Enjoy trekking in spectacular Alborz range.



Trekking in Alborz Slopes

Details:

Hiking in Iran would bring you an amazing experience. Alborz Mountains have many routes for trekking. The northern part of the Alborz Mountains is covered with UNESCO Hyrcanian forests, which eventually ends up in the Caspian Sea.

There are many villages in the Alborz Mountains and there are many beautiful mountain routes between these villages. The most fascinating ones are the trekking routes from the south of the Alborz Mountains to the north. Trekking in these high altitude is possible in spring, summer and autumn.

The most famous of these are trekking from Mazichal Valley to Roodbarak. Also, in the western part of the Alborz Mountains and close to the Caspian Sea, there are many amazing trails in the depths of the forest that flow through the forest villages and lakes.

Due to the long duration of such programs, we can climb several peaks of the Alborz in addition to crossing the beautiful villages and beautiful Alborz in the middle of the route.

We have designed most of these routes from Tehran (the capital of Iran). We, ultimately, reach the Caspian Sea by crossing the vast alpine areas of Central Alborz and climbing several peaks of the area. If you would like to explore the pristine areas of Alborz Mountains and step into the amazing areas of this land and enjoy, we will serve you enthusiastically.



DAY 1- DRIVING FROM TEHRAN TO MAZICAL

in village

You would be transferred directly to Mazichal to visit the Alborz Range with the great landscape of the Caspian Sea from Mazichal village.

DAY 2- TREKKING TO KALSERE

Camping

Spending 6 hours of trekking. leaving Mazichal and start trekking to Kalsere over the forest and the Caspian Sea.

DAY 3- CLIMBING TO KORMAKOOH PEAK (4200 METER)

Camping

Full day of climbing in a high elevation. Ascending to Kormakouh peak 4200 meter and go to Kalaho saddle and camping there to rest and enjoy the landscape.



DAY 4- DESCENDING TO ROODBARAK AND CAMPING IN VALASHT LAKE

Camping

Having a big descent from saddle 4000 meter to Roodbarak village 2500 meter (8 hours). Hiking in a terrific valley called Kaljaran and swimming in the river. Taking a car and going to Valasht lake, a beautiful lake in Alborz rang for camping and swimming.

DAY 5- DRIVING TO CASPIAN SEA

in Tehran

Driving from Alborz range to the Caspian Sea via Chaloos road. Visiting Zevat Forest and going to the Caspian seashores. Having fun and swimming and then driving back to Tehran.

DAY 6- CITY TOUR IN TEHRAN

in Tehran

Visiting Golestan palace, National museum, the crown jewels museum, the grand Bazaar of Tehran. In the afternoon transference to IKA airport for your departure flight.



** Note: Visiting the crown jewels museum is based on their working day, the museum is open from Saturday to Tuesday 14-16.30*

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Alisadr Cave

Daily Excursion to Alisadr

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Tehran for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little natural adventure in a gorgeous long cave.

