

Immerse in Iranian Culture

Friendly Iran - 9-day Iran Tour

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Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1 – Arrival in Tehran

Arrive in Tehran and enjoy a welcome dinner. Introduction to Persian tile art and history, with a short visit to **Golestan Palace**, where early examples of Persian tiles are displayed.

Day 2 – Tehran: Tile Museums & Artisans

Visit the **National Museum of Iran** and small artisan workshops in Tehran. Observe how traditional tiles are made and painted. Evening walk through Tehran's old neighborhoods, spotting tile patterns on gates and fountains.

Highlight: First hands-on experience understanding color, pattern, and geometry in Persian tiles.

Day 3 – Tehran to Shiraz (Flight)

Fly to Shiraz, city of poets and gardens. Explore **Nasir al-Mulk Mosque** (Pink Mosque) to see its colorful interplay of tiles and light. Evening stroll in the old bazaar for traditional tile motifs in everyday objects.

Highlight: Witnessing Persian blue in harmony with sunlight filtering through stained glass.

Day 4 – Shiraz: Historical Architecture & Workshops

Visit **Shah Cheragh Shrine** and smaller historic houses with intricate tile façades. Participate in a **tile painting workshop** to try Persian patterns yourself. Evening tea in a traditional courtyard house.

Highlight: Experiencing the meticulous craftsmanship behind Persian tiles.

Day 5 – Shiraz to Yazd

Drive to Yazd, the city of windcatchers. Explore historic houses and mosques decorated with **blue and turquoise tiles**. Visit a traditional **pottery and tile workshop**, seeing artisans carve patterns into wet clay.

Highlight: Seeing how desert colors and architecture influence tile design.

Day 6 – Yazd: Old Town & Zoroastrian Heritage

Stroll through Yazd's mud-brick alleys, spotting tile decorations on doors and water reservoirs. Visit a small museum displaying Zoroastrian motifs on tiles and ceramics. Evening at a rooftop tea house, admiring cityscape dotted with turquoise domes.

Highlight: The blend of religion, culture, and color in tile art.

Day 7 – Yazd to Isfahan

Drive to Isfahan, the city famed for its **mosques and palaces**. Explore **Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, Imam Mosque**, and **Ali Qapu Palace**, observing Persian blue tile patterns up close. Evening visit to Isfahan Bazaar to see tiles in artisan workshops.

Highlight: Immersing in the most iconic Persian blue tile masterpieces.

Day 8 – Isfahan to Tehran

Morning visit to **historic houses** like Tabatabaei House, where tiles cover courtyards and walls. Participate in a **hands-on workshop** or demonstration of tile glazing. Afternoon transfer to Tehran by flight or train.

Highlight: Combining art, architecture, and travel on your way back to the capital.

Day 9 – Departure from Tehran

Morning at leisure in Tehran for last-minute shopping or photo opportunities. Transfer to the airport for departure, carrying memories of **vibrant colors, exquisite craftsmanship, and cultural insight**.