

# Crafted Wonders of Iran

Friendly Iran - 10-day Iran Handicraft Tour

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## Detailed Itinerary:

### Day 1: Arrival Day, Tehran

#### City tour:

- National Museum.
- Golestan palace.
- Grand Bazaar.
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Overnight in Tehran.

### Day 2: Tehran



**The key of transforming any space into a luxurious and timeless showcase of authentic artistry.**

After having breakfast, we start our handicraft experience journey. We want to get familiar with Iranian and Persian carpets, the most beautiful ones in the world. These carpets are hand-woven using traditional techniques passed down from generation to generation. Iranian carpets are not just carpets; they are works of art that show the beauty and creativity of the Iranian people.

Well, we start by visiting the Tehran **Carpet Museum**. There, we can see varieties of carpets from different parts of Iran that date back to varying periods. The carpets' completion process, from past days up to now, can be observed there, too.

Now, it's time to learn a little about carpet weaving and try to knot the warp and weft of a colorful carpet, so we need to go to a **carpet workshop** to do it.

#### City tour:

- Darband or Darakeh
- Tajrish bazaar
- Tabiat Bridge (nature bridge)

Overnight in Tehran.

### Day 3: Tehran- Shiraz

#### City tour:

- Nasirul Molk mosque (pink mosque),
- Narenjestan Palace,
- and Zandieh complex (Vakil mosque, Vakil Bazaar, Saraye Moshir, and Karimkhan Citadel).



**A world where artistic majesty unfolds before your eyes:**

**Khatam working** is a traditional Persian craft still practiced today in Shiraz. It is a traditional Persian woodworking technique used to create different designs on objects such as boxes, frames, and furniture. The artist cuts small pieces of wood, bone, and metal into geometric shapes and uses them to create patterns that include stars, flowers, and other forms. This work is very detailed, so it takes lots of time and shows the skill and creativity of the local artists who continue to keep this ancient craft alive. You can visit, buy, and even try this art in this workshop. Overnight in Shiraz.

### Day 4: Shiraz



**A magical journey where ordinary objects transform into extraordinary ones:**

It's time for another handicraft experience in Shiraz. Today we want to have a mixture of nature, art (handicrafts), and visiting the villager's lifestyle together. We will drive to **Abgarm** village, one hour away from Shiraz. There, you can try drawing on wooden or metallic objects to challenge yourself in new and creative ways. It is a unique and exciting kind of art that is popular worldwide. After completing your artwork, you can take it home or even use it as a souvenir of your trip. Overnight in Shiraz.

### Day 5: Shiraz-Persepolis- Yazd

#### City tour:

- **Persepolis and Necropolis.**
- Jame Mosque
- Amirchakhmaq Square.

Overnight in Yazd.

### Day 6: Yazd

#### City tour:

- Zoroastrian Tower of Silence
- the Fire Temple.
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**The ancient art of silk weaving in a captivating symphony of texture, color, and tradition.**

**Satrapy Studio** in the afternoon to see the third handicraft-based attraction, Terme Baafi. It's good to know that the city of Yazd has a long history of textile production, and Darayee Baafi and Terme Baafi are the most famous ones. Terme is a traditional handwoven textile commonly used for clothing and home decor. Terme Baafi is creating Terme by weaving threads together on a loom. The materials used for the lines include silk, wool, and cotton, and the designs are different. It is a time consuming and highly skilled craft. You can visit this kind of rich textile in various colors and witness the changes in its creation process from the past up to now.

Then we will go to the **Darayee Baafi workshop**. It is the other traditional textile weaving technique that is practiced in the city of Yazd and has been passed down through generations. What sets Darayee Baafi apart is the unique set of patterns and designs specific to this craft. It is used for various purposes, including clothing, home decor, and accessories. They are known for durability, quality, and the beauty of their designs. In this workshop, you can see how it is created and also get involved in its creation. This way, you can have a distinct experience of craftsmanship in which all your skills, tastes, and delicacies are used. Overnight in Yazd.

## Day 7: Yazd- Meybod- Isfahan

### City tour:

- Shah Abbasi Caravanserai.
- Kabootar Khane (pigeon tower).
- Narin Castle.



**transporting to a world where threads intertwine and tell stories with each delicate stitch.**

In its yard, you can see the Ziloo workshop. Ziloo is another traditional textile weave that originated in Meybod. What makes Ziloo unique is its specific patterns and designs. Ziloo textiles have a variety of uses, including rugs, wall hangings, and decorative pieces. They are known for their durability and the cultural heritage they represent. These beautiful textiles can be purchased as souvenirs.



**a timeless art form, a tangible connection to centuries of tradition**

Then we will also visit another **craftsman's workshop** within a short distance. There you can experience pottery, which has a rich history in Iran that dates back thousands of years. Various regions are known for their unique pottery styles and techniques. In this workshop, you have the opportunity to witness skilled artists at work. You can try your hand at making pottery under experienced potters' guidance by shaping clay on the pottery's wheel, applying glazes, and firing the pottery in kilns. Then take what you have created for yourself. Overnight in Isfahan.



## Day 8: Isfahan

### City tour:

- Chehel Sotoun
- Naghsh-e-Jahan Square
- Shah and Sheikh Lotfollah Mosques
- the splendid Aliqapu Palace
- Old Bazaar (Qaysarieh)

★★★  
★ intricate designs on jewelry and metalwork adorning with vibrant colors and delicate patterns with a mesmerizing brilliance

Then we will go to a Mina Kari workshop in Isfahan. Mina Kari is the traditional Iranian art of painting and decorating metal surfaces, and it has a long history in Iran. It reflects Iran's rich history and craftsmanship and has been used to decorate various objects, including jewelry, vases, plates, etc. In this workshop, you will experience a welcoming atmosphere and try your hand at painting enamel on a small metal piece under the guidance of skilled artists allows you to appreciate the skill and accuracy required in this art form. You can bring a part of Persian culture home by choosing this craft as your souvenir. Overnight in Isfahan.

## Day 9: Isfahan- Tehran

### City tour:

- the ancient bridges (Si-o-se pol and Khaju)
- Jolfa Armenian Quarter
- lovely cathedral Vank
- the Jame Mosque

Overnight in Tehran.

## Day 10: Tehran (Departure Day)

Transfer to the airport to get back home.

So, join us in Iran for this art-filled exploration in which creativity, cultural views, and life-long memories are your easy-access achievements. We hope you can be part of this fantastic journey. Please feel free to ask if there is anything we can do to make this trip closer to what you would like.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.