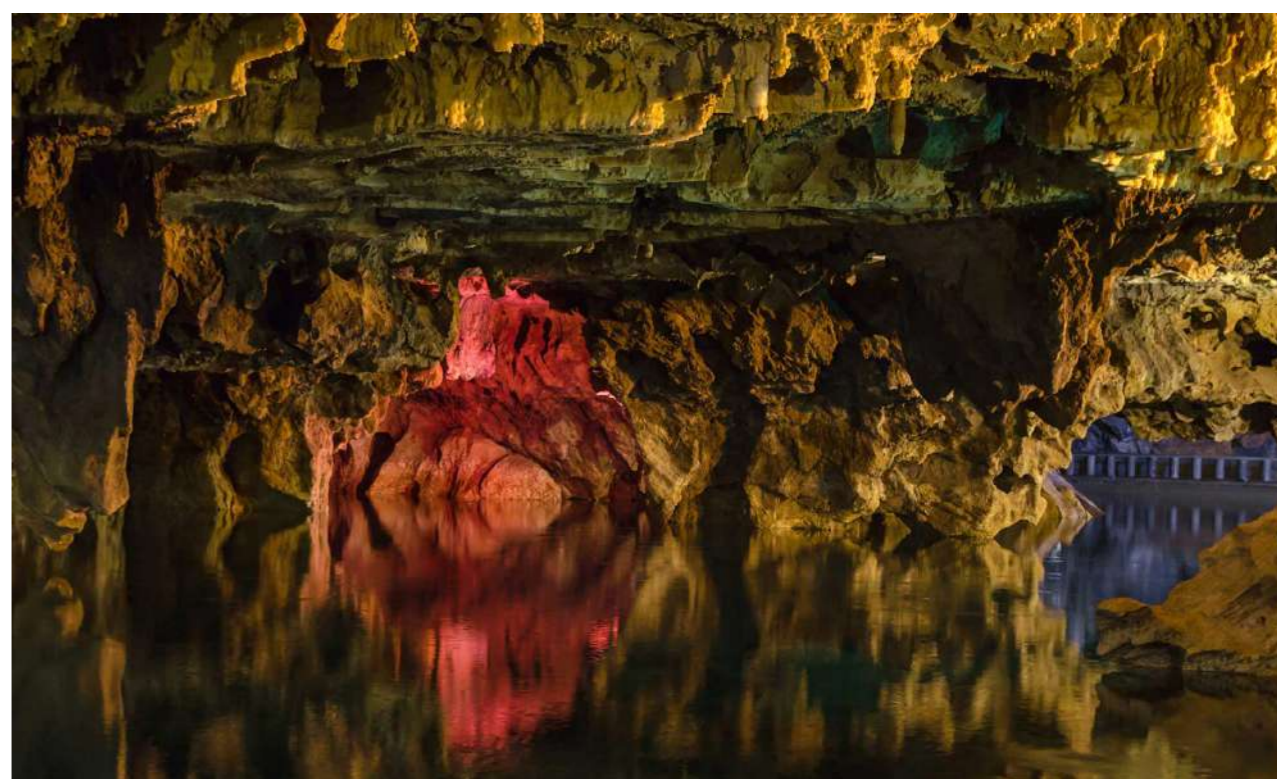
Alisadr Cave, demonstrated as the longest water cave on the earth and an amazing place to visit for people who are interested in the geological phenomenon or even nature lovers...

A drive on the Tehran-Hamedan highway to reach Alisadr cave and the visitation taking about three hours, including riding a boat and walking in the cave for 1km...

The impressive limestone-made structures in the cave are extraordinary and the reflection of them in the pure water of the cave is spectacular. The excursion would finish in Tehran in the evening.



- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran at 8:00-You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Tehran at 19:00-You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 6 hours driving)
- Style: Geo-Tour
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group



Bishapur

Daily Excursion to Bishapur ancient site

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Shiraz, for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little cultural adventure in the ancient city of Bishapur.

Bishapur ancient town, was built by the order of Shapur I in the Sassanid era in 266 A.D in the honor of the victory against Valerian, the Roman prince. It was one of the most glorious towns in the past and there was a place with

high arches and full of mosaic art in the palace and in the royal courtyard. Also, Anahita temple, which was built to praise the goddess of water, is still preserved and would amaze you with an extraordinary structure next to the fire temple. Next to the ancient town of Bishapur is a gorge with some bas-reliefs from the same time to describe some stories from Sassanid kings.



- **2 Hours far from Shiraz**
- Season: All around the year
- Start: Shiraz at 9:00- You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Shiraz at 18:00- You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 4 hours driving)
- Style: Cultural-Tour
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group



Damavand Sightseeing

Daily Excursion Around Damavand Mount

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Tehran, for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little natural adventure on the sides of the Mount Damavand.

Damavand, a unique volcano mountain, located in the heart of Alborz range and known as the highest mountain in the middle east and the highest volcano of Asia with 5670m above sea level...

On this daily tour, we take you to 2500m altitude around this mountain to experience an impressive scenery of Damavand, Haraz valley and Alborz range. Also, you are invited to have a swim in the sulfuric hot spring spa in the foothills of Damavand. The ash sediments and columnar joints around Damavand are also spectacular for geologists.

- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran at 9:00- You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Tehran at 19:00- You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 4 hours driving)
- Style: Geo-Tour/ Natural-Tour
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group



Maranjab Desert

Daily Excursion to Maranjab Desert

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Kashan or Tehran (if requested) for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little natural adventure in the beautiful deserts.

Maranjab, a mysterious desert with amazing sand dunes and wonderful salty-lake...

A drive with 4WD cars to the heart of the desert...

Having a look at Helal mausoleum with amazing tile and mirror art en-route as well as a 17th-century Carvansarai in Maranjab desert, in this excursion, you will experience walking on the very soft sand dunes and enjoying the landscape of the desert at the top of the dunes. You will never forget the salt crystals that would catch your eyes on the salty lake...



