





Package Code: TIT516002		
Duration: 16 days / 15 nights		
Cities to visit: Tehran, Hamedan, Kermanshah, Ahvaz, Shiraz, Saadatshahr, Yazd, Isfahan, Kashan, Tehran		
City	Things to do	Overnight Stay*
Day 1 - Landing to Persia (Tehran)		
Tehran	Welcome to Iran. You arrive at Tehran's IKA airport; meet your guide and transfer to the hotel for an overnight stay. In the afternoon, we start our journey by exploring the National Museum , displaying the country's archaeological findings.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 2 - Mirror and Glass Reflection		
Tehran	Begin the day at the Carpet Museum , exhibiting lush carpets from all over the country dating from the 17th century to the present day. Then we enter the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Golestan Palace* , part of a complex of royal buildings that were once enclosed within the mud-thatched walls of Tehran's historic arg, or citadel. The oldest of the historical monuments in Tehran, this opulent palace dates back to the Qajar Dynasty (1789-1925). Continue this afternoon with visiting the collection at the Abgineh Glass and Ceramics Museum , impressive not only for its exhibits but for the building itself, constructed in the early 1920s as a private residence for a prominent local family and later housing the Egyptian Embassy.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 3 - Ecbatana		
Tehran/Hamedan	Depart Tehran for Hamedan , a major stop on the ancient royal road to Baghdad. Welcome to the first capital of Iran under the Median empire that was created by King Deioces (728-675 B.C). Here, view the Alavian Dome , a 12th-century structure regarded as the finest example of Seljuk art in Iran. It's registered as an Islamic world site (ICESCO). See the Hegmataneh (Ecbatana) , the largest hill from ancient times in Iran, there are archaeological holes, an ancient city, a museum, and two Armenian churches. Visit the Tomb of Avicenna , a world-renowned polymath who is regarded as one of the most significant astronomers, physicians, and philosophers of the 10th century. We also visit Ganjnameh , where the area of Achaemenid rock carvings is located. Engraved on two stone panels, the inscriptions record the achievements of Darius I and his son Xerxes and the extent of their empires.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 4 - Ancient East		
Hamedan/ Kermanshah	An early departure for Kermanshah takes us via the Sassanian site at Kangavar, where the remains of a temple dedicated to Anahita, the beneficent divinity of water, are to be found. We then view the incredible Achaemenid bas-reliefs at Bisotun* , one of the most famous Near eastern archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Trilingual inscriptions carved 521-519 B.C. in Old Persian, Elamite, and Akkadian served as the key to the decipherment of cuneiform script in the mid-19th century. The relief above the inscription shows Darius the Great facing nine rebel kings—the rulers crushed by Darius when he came to power. Then on to the sensational site at Taq-e Bostan , where a sacred spring emerges from a mountain cliff and empties into a large reflecting pool.	4* hotel/traditional house

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Day 5 - Ancient Hydraulic System		
Kermanshah/ Ahvaz	En route to Ahvaz we enjoy a picnic lunch and, in the afternoon, view the remains of Pol-é-Dokhtar , a bridge constructed by the Sassanians 2,000 years ago. It is huge – 900 feet long and rising 90 feet above water level and with eight arches needed to span the Kashkan River. Finally, drive to the ancient fortress city of Shushtar* to see the historical hydraulic system , a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The watermills can be traced back to Darius the Great in the 5th century B.C. and still supply water to the city. Continue to Ahvaz and stay for two nights.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 6 - Ziggurat		
Ahvaz	Begin in Haft Tepe , the site of an ancient city built 3,500 years ago and an imposing feature rising about the surrounding plain. Here are found elaborate vaulted graves and a temple of the Middle Elamite royalty. We now visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Tchogha Zanbil* and Susa* . The well-preserved Elamite ziggurat at Tchogha Zanbil is the largest man-made structure in Iran and one of the few remaining examples of ziggurats in the Middle East. Our next site is Shush , or Susa , the setting of the Biblical Book of Esther. Dating back to around 6000 BC, Susa was one of the great ancient cities of Iran and an important Elamite center until it was destroyed by the Assyrians in the 7th century BC. Across the river, visit the Tomb of Daniel , said to hold the remains of the Jewish prophet, and is still a place of pilgrimage.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 7 - Sasanian Empire		
Ahvaz/Shiraz	Leaving Khozestan behind, continue to Kazerun to visit Sassanian City Bishapur visiting Anahita Temple and Old Bishapur City belong to Shapur I and Tang-e Chogan a complex of Sasanian Bass Reliefs.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 8 - Scented Pink Shiraz		
Shiraz	Explore lovely Shiraz, the City of Roses and Nightingales. Begin in Eram Garden* , with its beautiful cypress-lined avenues leading to an elegant summer palace. Continue to the pink-tiled 19th-century Nasir-al Mulk Mosque and the Narenjستان Gardens , with the richly decorated pavilion featuring a mirrored porch set among graceful trees. Visit the tomb of Hafez , Iran's greatest lyric poet. Late this afternoon, spend some time in the famous Shiraz bazaar.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 9 - Persian Empire		
Shiraz/ Saadatshahr	An early start takes us to Persepolis* (Takht-é Jamshid), the heart of the Persian Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, walk through a complex of palaces and temples that are said to be one of the architectural wonders of the world. Massive winged bulls, derived from Assyria but given a characteristic Persian stateliness, greet us at the head of a grand stairway wide enough for five horses to ride abreast. On the stairway up to the Apadana, the reception hall to the palace of King Darius I, survey the hundreds of figures carved in low relief exactly as Darius and Xerxes saw them. Nearby, visit Naqsh-e Rājab , where magnificent Sassanian reliefs are located in an alcove in the rocks. Nearby, at Naqsh-e Rostam , gaze upon the immense memorial carved for the Sassanian Ardashir I after his conquest of the Parthians.	4* hotel/traditional house

