



Iranian Holiday Package: Highlights of Iran

Our most popular package; this 14 day tour consists of visiting the greatest sites of Iran including: Tehran, Kashan, Yazd, Kerman, Shiraz and Isfahan.

Maximum size of group: 12

Travel over land by mini coach with driver and a professional English speaking guide. Meals include breakfast and lunch daily.

DURATION: 14 DAYS

Dates 2019

25 Jan – 07 Feb

15 Feb – 28 Feb

01 Mar – 14 Mar

19 Apr - 02 May

03 May – 16 May

07 Jun - 20 Jun

26 Jul – 08 Aug

25 Sep – 08 Oct

07 Oct – 20 Oct

18 Nov – 01 Dec

21 Dec – 03 Jan 2020

Tour cost - : £2650

Single supplement: £380

What is included in the tour price:

- Accommodation
- Sharing a twin room

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- Airport transfers
- Breakfast, Lunch
- Land transport
- All excursions and sightseeing entrance fees
- Porterage
- An English speaking guide

What is not included:

- International flight
- Iranian Consulate visa fee £165
- Dinner
- Travel insurance

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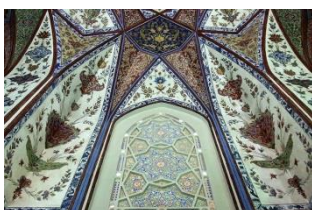


Day 1, Tehran

Upon arrival in Tehran, you are met at the airport and transfer to the hotel. After a short rest at the hotel you will have sightseeing in Tehran visiting **Archaeological** museum, houses one of the most important collections of objects from both the pre Islamic and Islamic periods

Golestan palace, once the residence of the Qajar kings before being used by the Pahlavi dynasty, for special ceremonies, such as the coronation of the last Shah in 1967 with its peaceful garden and then **Carpet Museum**.

Overnight Tehran



Day 2, Tehran - Kashan

We drive to Kashan (264km 2-3 hours) located on the rim of the central Salt Desert, it dates back to prehistoric times. It is the city of carpets, velvets, glazed tiles, pottery and rosewater to visit the **Royal Gardens of Fin**, with its abundant water-supply, garden, pool with numerous spouts, and an old historical bathing-house, **Agha Bozorg Mosque** and then **Sialk Mounds** a settlement belong to approximately 4,500 BC.

Overnight Kashan



Day 3, Kashan - Yazd

Our day consists of a leisurely drive on to Yazd, (371km 4-5 hours), on the way visit ancient village of **Abyaneh** known by UNESCO as a historical village, the local traditional costumes and customs of the people as well as the architecture of the village still afford a picture of life in ancient rural Iran.

Overnight Yazd



Day 4, Yazd

According to UNESCO Yazd is the Second Historic City in the World.

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 and is one of the most beautiful tourist attractions in the central Iran, the Zoroastrian **Fire Temple**, the fire has supposedly been burning since 470 AD. **Amir Chakhmagh** mosque, one of the most valuable artistic historical heritages and treasures of the Islamic-national architecture

Overnight Yazd



Day 5, Yazd - Kerman

We drive onward to Kerman,(362km 5-6 hours) located on a high margin of Lut Desert to visit the **Ganj-Ali Khan Complex**. composed of a school, a square, a caravanserai and a public bath, a water reservoir, a mint house, a mosque, a tea house and a bazaar. The historic bath now is an

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ethnographic museum with unique work of architecture with beautiful tile work, painting, stuccos and arches.

Overnight Kerman



Day 6, Kerman - Mahan - Rayan

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We make an excursion to Mahan, visiting the **Shah Nematollah Shrine** the mausoleum of the highly great Sufi leader, Shah-Nemat-ollah-e-Vali, who died in 1431. The **Shahzadeh Garden**, once was the summer residence of a prince of the Qajar Dynasty it is a typical Persian 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 7, Kerman - Shiraz

We drive through the Zagros Mountains to Shiraz. En route we visit the excavated city of Sirjan and Neiriz with its unusual mosque and Sassanid Sarvestan.

Our overnight stay is in Shiraz.



Day 8, Shiraz

An unforgettable excursion, to **Persepolis**, "Ancient Capital of the Achaemenian Kings" established by Darius I in the late 6th century BC. it is known today in Iran as Takht-e Jamshid ("Throne of Jamshid") after a legendary king. The Greeks called it Persepolis.

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. Then it's back to Shiraz for another night.

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Day 09, Shiraz

Today we explore Shiraz itself, visiting the **Eram Garden**, a typical Persian garden with a 19th century palace. **Hafez** and **Saadi Tombs**, Shiraz is closely linked to the great poets Hafez and Saadi. and the then colourful Vakil **Bazaar**
Overnight Shiraz



Day 10, Shiraz - Isfahan

We drive to Isfahan, (484km 6-7hours) en-route visiting **Pasaragde** a city in ancient Persia and is today an archaeological site and UNESCO World Heritage site to visit the tomb of **Cyrus the Great**, founder of Persian Empire
Overnight Isfahan



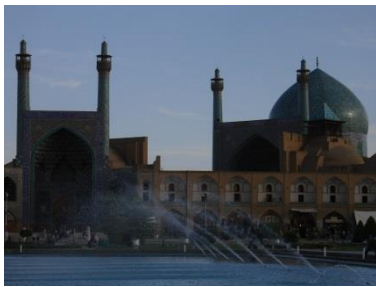
Day 11, Isfahan

A full day sightseeing, visiting **Imam Mosques**, the most stunning buildings in Iran, it was built over a period of 26 years and was eventually completed in 1638. **Sheikh Lotfollah Mosques**, was built during Shah Abbas' the mosque was once called the ladies's Mosque, because there is apparently a tunnel between this mosque and the Ali Qapu Palace on the other side, allowing women from Haram to attend prayers without being seen in public.
The **Aliqapou Palace**, built in the 18th century as a functioning seat of government, and included a huge pavilion from where the Safavid rulers could watch the activities in the square below. **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 visit the Sassnid **Fire Temple**

Overnight Isfahan

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Day 12, Isfahan

Sightseeing in this fascinating city continues with the **Friday Mosque** one of the treasure buildings of Isfahan, **Chehel Sotoun**, which was built as a reception hall by Shah Abbas II in 1647, the name means "The Forty Columns" and though there are only twenty columns of cypress wood, their reflections in the adjacent pool provide the other twenty. **Hasht Behesht Palace**, was completed in 1669 with its fine murals with spectacular roofs and **Khajou Bridge** was built by Shah Abbas II in 1650, it is 123 metres long with 24 arches.

Overnight Isfahan



Day 13, Isfahan - Tehran

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

Overnight Tehran

Day 14, Tehran - London

Transfer to the airport for your flight back.