
Persian Voyages

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Iranian Holiday Package: Pearl of Persia

A Journey to North West and central Iran.

Dates 2018	Dates 2019
07 Apr – 27 Apr	12 Apr - 02 May
11 May – 31 May	18 Sep – 08 Oct
28 Sep -18 Oct	

Tour cost: £3550

Single supplement: £560

What is included in the tour price:

- Accommodation
- Airport transfers, land transport
- Breakfast,
- All excursions and sightseeing, entrance fees
- Porterage and English speaking guide

What is not included:

- International flight
- Dinner, lunch
- Iranian Consulate visa fee £165
- Visa service
- Travel insurance

ITENARY

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, the Royal Crown Jewels and Golestan Palace.

We stay overnight in Tehran.

Day 2, Zanjan

Drive to Qazvin to visit Friday mosque and continue to drive to Zanjan to visit UNESCO designated Mongolian site of Soltanieh Dome (319 km 4-5 hrs). Overnight Zanjan.

Day 3, Rasht

Drive to Rasht (348km 4-5 hrs) visiting pretty village of Masouleh. Overnight Masouleh.

Day 4, Ardbil

Drive to Ardbil (266km 3-4 hrs) Visiting 16th century Sheikh Safi-od-din Mausoleum. Overnight Ardbil.

Day 5, Tabriz

Drive to Tabriz (219km 3-4 hrs) via Sarein (with many natural spring water at the foot of Sabalan mountain), Visiting blue mosque and bazaar. Overnight Tabriz.

Day 6, Takab

Drive to Takab (300km 4-5 hrs), visiting Takht-e-Solyman (the Throne of Soleiman) probably dated back to 3rd century. Overnight Takab.

Day 7, Hamadan

Drive to Hamadan (280km, 4-5 hrs) To visit Ganjnamah Two inscriptions carved on the face of Alvand mountain, belonging to Darius and Xerxes. Tombs of Avicenna the great Persian Mathematician, Mausoleum of Esther the Achaemenian Queen. Overnight Hamadan.

Day 8, Hamadan

Excursion to Kermanshah to visit Anahita Temple, Bistoun and Sassanid Rock Relief at Tagh-e-Bostan. Return to Hamadan. Overnight Hamadan.

Day 9, Kashan

We drive to Kashan (403km 5-6 hours) and visit the Royal Gardens of Fin, with its historical bathing-house Agha Bozorg Mosque, Sialk Mounds, a settlement belong to approximately 4,500 BC. Overnight Kashan.

Day 10, Yazd

Our day consists of a leisurely drive on to Yazd, (371km 4-5 hours), on the way visit village of Abyaneh known by UNESCO as a historical village. Overnight in Yazd.

Day 11, Yazd

We visit the Towers of Silence, (Zoroastrian's commentary) where the dead were left to be picked clean by the vultures the Friday Mosque, dates back to the 14th century with tallest minarets in Iran and the Fire Temple, the fire has supposedly been burning since 470 AD. Amir Chakhmagh mosque, one of the most valuable artistic historical heritages. Overnight Yazd.

Day 12, Kerman

We drive onward to Kerman, (362km 5-6 hours) to visit the Ganj-Ali Khan Complex, with unique work of architecture with beautiful tile work, painting, stuccos and arches. Overnight Kerman

Day 13, Rayan -Mahan -Kerman

We make an excursion to Mahan, visiting the Shah Nematollah Shrine, the highly great Sufi leader and the Shahzadeh Garden with a collection of pools leading to a palace. Our drive continues to the ruins of the Citadel of Rayan, remaining a symbol of the residential fortresses during the ancient times return to Kerman where we overnight at the Hotel.

Day 14, Shiraz

Drive to Shiraz (667km 9-10 hours). Overnight Shiraz.

Day 15, Shiraz

Excursion, this time to Persepolis, "Ancient Capital of the Achaemenian Kings" Naghesh-e- Rajab a site of four limestone rockface inscriptions and bas-reliefs that date to the early Sassanid era. and Naghesh-e-Rostam, the tombs of four Achaemenid kings, these are two archaeological sites candidate for UNESCO World Heritage. Back to Shiraz. Overnight Shiraz.

Day 16, Shiraz

Sightseeing in Shiraz, visiting the Eram Garden, a typical Persian garden with a 19th century palace; Hafez and Saadi Tombs and the then colourful Vakil Bazaar. Overnight Shiraz.

Day 17, Isfahan

We continue to drive to Isfahan, (484km 6-7hours) en-route stop at Pasargade to visit the tomb of Cyrus the Great, founder of Persian Empire. Overnight Isfahan.

Day 18, Isfahan

A full day sightseeing, visiting Imam Mosques with its most stunning architecture, Sheikh Lotfollah, a 16th century ladies mosque the Aliqapou Palace, the 18th century as a functioning seat of government Vanak Church, 17th century Armenian church , the Shaking Minarets, these minarets have the unusual feature of moving from side to side when shaken vigorously, and the Fire Temple. Overnight Isfahan.

Day 19, Shiraz

Sightseeing in this fascinating city continues with the Friday Mosque, a treasure architecture, Chehel Sotoun, which was built as a reception hall by Shah Abbas II in 1647 Hasht Behesht Palace with fine murals and spectacular roofs, Khajou Bridge ,built by Shah Abbas II in 1650, it is 123 metres long with 24 arches. Overnight Isfahan.

Day 20, Tehran

Drive to Tehran, (435km 6-7 hours). Overnight in Tehran.

Day 21, Tehran-London

Transfer to the airport for the return flight.