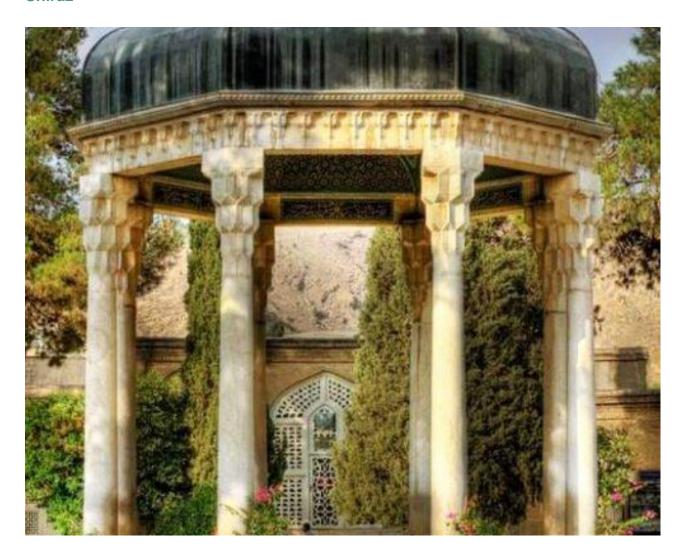


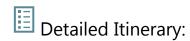
# Immerse in Iranian Culture

Friendly Iran -3-day Iran Tour

Shiraz







# Day 1: Discover Old Shiraz Through Flavors and Stories

Highlights: Vakil Bazaar, local food tastings, Persian tea culture, street food tour Your journey begins with a warm welcome and a traditional Shirazi breakfast: fresh herbs, feta cheese, sangak bread, honey, and hot black tea.

# Morning

Start with a guided walk through Vakil Bazaar, a historical market filled with the aromas of Persian spices, rosewater, and dried fruits. Visit Vakil Bath and Vakil Mosque to explore 18th-century Persian architecture and daily life during the Zand era.

#### • Lunch

Enjoy Kalam Polo Shirazi (cabbage-herb rice with meatballs), served with local yogurt and mint drink at a traditional restaurant.

#### Afternoon

Visit Saraye Moshir and meet local artisans specializing in miniature painting, woodwork, and handwoven textiles. Stop at a local teahouse for a tea tasting experience featuring saffron, cardamom, and rose.

#### • Evening

Take a street food tour in the Sang Siah neighborhood. Try Ash-e Reshteh, Koofteh, and Shirazi Faloodeh. Optionally, visit Shah Cheragh Shrine at night for a peaceful, illuminated cultural experience.



# Day 2: Gardens, Poetry, and a Home-Cooked Meal

Highlights: Eram Garden, Qavam House, local cooking class, Hafez Tomb, Persian music evening

#### Morning

Visit Eram Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage site that reflects the Persian garden philosophy of symmetry, water, and harmony. Continue to Narenjestan Qavam, a beautiful Qajar-era house known for its mirror work and orange trees.

#### Mid-morning snack

Taste fresh pomegranate juice and lavashak (Persian fruit leather) sold by local vendors.

# • Lunch and Cultural Experience

Join a home-style cooking class with a local family. Prepare traditional dishes like Baghali Polo, Khoresht-e Mast, and Shirazi salad. Learn about the role of spices and storytelling in Iranian cuisine.

#### Afternoon

Visit the Tomb of Hafez, Iran's most beloved poet. Enjoy the peaceful garden setting and listen to live poetry readings.

#### Evening

Have dinner at a cultural house where live traditional music is performed. Share a meal and learn about Shiraz's poetic and musical heritage.

## **Day 3: Nomadic Flavors and Farewell**

Highlights: Qashqai culture, rural breakfast, local food traditions, final bazaar visit

# • Morning excursion

Drive to a nearby village or Qashqai nomadic settlement. Explore traditional food preservation methods such as making kashk (dried yogurt) and baking bread in clay ovens. Share a light breakfast and conversation with local hosts.

## • Return to Shiraz

Enjoy lunch at a heritage restaurant known for serving traditional Shirazi recipes in a calm, historical setting.

#### Afternoon

Free time for shopping at Vakil Bazaar: spices, handmade tablecloths, miniatures, or rosewater to take home. Transfer to the airport or continue your journey through Iran.