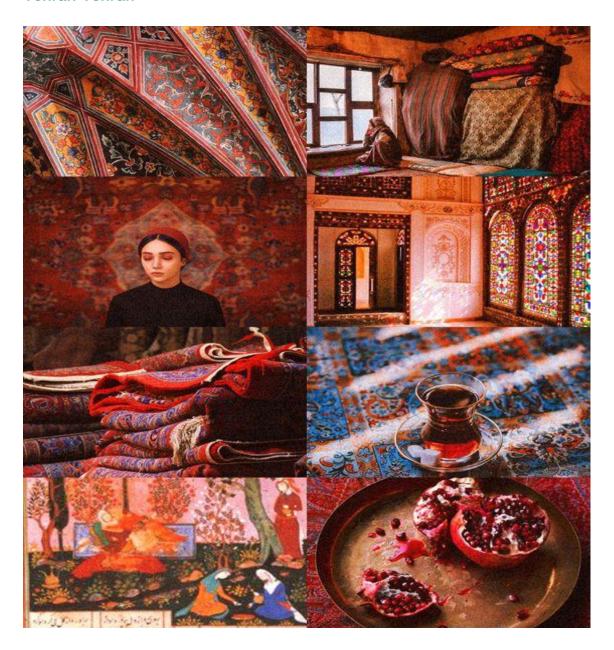


# Immerse in Iranian Culture

Friendly Iran -15-day Iran Tour

Tehran-Tehran





### Day 1: Tehran

Photography Focus: Urban Landscapes & Modern Architecture Arrive in Tehran, Iran's bustling capital, and begin exploring its contrasting landscapes. Start at Golestan Palace, where the intricate tile work and mirrored halls offer exquisite compositions for architectural photography. Continue to Azadi Tower, capturing the imposing structure with the city as a backdrop. In the evening, head to Milad Tower for panoramic cityscapes at sunset, perfect for wide-angle shots of Tehran's skyline.

## Day 2: Tehran-Qeshm

Photography Focus: Coastal Landscapes & Local Culture Catch an early flight to Qeshm Island in the Persian Gulf. Upon arrival, visit Hara Forest, where the mangroves rising out of the shallow waters create striking compositions, ideal for early morning light. The forest is rich in birdlife, perfect for wildlife photography. Afterward, head to the historic Laft Port, where you can photograph the traditional windcatchers and rustic buildings overlooking the calm waters. Spend the evening capturing the sunset at Kharbas Cave, with its dramatic cliffs and caves.

#### Day 3: Qeshm

Photography Focus: Geology & Natural Wonders Begin your day with a visit to the breathtaking Stars Valley, a site of otherworldly rock formations created by erosion. The shadows and textures are best captured in the soft morning light, perfect for experimenting with abstract compositions. In the afternoon, travel to Chahkooh Canyon, another natural marvel where narrow, winding canyons create mesmerizing patterns. The interplay of light and shadow here provides an excellent opportunity for artistic photography. Capture wideangle shots to showcase the depth and towering rock formations.

#### Day 4: Qeshm-Shiraz

Photography Focus: Persian Gardens & Architectural Masterpieces Fly from Qeshm to Shiraz, the city of gardens and poetry. Upon arrival, head straight to Nasir al-Mulk Mosque (the Pink Mosque). Arrive early to catch the morning light streaming through the stained glass windows, creating a dazzling kaleidoscope of colors—a photographer's dream. In the afternoon, visit Eram Garden, where the symmetrical layout and blooming flowers offer tranquil and beautiful compositions. End the day exploring the Vakil Bazaar, perfect for street photography, with its vibrant atmosphere and historic architecture.



