

# Immerse in Iranian Culture

A Journey through Time and Tradition: An Unforgettable Tour of Iran for Chinese Travelers

Friendly Iran 10-day Iran Tour

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# Dverview:

Embark on a timeless adventure with our classic tour of Iran, specially curated for our esteemed Chinese travelers. We delve into the heart of the experience, offering a glimpse of the cultural richness and historical marvels awaiting those who choose to explore Iran with our thoughtfully designed package.

We understand the importance of catering to our Chinese guests' preferences. From providing Mandarin-speaking guides to offering authentic Chinese cuisine options, we ensure a comfortable and familiar experience, making Iran feel like a home away from home.

As you consider your next adventure, envision the magic of our classic Iran tour – a journey transcending time and borders. Let the allure of ancient wonders and the warmth of Iranian hospitality beckon you. Join us for an odyssey that promises not just a destination but a cultural symphony, where China and Iran harmoniously converge.



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 have a small city tour in Tehran to visit:

The Carpet Museum and Azadi tower, the symbol of freedom in Tehran. Overnight in Tehran.

#### Day 2: Tehran – Shiraz

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. Then 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.

Then you will drive to the airport to fly to Shiraz. Overnight in Shiraz.

#### Day 3: Shiraz

Rise and Shine in Shiraz beautiful city, having breakfast at the hotel and starting our day by visiting the fascinating Nasir Al Molk Mosque! For the fabulous rose tiles and reputation of pink color it is also known as Rose Mosque / Pink Mosque! The golden time to visit the pink mosque is in the morning from 8 to 10 am, when the sunlight passes through colorful glasses in the western praying hall. After visiting Nasir ol Molk Mosque, walking to the Zand Complex area, passing through the bazaar, and maybe a quick visit of the Vakil Mosque or the Karimkhan Citadel. Shirazi Ice-cream and Faloodeh are best in the Arg Ice-cream shop, which is located just next to the Karimkhan citadel. After trying the traditional ice-cream or Faloodeh,

Overnight in Shiraz.



#### Day 4: Shiraz-Nomad

You will go on to Sepidan. Today you can experience the North of Iran in the South of Iran with a green environment, the pleasant weather even in summer. Here you can get familiar with two different cultures at the same time, simple rural life next to Nomadic life, you see that these two tribes have remained for many years next to each other and some of them got married, so that's why there are many things in common between them. Sepidan is surrounded by lots of apple, nut, apricot, and plum gardens that you can visit. Yellow, red, orange leaves of trees, the rustling of leaves in the breeze, the roaring river, and the other natural sounds inside of the gardens make you feel safe and free. Also, Sepidan with its villages has a high capability of professional eco-tours. You can walk through the jungles to see the springs, waterfalls, etc like Sheshpir Spring, Margon waterfall, go hiking, and climb the mountain through the Ronj Mountain. The local people are welcoming, and this is the time for you to communicate with them in their houses that are filled with the smell of traditional foods and bread. In the evening drive to Shiraz.

After getting back to Shiraz, we'll go to Shah Cheragh Shrine. Overnight in Shiraz.

#### Day 5: Day 3: Shiraz-Persepolis -Yazd

# A Day full of King of Kings stories, Royal Palaces and Magical bas-reliefs

In the morning, after having breakfast, we keep driving to the city of Wind-catchers! Yazd!

Today, you will go on to Shiraz, visiting Persepolis, the spring capital of the Achaemenes dynasty. Persepolis or Takht Jamshid is the remaining royal palaces, tombs, and the ancient city of Parseh. Its history dates back to 2500 years ago when the first empire of the world was established! Persian Empire! Overnight in Yazd.

#### Day 6: Yazd

Starting our tour in Yazd and visiting Amir Chakhmaq 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. Then 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.

Overnight in Yazd.



#### Day 7: Drive to Isfahan via visiting Naein and Isfahan

In the morning we visit Jame Mosque and Traditional Workshop weaving cotton. Then drive to Isfahan, on our way to Meybod to visit Narin Castle. **Overnight Isfahan**.

Day 8: Isfahan

After breakfast, we'll have a walking tour of the spotlight of the city, Naghshe Jahan Square! Visiting the famous Jammeh Abbasi and Sheikh Lotfollah mosques which are admired for their beautiful tiling and architecture.

At Imam Mosque, you have the opportunity to have a friendly talk with a Mullah and ask about Islam and terms of being Muslim.

Then visiting the Ali Qapu palace, Chehel Seton Palace, and Grand Bazaar of Isfahan.

It's unbelievable that this small area has this many places to offer! Each place is unique and charming in a different way.

