



Iranian Holiday Package: Alamut Castle

The rise and fall of the power of the Assassins is one of the most extraordinary of the middle ages. The founder of the Assassins was an adventurer by the name of Hassan Sabbah, also known as old man of the mountains, who was exiled from a Persian court and took refuge in the grim tangle of Alburz mountains, which stretch in a great arc around the southern end of the Caspian sea.

Whilst wandering with his tiny band of retainers in these hospitable mountains, Hassan Sabbah stumbled across the Assassin valley- a huge fertile gash in the very heart of the sierra, which soar upward like jagged ramparts on every side of hidden valley. Hassan Sabbah took upon himself the title of Sheik el Jebel, or Lord of the Mountains. Hassan Sabbah was no ordinary man, and his followers believe that their Sheik was indeed one of the Prophets. Even the mention of the name "Hasan-e-Sabbah" could terrorize the Caliphs in Baghdad and Cairo.

Alamut Castle was his headquarters impenetrable fortresses but the Assassins had many fearful fortresses along the Alborz Mountains. On this tour you will be visiting Alamut, Lamsar, Samiran, Roodkhan castles and villages on route all set in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

_This tour involves moderate trekking for 3-4 hours each day. At the end of this tour, if you wish you can join our Persian Dream tour to visit Yazd, Shiraz, Persepolis and Isfahan.

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DURATION: 8 DAYS

Dates 2018	Date 2019
09 May - 16 May	08 May - 15 May
29 Sep - 06 Oct	25 Sep - 02 Oct

Tour cost: £1580

Single supplement: £150 (Single supplements can be provided only in Tehran, not in the local houses)

What is included in the tour price:

- Accommodation at a hotel or local house
- Sharing a twin room
- Airport transfers
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Land transport
- All excursions and sightseeing entrance fees
- Porterage
- An English speaking guide

- What is not included:
 - International flight
 - Iranian Consulate visa fee €180
 - Travel insurance

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ITINERARY

Day 1, Tehran

Upon arrival in Tehran you are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. After a short rest at the hotel, we spend all day visiting the capital's Archaeological and Carpet Museums. We stay overnight in Tehran.

Day 2, Tehran/Zarband

We drive to the city of Qazvin and continue up to the Alborz mountains. We stop at Gazorkhan village where a light trek takes us up to Alamut Castle for one or two hours, before we return to Gazorkhan village and drive to Evan Lake and Zarabad village where we stay overnight in a local house.

Day 3, Zarband/Manjil

After breakfast we drive to Razmian village and trek up to Lamsar Castle which we visit for one hour. Then we drive down to Qazvin for a city tour, and continue driving to Manjil to visit Samiran castle. Overnight stay at local house.

Day 4, Manjil/Roodkhan

We drive to Fooman and then to Roodkhan village, trekking in the mountainous forests for about four hours up to the magnificent Roodkhan Castle. Overnight camp in Roodkhan.

Day 5, Roodkhan/Mahmudabad

After climbing down from Roodkhan Castle, we drive first to Rasht and then along the Caspian Sea to Ramsar, Chalus and Mahmudabad. Overnight at a 3* hotel.

Day 6, Mahmudabad/Damghan

We drive to Babolsar, Sari and Damghan. Overnight at a local house.

Day 7, Damghan/Tehran

Trekking to Gerdkuh west of Damghan, then drive to Tehran where we stay the night.

Day 8, Tehran/London

Transfer to the airport for the flight back