#### Day 5: Persepolis & Necropolis (Nagsh-e Rostam)

Photography Focus: Ancient Architecture & Archeological Wonders A day trip to Persepolis, the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire, awaits. Photograph the towering columns and intricate carvings of the ancient ruins. This expansive site offers countless opportunities for both wide-angle and detailed shots, allowing you to document the grandeur of Persian history. In the afternoon, visit Naqsh-e Rostam (Necropolis), where the tombs of ancient kings are carved into cliffs, creating a powerful visual contrast against the surrounding plains. The afternoon light highlights the dramatic rock carvings, perfect for landscape photography.

#### Day 6: Shiraz-Yazd

Photography Focus: Desert Architecture & Traditional Towns Travel from Shiraz to Yazd, a desert city famed for its wind towers and Zoroastrian heritage. Explore the Old City of Yazd, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where narrow alleys and adobe buildings create captivating urban landscapes. Visit the Amir Chakhmaq Complex and Yazd Jameh Mosque, where the towering minarets and intricate blue tilework provide opportunities for beautiful compositions. The soft, golden light of the desert adds warmth to every shot.

#### Day 7: Yazd to Meybod to Isfahan

Photography Focus: Historic Fortresses & Bridges On the way to Isfahan, stop in Meybod to explore the Narin Castle, a mudbrick fortress from the Sassanid era. This ancient structure, set against the desert backdrop, provides excellent opportunities for architectural and landscape photography. Upon arrival in Isfahan, head to the famous Si-o-se Pol and Khaju Bridge. Capture their illuminated arches reflected in the river for stunning twilight and night photography.

## Day 8: Isfahan

Photography Focus: Persian Architecture & Urban Landscapes Spend the day exploring Naqsh-e Jahan Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Photograph the Shah Mosque and Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, marveling at their intricate tilework and domed ceilings. The reflective pools and wide-open spaces provide countless photography opportunities. In the afternoon, visit Chehel Sotoun Palace, where the interior paintings and mirrored halls offer unique compositions in low light.



# Day 9: Isfahan to Matinabad Desert Camp

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# Day 10: Matinabad to Abyaneh to Kashan

Photography Focus: Historic Villages & Traditional Architecture Drive to the ancient village of Abyaneh, known for its red-clay houses and traditional lifestyle. The narrow streets and terraced homes offer a rich palette of colors and textures for your photos. Afterward, continue to Kashan, where you can explore the historical homes like the Tabatabaei House and Borujerdi House. The ornate interiors and serene courtyards provide perfect settings for architectural photography.

## Day 11: Kashan to Chalous

Photography Focus: Mountain Roads & Forests Today, head north through the scenic Chalous Road, one of Iran's most beautiful drives. The road winds through lush forests, mountains, and waterfalls, offering spectacular landscapes. Stop along the way to capture the dense greenery and mountain views, with opportunities for both wide-angle and detailed nature shots.

# Day 12: Chalous to Masouleh

Photography Focus: Historical Villages & Misty Mountain Landscapes Explore Masouleh, a stepped village nestled in the Alborz Mountains. The misty mornings here offer atmospheric photography, with the village's unique architecture providing interesting compositions. Capture the traditional houses, built into the mountain slopes, with rooftops serving as streets. The mist adds a mystical touch to your shots

#### Day 13: Masouleh to Masal

Photography Focus: Lush Hills & Pastoral Landscapes Head deeper into Gilan province to the picturesque region of Masal, where green pastures and rolling hills stretch out in every direction. The rural landscape, dotted with wooden cottages, is perfect for landscape photography. Capture the early morning fog rolling over the hills, creating a peaceful, dreamy atmosphere. This is the perfect setting for nature and rural life photography.



# Day 14: Masal to Tehran

Photography Focus: Scenic Northern Landscapes Spend the morning in Masal, taking final shots of the beautiful pastures and mist-covered hills. In the afternoon, make your way back to Tehran for the night. Use this time to relax and review your incredible collection of images from your journey.

# Day 15: Yazd to Meybod to Isfahan

Your journey comes to an end as you prepare for your flight home from Tehran International Airport. Depart with unforgettable memories and a portfolio of stunning images from Iran's diverse landscapes, cities, and cultures.