

Immerse in Iranian Culture 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

Friendly Iran -12-day Iran Tour

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Detailed

Day 1: Arrival at Bazargan Border – Exploring Maku

Start your journey entering Iran through the Bazargan border, and head to Maku, a charming town nestled in the mountains of West Azerbaijan. Discover the historic St. Thaddeus Monastery, one of the oldest Christian sites in the region, and marvel at the natural rock formations surrounding the area. Experience the blend of Armenian and Persian cultures and enjoy the peaceful mountain atmosphere.

Day 2: Journey from Maku to Tabriz

Drive through stunning landscapes as you head toward Tabriz, the vibrant capital of East Azerbaijan. Explore the UNESCO-listed Tabriz Grand Bazaar, a bustling market with centuries of history. Visit the Blue Mosque, known for its exquisite turquoise tiles, and immerse yourself in the rich culture at the Azerbaijan Museum. End your day with a relaxing stroll around El Goli Park.

Day 3: Full Day in Tabriz

Spend a full day in Tabriz soaking up its rich heritage. Wander through the traditional bazaars, admire the beautiful Qajar-era houses, and visit local handicraft workshops. For adventurous travelers, a visit to Kandovan Village with its unique rock-cut homes offers a memorable experience. Enjoy local Azerbaijani cuisine and vibrant city life.

Day 4: Tabriz to Ardabil – Spiritual and Natural Wonders

In the morning, drive to Isfahan via Abyaneh.

Morning tour of Abyaneh. This village is one of the most significant villages of Iran- with its unique red soil and colorful women's dresses.

Evening tour of Isfahan to see its famous bridges, such as Pol-e Khaju and Siose Pol.

O/N Isfahan

Day 5: Ardabil to Rasht – Entering the Caspian Greenbelt

Drive along the scenic Asalem-Khalkhal road, winding through lush forests and mountain passes. Arrive in Rasht, the capital of Gilan Province, known as the “City of Rain.” Discover Rasht’s vibrant bazaars and enjoy the unique Gilaki cuisine. The city is a lively gateway to the Caspian Sea region with rich culinary and cultural traditions.

Day 6: Exploring Rasht and Masuleh Village

Spend the day exploring Rasht’s historical sites, including its traditional bazaar and charming Shahr-dari Square. Take an optional excursion to Masuleh, a breathtaking stepped village perched on the mountainside, famous for its unique architecture and cool climate. Experience the warm hospitality of the Gilaki people and enjoy fresh local flavors.

Day 7: Rasht to Tonekabon – Forests and Coastline

Head east toward Tonekabon, traveling through Caspian forests and tea plantations. Explore the beautiful Dohezar and Sehezar valleys, famous for their rivers, waterfalls, and lush greenery. Tonekabon offers a serene coastal environment perfect for hiking, fresh seafood, and enjoying nature.

Day 8: Long Drive to Bandar-e Torkaman – Turkmen Cultural Heartland

Travel south-east along the Caspian coastline to Bandar-e Torkaman, entering the land of the Turkmen people. Experience a culturally rich town known for its horse-breeding traditions, colorful bazaars, and coastal fishing lifestyle. Immerse yourself in a distinct cultural atmosphere far from the usual tourist paths.

Day 9: Exploring Bandar-e Torkaman

Spend a full day exploring Bandar-e Torkaman’s beaches and bustling markets. Discover traditional Turkmen textiles and crafts, visit local horse farms, and stroll along the Caspian shore. The town offers a unique glimpse into the traditions and everyday life of the Turkmen minority in Iran.

Day 10: Bandar-e Torkaman to Gorgan – Forests and History

Travel a short distance to Gorgan, a city known for its green parks and historical sites. Visit the Gonbad-e Qabus tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site nearby, and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of Nahar Khoran Forest Park. Gorgan combines natural beauty with rich Persian-Turkmen heritage.

Day 11: Leisure and Exploration in Gorgan

Take a relaxed day in Gorgan to explore local museums, stroll through the old city, or hike in nearby Golestan National Park. This day offers an opportunity to recharge before your final journey and to connect with the natural and cultural diversity of northeastern Iran.

Day 12: Gorgan to Exit Border – Farewell to Iran

On the final day, set out early for your exit point at the northeastern border. Enjoy the diverse landscapes along the route, passing traditional villages and rolling hills. Reflect on your immersive journey through Iran's northern belt, rich with history, nature, and cultural diversity.