Day 10 - Cyrus The Great		
Saadatshahr/ Yazd	Our explorations take us to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pasargadae* to see the impressive, elevated Tomb of Cyrus and to walk through the different sections of the ancient city: the residential Palace, the Audience Hall, the Gatehouse, and the curious Zendan-e Soleyman . Continue to Yazd. on our way, we also visit the historical city of Abarkoooh. In this city, you'll be shaded by the ancient 4000 years old cypress tree and visit Abarkoooh Ice House.	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 11 - Adobe City		
Yazd	<p>Located in the remote desert, the old city of Yazd* is built almost entirely of adobe and is an architectural wonder.</p> <p>To deal with the extremely hot summers, many old buildings have magnificent wind towers, with large underground areas to circulate cooling air. Yazd has been a Zoroastrian center since Sassanian times. Zoroastrians still make up a significant minority of the population, and the Atashkadeh in Yazd is the most important Zoroastrian fire temple in Iran. The sacred flame visible behind glass in the interior of the fire temple is said to have been burning for over 1500 years. We visit the Tower of Silence, or Dakhma, where the bodies of the deceased were placed, to avoid contaminating the earth as a Zoroastrian funerary tradition, and then the Fire Temple and its grounds, On the way we visit Dowlat Abad garden, Amir- Chakhmaq square, Jame mosque, walking in the old part of the city that registered as a UNESCO site.</p> <p>Zurkhaneh is optional (the traditional gymnasium, where amateurs practice their strength and flexibility to the accompaniment of devotional music).</p>	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 12 - Half Of The world		
Yazd/Isfahan	Drive this morning to Isfahan. Iranians say that their lovely city is "half the world". The capital of the Safavids from the 16th century, but on the way to Isfahan there are some so interesting cities to visit, one of them is Meybod in Yazd province and then Naein in Isfahan. In Meybod we will visit Narin Castle which is a mud-adobe fort built about 2000 years ago, an Icehouse and water reservoir, and Pigeon Tower in Naein city we visit one of the oldest mosques in Iran goes back to the 9th century. Isfahan is said to have the most beautiful bridges. We view two of them in the evening, the Si-o-Se Pol as well as the ornate Pol-e Khaju .	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 13 - Meidan		
Isfahan	<p>We start this day with the magnificent Jameh Mosque* with its famous Uljaitu Mihrab of the Il-Khanid Period and with UNESCO World Heritage status.</p> <p>There are nine gardens in Iran designated UNESCO World Heritage, and we will visit one today– Chehel Sotun*, a pavilion constructed as a reception hall for visiting dignitaries by Shah Abbas II. Next, Continue on to the Naqsh-e Jahan Square*, yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site. The gigantic open plaza is framed by a wall of arches and surrounded by two of the Islamic world's most impressive mosques, the Masjid-e Sheikh Lotfollah* and the Masjid-e Shah (Imam)*. Both houses of worship contain magnificent architecture and tilework. Walk through the Ali Qapu Palace* with its enchanting music room and balcony overlooking the Meidan where the Safavid kings sat to watch polo tournaments. Bazaar is including hundreds of shops and stalls that offer a rich variety of carpets, tiles, hand-block-printed cloth, miniature paintings, and jewelry. Finish our day in the Qeisarieh Bazaar, located just off the Meidan.</p>	4* hotel/traditional house

Day 14 - Iranian Gardens & Houses		
Isfahan/Kashan	<p>This morning, drive to Kashan to walk through the famous Fin Gardens*, another one of the UNESCO Persian Gardens. In keeping with many of the gardens of this era, the Fin Garden has many stunning water features that are fed from a spring emerging from a slope behind the garden. Circulating pools and fountains were created using only the water pressure of the waterway. We also visit Tabatabayi historical house and Borujerdiha/Abbasian historical house in Kashan.</p> <p>We also visit the old bazaar and Aminoddole Carvansarai (Timche Aminoddole) and end our day with an excursion to Sialk Archaeological Hills.</p>	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 15 - Museum		
Kashan/Tehran	<p>Spanning an impressive amount of human history, the Reza Abbasi Museum displays artifacts from the 2nd millennium BC to the 20th century AD. Explore this museum and continue to the Sa'dAbad Palace Complex before breaking for a free evening to explore or relax. Gather together again this evening for our farewell dinner.</p>	4* hotel/traditional house
Day 16 - Missing Persia		
Tehran	<p>At the end of the tour, the group will be transferred to the IKA airport for the departure flight.</p>	-

Included services:


- 15 nights in 4* hotel/traditional house
- All transportations in private vehicle
- All airport transfers
- Professional licensed English-speaking tour guide/driver
- Daily refreshment (2 bottles of water/ fruits/ snacks)
- Visa authorization code fee
- Travel insurance
- SIM card


Excluded services:


- International Flights
- Meals
- Visa Stamp Fee
- Personal Expenses
- Entrance Fees

Please note:


- ✓ Hotels are 4* or traditional houses with the same quality
- ✓ Hotel check-in time generally is at 2:00 PM. So, according to your arrival time, if you need early check-in you must book an extra day.
- ✓ Private or single rooms are not available in some traditional local houses. No Bed, but sleeping equipment is traditional comfortable Mattresses and Blankets.
- ✓ Use Minibus / Van / Private car depending on your group size

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- ✓ Vegetarian dishes are also possible upon request.
- ✓ The basic price includes double and twin rooms in hotels. Obviously, single rooms cost an extra fee.\
- ✓ The priority in sightseeing may be changed. It is due to the time of your arrival, your guide's discretion, and official and unofficial holidays of some museums. Also, some activities in the itinerary may be changed depending on the weather conditions.


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