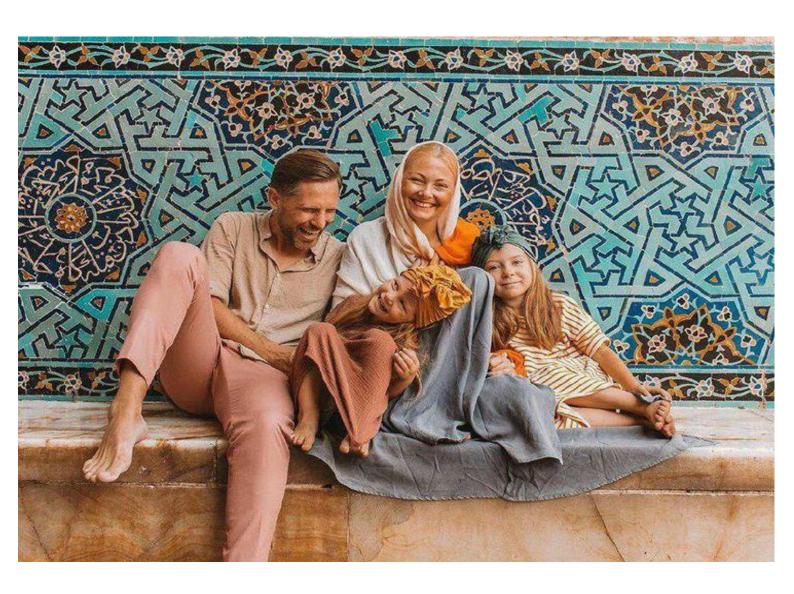


# Immerse in Iranian Culture \*\*: Live Like a Local

**Friendly Iran 14-day Iran Tour** 

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# Day 1: Tehran

#### Iran Salam!

Arriving to the capital of Iran, Tehran, this locates in the center of land of Persia. Tehran has been Iran capital after the Qajar Era. In this dynasty Tehran has been developed and Qajar Kings have built so many Gardens-Palaces and also museums there.

Arrival in Tehran and we'll start our tour with the welcoming of FriendlyIran Agents. Transfer to Hotel, then based on arrival time we'll visit the Historical-Time Tunnel at the National Museum of Iran, there you can have an aspect of Iran's history within the time. There are objects from thousands of years ago up to now. After that, we'll visit the National Jewelry Museum, a small treasury of precious jewels, or objects designed with jewels and diamonds.

In the afternoon we'll see Carpet Museum and Azadi tower, the symbol of freedom in Tehran. Overnight in Tehran.

# Day 2: Tehran – Kashan

Breakfast then we'll go to Golestan Palace-Garden, the Shamsol Emareh palace. Shamsol Emareh means the building of the sun; it's the most beloved palace of Golestan Complex. 7 Qajarid King and 2 Pahlavid King have held crowning ceremony there.

We'll walk in Tehran Grand Bazaar, enjoying the vibe of Persian traditional business. In the afternoon we'll either drive or take a bus to Kashan.

Overnight in Kashan.

#### Day 3: Kashan

Today we'll start our day visiting Boroujerdi and Tabatabaei houses, remained from Qajar Era. The houses of Kashan seem to be so simple from outside, but once you get in there, you'll find yourself in splendid rooms with so much artistic ornaments.

After lunch we'll go to Fin Garden, a saffavid garden which is entitled in UNESCO world heritage Persian gardens. After that walking in Kashan's Bazaar. In the bazaar, we'll visit the Amin o doleh Timche, a small caravanserai with a very eye-catching tiles and splendid architecture.

Overnight in Kashan.



# Day 4: Kashan- Natanz- Isfahan

Breakfast, drive to Isfahan. On the way we'll go to Natanz, and we'll have a quick stop at the Jameh mosque and Sufi Sheikh Abad al Samad. Then keep drive to Isfahan, in Isfahan visiting the Aquarium. This Aquarium is 4000 meter vast and is home to 300 kinds of Fishes and 6 kinds of Sharks.

Overnight in Isfahan.

# Day 5: Isfahan

Breakfast at hotel, then let's go to Naghshe Jahan Square and visit the blue sky joining with the blue tiles of Jameh Abbasi Mosque (Imam Mosque) This mosque was built in Saffavid Era and has fascinating architecture. After this lovely Mosque, we'll visit another mosque in the square, the Sheikh Lotfollah mosque! This mosque was built for the women of royal family. The ornaments of its dome is a true beauty of Islamic architecture, showing the skill of the saffavid artists. Ali Qapu is the next place that we will see. This palace has a room named as Music room and the ornaments of this room is like the Persian music instruments, which reflex the sound of music in it. In the Terrace of this castle the king used to sit, rest and watch the polo game in the square.