- **2 Hours far from Kashan**
- Season: All around the year
- Start: Kashan at 9:00-You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Kashan (after sunset)- You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 4 hours driving)
- Style: Geo-Tour/ Cultural-Tour
- vehicle: 4WD



Chek-Chek Zoroastrians Temple

Daily Excursion to Kharanaq Village and Chek-Chek Zoroastrians Temple

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Yazd for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little cultural adventure in the hills and mud-brick villages. Kharanaq, is the name of an ancient village, which is now abandoned and a new town has been formed next to it. It is located 70km far from Yazd in a high range and pleasant weather. The abandoned part is completely made of mud-bricks from 1000 years ago with multi-floor

houses, tunnels, passages and amazing allies inside. Also, there is a renovated mosque from the Qajar era with a shaking minaret. Another monument next to the village is a Savaid Carvansarai with an amazing structure. The tour includes visiting one of the most famous Zoroastrians temple, Chek-Chek, as well. The temple is in the heart of central mountains with an amazing view of the region and you will meet some Zoroastrians during worship inside the temple and know more about their culture.

- **1 Hour far from Yazd**
- Season: All around the year
- Start: Yazd at 9:00- You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Yazd at 17:00- You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 3 hours driving)
- Style: Cultural Tour
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group



Tehran's Downtown Tour

An Excursion to Visit the Old Face of Capital

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Tehran, for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little cultural adventure in the middle part of the capital of Iran.

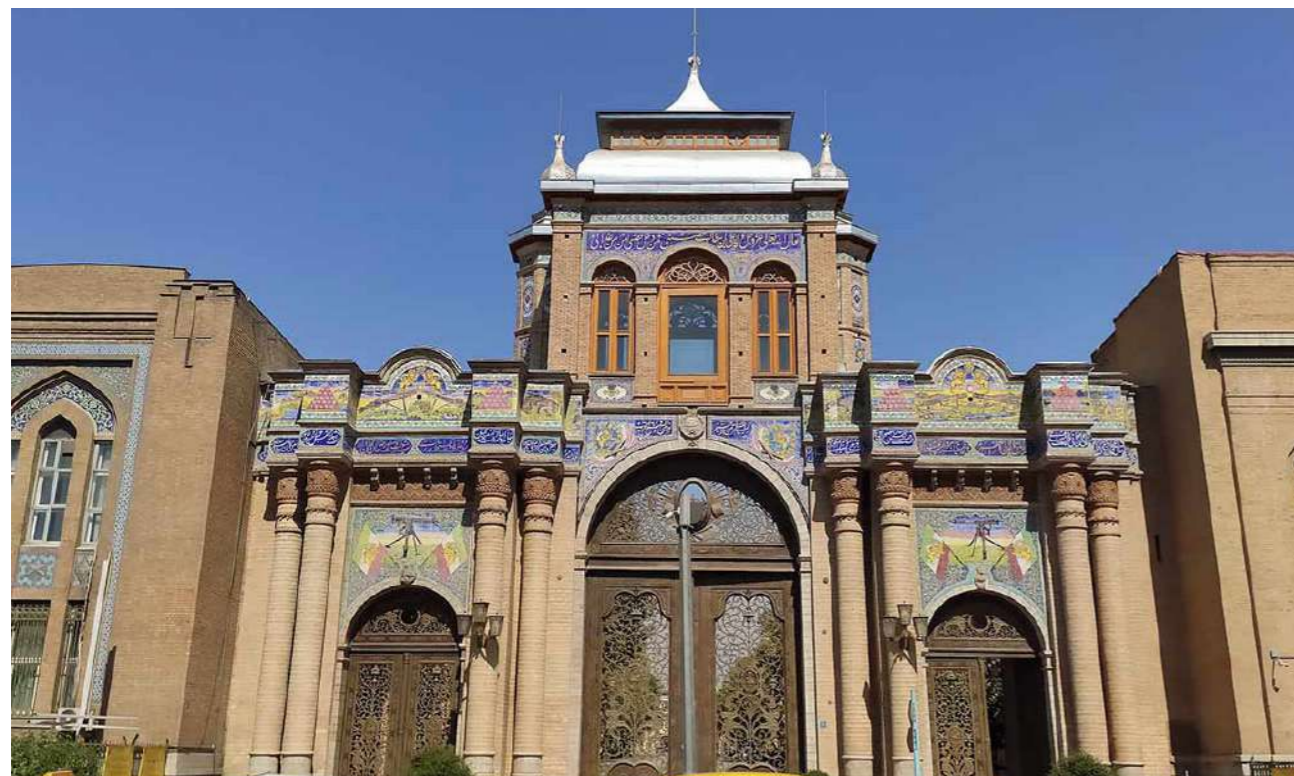
Tehran has two faces, modern and classic. On this tour, we take you to the heart of the capital to visit the old and classic face of Tehran. One day to visit the national museum, the first museum of Iran and having a walk through the old part with a look at the national garden's gate and then Golestan palace, the royal and governmental capital