Day 9: Isfahan-Kashan

Drive from Isfahan via visiting Tabatabai and Boroujerdi old houses, and Sultan Amir Ahmad bath & Agha Bozorg Mosque. At the end drive to visit the oldest Ziggurat in the world from 7000 year ago in Sialk hills.

Overnight in Kashan.

#### Day 10: Kashan-Ika

Transfer to the Airport to get back home.





### Authentic Iranian Experiences Await You:



#### Crafting Memories: Woodworking at Roohe Choub in the Heart of Shiraz

Welcome to "Roohe Choub" (Wooden Spirit), I'm Mohammad Soltani, and I'd like to introduce you to our workshop nestled in the heart of the historical fabric of Shiraz. Our workshop has always been a sanctuary, providing respite from the daily grind. The cozy and tranquil environment here is a result of the continuous efforts of Master Kazem Qarehkhaniyan and his unique approach to art. We would love to share the sense of wellbeing we experience in this space with you. We want you to smell, touch, and create with wood.

In this experience, we'll head to the "Roohe Choub" workshop, where we'll spend a few hours crafting a small wooden item together, such as a coaster, spoon, necklace, or sculpture. The story begins as you navigate through the historic alleyways of Shiraz, eventually arriving at the splendid Saraye Moshir Bazaar. As you wander among various chambers, shops, and charming teahouses, you'll find your way to our workshop. The aroma of wood and the pleasant ambiance are palpable even from a distance.



### Nomadic Life Unveiled: Explore Kavar

In this adventure, we embark on a journey from Shiraz to the hinterlands behind Shah Bahrami and the nomadic regions. Along the way, we pass by the nomadic tents that still move seasonally to sustain their way of life. To get a closer look at these nomads, we make a stop in the Sepidar Valley and become guests in the home of a Qashqai nomadic family. This Qashqai family will introduce us to their rich cultural heritage, including arts such as black tent weaving, derma, chenar, gilim, and gomme. Together with them, we will engage in activities such as gathering firewood, dairy production, animal husbandry, and cooking. After a hearty lunch, we head to the Sepidar Valley to harvest medicinal herbs and brew herbal tea, all while surrounded by the stunning beauty of the Zagros Mountain range.

#### Ghalamkari Unveiled: A Journey into Persian Artistry

Ghalamkari is one of the traditional arts of Isfahan, an art form that, like many other handicrafts, is at risk of fading into obscurity. For years, beautifully decorated calligraphic tablecloths were an integral part of our memories, with the taste of authentic Iranian flavors. Fabrics adorned with this art form were present in various corners of our lives. In this experience, we invite you to join us in visiting one of the best and most amiable Ghalamkari masters, Mr. Abad. Together, we will spend a few hours in his workshop.

We will begin our journey from the Hozek residence. We'll engage in a conversation about Ghalamkari and then head to Mr. Abad's workshop with small fabric bags that we will provide you. In the workshop, we will become acquainted with various Ghalamkari templates and styles. You will learn the process of making ink and then apply Ghalamkari to the fabric we've provided or on your own clothing. This artistry will serve as a lasting memento for you to cherish.

#### **Culinary Tour in A Nice Garden House**

You can enjoy a culinary tour by omitting one or two sightseeing places as mentioned above to buy time for this plan: As we are from Shiraz, we can hold a culinary tour free of charge for people who are interested in culinary. On this day, my friend and I will be your host in a traditional home for a culinary tour. On this day, we will go shopping together and buy the ingredients. Then we start cooking together and spend some time at home with my family and my friends. We will cook Kalam Polo, it is a traditional Shirazzes food that includes mixed rice, cabbage, some herbs with meatballs. For dessert, you will eat Flooded Shirazi which is made of noodles, this kind of dessert usually eaten with lemon juice or rose water. As the Iranian people like Indian food a lot so if you would like, you could teach us Local food from your country, what is your idea about it?

Overnight in Shiraz.

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## Zurkhaneh

In Yazd, spice up your Iran Tour with a visit to one of the descendants of the world's first gyms: a Zourkhaneh (also spelled as Zourkhaneh and Zourkhaneh)! Dating back to over 3000 years ago in ancient Persia, these athletic centers connect you to the spirit of Iranian patriotism, heroism, and mysticism. The ancient Iranian sport club and its heroic rituals, Pahlavi (intangible UNESCO heritage as the longest-running form of heroic training), beautifully represent different aspects of Persian culture. On a Zourkhaneh Tour in Iran, you'll discover the enchanting way Iranians have been training noble warriors of physical and spiritual strength, as you get enchanted by the rhythm of Persian drum and the chants of Persian epic, legend, and spirituality.

Hope To see you in Lovely, Friendly TRAN...

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