We will also visit Qeysarieh Bazaar, there we will be familiar with Iranian art and handicrafts, maybe buy some Gaz, the famous sweet of Isfahan.

Chehel Sotoun palace is really close to Naghshe Jahan Square. We'll go there to visit this attractive palace with its lovely painting. Each wall has its own painting and its own story. Overnight in Isfahan.

#### Day 6: Isfahan

Today we'll walk in the residential area of Armenians in Isfahan, the area is called Jolfa. In Jolfa region we'll visit the Vank Cathedral, the most famous church of Isfahan. The painting inside this Church is truly eye catching. In the museum, you can see a single hair with an Armenian sentence on it. We will also go to Isfahan Music Museum; there we can hear the traditional music of Iran. In Jolfa we have time to walk and explore its cozy shops, that reminds us the Azeri shops of Azerbaijan.

Visiting Isfahan Jameh Mosque. This mosque was built by 4 different era and is the first mosque with 4 courtyards.

In the night we'll walk next to Zayandeh Rood river, wondering on Sio-Se-pol bridge and Khaju bridge, and maybe have some coffee in the lovely coffee shop on the Khaju bridge, called Café Farhang.

Overnight in Isfahan.



#### Day 7: Isfahan – Yazd

Leaving Isfahan toward Yazd, on the way we'll visit Naein Jameh mosque. The first mosque of Iran. The Narin Castle of Meybod and the Pigeon house. We can also stop to see Zarch Qanat the longest cistern of Yazd.

Arriving at Yazd! The historical city is a world heritage site! So, make yourself at home! Overnight in Yazd.

#### Day 8: Yazd

Starting our tour in Yazd and visiting Amir Chakhmag Meydoon (Square). There we can visit the Cisterns, Caravanserai, bazaar and other parts of this great complex. We'll visit the splendid Jame Mosque of Yazd and Water Museum. Then we'll walk in old part of Yazd, called Fahadan. There is a mysterious joy in walking in the tiny alleys of Fahadan. Overnight in Yazd.

#### Day 9: Yazd

Today we'll visit the Zoroastrian Fire Temple, where the Zoroastrians worship the Fire! One of the sacred elements of life. People say that the fire inside is on for hundred years. After this holy temple we'll visit the Tower of Silence (the Dakhma) the cemetery of Zoroastrian people in ancient times. Coming back to the city center and visiting Dolat Abad Garden, a UNESCO world heritage Persian garden which consists of a summer house with a very tall wind catcher. Overnight in Yazd.

#### Day 10: Yazd- Fahraj

Today we leave Yazd toward the salty desert of Fahraj. In Fahraj we'll have time to trek in the desert, maybe doing some camel riding and safari. Overnight in Fahraj.

### Day 11: Fahraj – Pasargadae – Persepolis – Shiraz

Drive to Shiraz visiting Tomb of Cyrus, in Pasargadae. Getting to know this respected king who established the first great emperor of the world. Then we'll visit Persepolis, the complex of Achaemenid dynasty, where the people used to celebrate Norooz, the new year ceremony. The picture history of bas-reliefs in the Apadana palace still tells the story of 2500 years ago. Overnight in Shiraz.



#### Day 12: Shiraz

Hello Shiraz! Shahre Raz, meaning the city of Secrets!

Today we explore Shiraz, starting from the most beautiful mosque of Iran! The bride of Mosques! Nasir almolk Mosque! The best time to visit this mosque is in the morning and before noon. This mosque was made in Qajar dynasty by a member of Royal family, with precious ornaments and beautiful architecture. Once you get in, you will find yourself in a garden full of roses! After that we'll visit Qavam house and Zinatol molk house, these two Qajarid house are actually a single house! But in two parts!

Then we will visit the Vakil Bazaar and Vakil Bath. Overnight in Shiraz.

## Day 13: Shiraz

Today we'll visit Eram Garden, this heaven is a gathering of so many kinds of planets and its a botanical type of Garden. Then we'll visit tomb of Hafez, a poet who lived in Shiraz and dedicated his life to write mysterious poems. Goethe the famous German poet had a special respect and love for Hafez.

After a delicious lunch we'll go to Shah Cheragh Shrine. Overnight in Shiraz.

#### Day 14: Fly back to Tehran

Last day! Today we leave Iran, but the memories will stay in our heart! We will keep the friendly people, tasty foods and beautiful attractions in our mind.

Fly to Tehran and transfer to International Imam Khomeini Airport for departure.