in the 19th century full of tiling and glass art. After visiting the palace, our walk continues to the Grand Bazaar of Tehran to experience the Iranian culture of shopping. After lunch, the tour continues with visiting the crown-jewels museum, a very precious jewelry collection in the world. The tour would finish by driving back to your accommodation place in Tehran.

Note: The crown-jewels museum is open only from Saturday to Wednesday and in the weekend the glassware museum would be replaced in the tour.



- Season: All around the year and every day
- Start: Tehran at 9:00- You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Tehran at 17:00- You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 8 hours)
- Style: Cultural Tour
- vehicle: Depends on the size of the group



Tehran's North

An Excursion To Visit the Modern Face of the Capital

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Tehran, for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little cultural adventure in the north of the capital of Iran.

Tehran has two faces, modern and classic. On this tour, we take you to the northern part of the capital to visit the modern and wealthy area in Tehran. The tour starts with visiting Niavaran palace, the last palace built before the revolution of 1979. Then our drive continues to Darband, a beautiful gorge in the foothills of Alborz high range and now it is a part of the capital with lots of cafes and restaurants making there a popular

place for people. We will have a walk in the gorge to visit the combination of nature and civilization. After Darband, the tour continues in Saad-Abad palace and garden, a walk in Saad-Abad garden and visiting two palaces from Pahlavi era with amazing structure and decoration. In the afternoon, the last place to visit is Tabiat (nature) bridge, the symbol of modern life in Tehran with an interesting structure to connect two parks on an expressway with a spectacular view of the northern part of Tehran and Alborz mountains. The excursion would finish by driving back to your accommodation place in Tehran.

- Season: All around the year and every day
- Start: Tehran at 9:00- You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Tehran at 17:00- You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 8 hours)
- Style: Cultural Tour
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group



Qazvin City

Daily Excursion to Qazvin

Details:

This short excursion is for the tourists visiting Tehran, for other reasons than sightseeing, but have a free day to dedicate to a little cultural adventure in the historical city of Qazvin.

Qazvin, a big city located 200km far from Tehran and connects the capital to the west and north-west part of Iran. Qazvin has an old history since the Sassanid era when it was a place for trade on the Silk road. But the most important era for Qazvin begun in the 16th century, when it was selected by a Safavid king, Shah-Tahmasb the first,

as the capital of Iran and it was the governmental and royal place for 56 years. In Qazvin, you visit monuments from the Safavid era including Chehelsotoun palace and garden, Sardar cistern, Saad-al-Saltaneh Caravansarai, Qazvin Bazaar, and the famous gate of Tehran.



- Season: All around the year
- Start: Tehran at 8:00- You will be collected at your hotel
- Finish: Tehran at 19:00- You will be dropped off at your hotel
- Duration: One day (totally 4 hours driving)
- Style: Cultural Tour
- Vehicle: Depends on the size of the group



Testimonial



“I always wanted to go to Iran, until I found Gate of Nations in one of the Indigo Traveller’s videos on Iran...They cared and were there for me in every single moment of my trip. They also managed to get me wherever I wanted to!”

Abhay Sapru
From India
Visited 2019



“we were the only two on the tour along with our marvellous guide and driver Sajji (Sajjad Ezati). This was the highlight of our time away. The people of Iran (young and old) were friendly, welcoming and very hospitable. Despite concerns of friends and family, there was never a time that we felt unsafe...”

From Australia
Visited 2019



“I will always now have a very special memory of my holiday in Iran, in fact I think so far it has been the most rewarding experience of any of my travels and very different to what I imagined before I left Australia. I will be certainly telling my friends to visit Iran and experience what your country has to offer and the hospitality and generosity of the Iranian people.”

Robert Jones
From Australia
Visited 2016



“You are the best!
“Iran is such an amazing country with such a unique culture, and Gate of Nations is unequivocally the best tour agency I’ve ever worked with [...] I cannot wait to take another trip to Iran!”

Lei Zhenchuan
from China
visited 2019

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 “Thank you for showing me around Tehran and Qom. I enjoyed the information and our conversations.

It was an excellent visit.”

