



Unique 7 days Iran tour

Shiraz (2N) - Isfahan (2N) – Kashan – Tehran (2N)

Saturday 2nd -> Friday 8th of March 2019



Day 01: Saturday 2nd March. Kish – Shiraz

From Kish island we fly to Shiraz International airport. After your arrival a VIP coach bus will take you to a nice traditional hotel, conveniently located in the centre. In the afternoon a guide will accompany you to discover Shiraz; city of Poets, Persian gardens and knowledge. The excursion includes a visit to the famous Karim Khan castle and its inner gardens of the 18th century Zand dynasty. Afterwards you will walk to Vakil mosque and Vakil bazar including a visit to the workshops of Saraye Moshir.



Day 02: Sunday 3rd of March. Shiraz

Today you can freely program your day. Optionally you can visit Eram gardens to immerse into a magnificent sample of a classical Persian garden. You can also visit Hafez mausoleum and gardens to discover the mystic life of a 14th century Persian poet. Or take a walk to visit Jahannama scenic gardens and its Ilkhanid Pavilion. And afterwards drive to Saadi monument and gardens to visit the tomb of another famous Persian poet. Probably you will not see be able to visit all, but you will get a good taste of Persian culture and hospitality. Shiraz has a fine selection of traditional restaurants. After a good dinner you will be more than relaxed in your comfortable hotel room.



Day 03: Monday 4th of March. Shiraz-Persepolis-Isfahan

Today you'll head to Esfahan. But before arriving in this cultural capital of Iran you will visit the historical highlight of Iran; Persepolis, a **UNESCO World Heritage**. This ancient 2500th years old capital of the Persian empire has magnificent monuments, extra ordinary staircases and imposing gateways that leaves no doubt about ancient Persian splendor.



Back in your comfortable VIP seat you will enjoy the desert landscape road that leads to Esfahan. A modern city with impressive palaces and mosques from the 17th century Golden Age of Shah Abbas. You will arrive in the evening. After dinner you could have a nice walk across the many famous bridges of the Zayandeh Rud river.

Day 04: Tuesday 5th of March. Isfahan



After a good rest and a nice buffet breakfast your discovery of the city of Esfahan can begin. A good starting point is the second largest city square in the world, Naqshe Jahan, originally

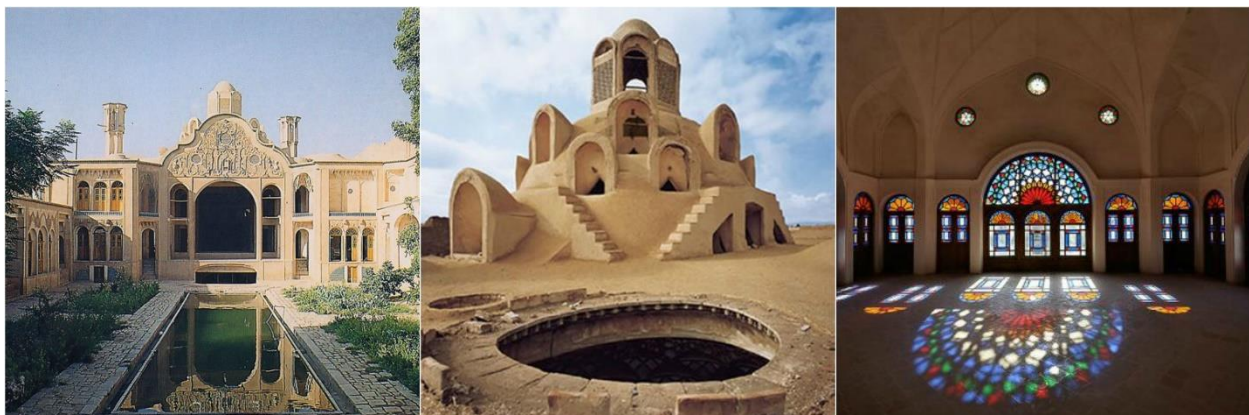
designed as a Polo field. With your local, English guide you will have a relaxing walk to experience the traditions, handicrafts and modern city life. Included in the excursion are a visit to the Ali Qapu palace overlooking the main square and the Emam mosque with its amazing tileworks.

In the afternoon you are free to look around in the handicraft bazaar and enjoy a relaxing teahouse or waterpipe. Iranian dinner time starts between 8 and 9 so be sure to find a table at a Persian restaurant of your choice to enjoy the many traditional dishes.



Day 05: Wednesday 6th of March. Isfahan – Kashan - Tehran

So much more to see... But a good reason to come back to Isfahan one day in the future. Today you will be leaving for Tehran, capital of Iran. On the way you make a stop-over in Kashan, an ancient desert city with remarkable architectural buildings designed for the hot summer climate. You will have a lunch and visit one of the historical merchant houses to experience traditional living.



In the afternoon you will depart for Tehran where you arrive in the evening. It takes some time to get used to the frantic traffic of this metropolis with around 12 million people living in it. Fortunately, you do not have to drive yourself so sit back and enjoy the ride. After a long drive your hotel is THE place to be with an optional dinner upon your arrival. Or some local street food if you up for it.

Day 06: Thursday 7th of March. Tehran

Right after breakfast you will start your Tehran city excursion. To have a guide in Tehran is rewarding as there are many places to be lost and found. One of them is the Golestan palace complex from Qajar dynasty. Another one is the big Tehran bazaar, a labyrinth of thousands of little shops selling basically everything from carpets to jewellery. Do not feel obliged to buy anything as most Iranians are more interested to have a conversation than to sell you something you don't need.

Optional you have the chance to visit a museum. For example: the Modern Art museum, the National Treasury, the Carpet exhibition, the National history museum or the Glassware and Ceramic museum.

Day 07: Friday 8th of March. Tehran

Depending upon your flight departure you have a chance to visit some other parts of the city. If you have a late-night flight you could even decide to have a walk in the Alborz mountains, visit the Saadabad palaces of the last Shah of Iran and his wife Fara diba in the north of Tehran or make a stop at the Emam Khomeini mausoleum far from the city towards IKA airport. Whatever you decide Iran Silk Road will assist you with your private airport transfer for your return flight back home.