James Clarke
 From the U.S
 Visited in 2017



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 “Coming to your country was exciting and very interesting but also we were not quite knowing what to expect. Especially when things in the outside world were changing each day....
 We had the most amazing time, with so much history and culture to experience.... and many amazing places to eat. The warmth and welcome from so many people in the street was the most overwhelming experience.

Win and Russell
 Visited 2018
 From Australia



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 “We travelled to Iran in April/May 2018 with another couple of friends, all of us close to 70. We felt safer there than we do on the streets of Melbourne...
 Our guide was wonderful and understood clearly what we needed to do to manage better some of the longer days.... The picture of Iran painted in the Western press beggars belief. You must go there and see for yourself! The people of Iran are so welcoming, friendly and generous!”

Mavis and Neil from Australia
 Visited 2018



Gate of Nations' Other Services

IRAN E-VISA

Iran has launched an electronic visa (E-Visa) service in early 2017 to facilitate obtaining your authorization code, which is a visa reference number for most nationalities. Here, we have provided a platform on our website for you to get your visa authorization code.

• Why us?

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Fill in the 5-minute online application form in our website and receive your visa within 10 business days.



FREE CONSULATION:

Gate of Nations is the first Iranian tour operator who provides free consultations for anyone who wishes to have any kind of trip to Iran. We are here to give all pieces of advice, any kind of suggestion and any piece of information required. We are here for all types of travelers, from those who have not heard of Iran to the people who even know where they want to go and what to see.

Moreover, our Facebook group, “My Trip to Iran”, is a forum for all kinds of reviews, questions, pieces of information and etc. Feel free to join!

For Just our Tourists (People who come to Iran through us):

- Insurance: we insure our tourists regarding any medical issues while we accompany them in Iran.
- Transportation: we provide airport transfers, both for individuals and groups.
- Local Sim Card: our tourists have access to high speed internet everywhere in Iran.
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SAJJAD EZATI
Tour Manager

Sajjad Ezati has been working in the tourism industry since 2012. He is educated in Tourism Management, knows German and has worked in various positions in the travel and leisure industry and nothing would stop him to increase his abilities and developing his knowledge. Sajjad is also trained in singing traditional music of Iran and a professional mountain climber for 15 years.
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IRAJ SEBGHATI
Tour Leader
(outgoing from Germany to Iran)

Iraj Sebghati has been living in Germany for almost 30 years and has guided tours to Iran for more than 20 years now. All the experiences he has gained through these years have not only made him know the Germans' culture and expectations, but also the best way to cope with any kind of difficulties that may occur during the tours. He has cooperated with Studio-sus, one of the greatest tour agencies in Germany. He has also pursued a career in journalism and writing and trying to write a book about his experiences in Iran.



NASRIN TALEBI
Executive Director

"Journeys are the midwives of thought. Few places are more conducive to internal conversations than a moving plane, ship or train..." - Alain de Botton
As an enthusiast of traveling and Iran, she likes to prepare the way for others to reach amazingly new points of view towards life. To get there, she puts to work her knowledge of tourism, communication, management, and team working to establish the sub-structure needed. She wants the passengers to say: "I was here, I saw this and it mattered to me."



HAMID RAHMANI
Product Owner

He has years of experience as a product owner, business analyst and business developer with over 7 years of experience in the fields of economy, and digital business services. He knows high risk investment methods, project management, procedure management and delivery management. He is a fast-learner who enjoys challenges.



SAHAND HABIBI
Technical Consultant

He is educated in computer software engineering; has work experiences in web and app designing, and is a constant fan of technology. Technically, Sahand is an expert in DevOps and Open Source. Responsibility, assuring that users can always access available services, and being always on call are of his greatest qualifications obeying the work ethics.



MINA RASTEGAR
Tour Leader
(Incoming to Iran)

A PhD holder on archeology, and a learned person in the field of Persian culture and history, Mina knows how to combine her knowledge with the practice of tour leading. Her years of experience as a world traveler has also led her to know different cultures and lifestyles.



FOAD REZAPUR
Tour Leader
(Incoming to Iran)

Before practicing as a tour guide, Foad has been traveling to many parts of Iran. He knows, mostly, the geographical aspects of this land and can be a great leader for the nature lovers. Adventure and active tours are his specialty and is an experienced and reliable coach and guide for the people who like to experience climbing, diving, paragliding, biking and ... in Iran.



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“ We have been telling our friends what a wonderful experience we had in your amazing country and how very nice the Persian people are, and how friendly and welcoming everyone was. ”



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