



Guidepost
SPECIAL INTEREST TRAVEL



Poetic Persia

14 Days | 13 Nights

Private and Group Tour
Start in Tehran and finish in Shiraz

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Tour Highlights

- ✓ Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ✓ Visit the National Jewellery Museum in Tehran
- ✓ Visit the ancient city of Takht-e-Jamshid (Persepolis 550 B.C.)
- ✓ Visit Yazd, the city of natural wind towers declared by UNESCO as the second most historic city in the world
- ✓ Visit Naghsh-e-Jahan Square in Esfahan
- ✓ Farmaniyeh Minaret & Garden
- ✓ Saad Abad Palace & Garden
- ✓ Fin Garden
- ✓ Forty Column Garden & Museum
- ✓ Dolat Abad & Pahlawan Pour Gardens in Yazd declared by UNESCO
- ✓ Eram Botanical and Afif Abad Gardens
- ✓ Naranjestan Orangery & Garden

Day 1 *Arrival Tehran*

Upon arrival at Tehran International Airport you will be met by our representative and transferred to your Hotel. Join a half-day city tour including visits to the Carpet and Abgineh Museums - overnight in Tehran.

Day 2 *Tehran City Tour*

This morning we begin our tour by visiting the Niyavaran and Saad Abad Palaces with their beautiful gardens. After lunch, you will visit the National Jewellery Museum, a highlight of any visit to Tehran. (BLD)

Day 3 *Tehran City Tour*

After breakfast we visit Golestan Palace and Farmaniyeh, and in the afternoon, visit the contemporary Arts Museum - return to your Hotel. (BLD)

Day 4 *Tehran - Kashan*

This morning we drive to Kashan. Transfer to your traditional Raheb-e-Kashan Hotel 4*. A visit



to Fin Garden and Sialk Tappah (7000 years old), Boroojerdi, Tabatabayi, Ameriha Houses, and the Silk Factory - return to hotel.(B)

Day 5 *Kashan - Abyane - Esfahan*

After breakfast you will visit the UNESCO recognized village of Abyaneh located at the foot of Mount Karkas. Experience the serenity of this quaint village with its splendid archaeology and meet the local people who speak, live and dress in the original Persian style. In the afternoon, drive to Esfahan and transfer to Ali Ghapoo Hotel 4* . (BLD)

Day 6 *Esfahan City Tour*

After breakfast, visit the Naghsh-e-Jahan Square including Imam and Sheikh Lotfollah Mosques, and Ali Ghapoo Palace. In the afternoon, visit Forty columns Garden (Chehel Sotoon), and Bazaar.(BLD)

Day 7 *Esfahan City Tour*

After breakfast we take a city tour including Vank Church, Jame Mosque, Hasht Behesht Garden, visit Forty Columns Garden (Chehel Sotoon), and Butterfly Park. (B)

Day 8 *Esfahan - Naeen - Meybod- Yazd*

We begin our day by driving to the attractive city of Naeen. Naeen's Jameh Mosque dates back to the 10th century and is considered one of the oldest and most important Mosques of the Persian Islamic architecture in Naeen. Then proceed to Meybod. This ancient city was established in pre-Islamic times and today contains many fine buildings from both the Sassanid and Safavid eras. We stop at Narin Ghale (Castle), one of the oldest mud Castles in Iran along with a restored Caravanserai which now features a small carpet exhibit. Next we continue on to the beautiful city of Yazd, arrive in Yazd and check in your hotel. (B)

Day 9 *Yazd City tour*

UNESCO has declared Yazd to be the 2nd most historic city in the world. This ancient city is furnished with lovely winding streets and Mosques of stunning beauty. The co-existence of the splendid Fire Temples and the holy sites of different religions astonish every visitor. For many, no visit to Iran would be complete without a visit to Yazd.

In the morning, we will drive to Mehriz and visit Pahlavan Garden and back to Yazd then we continue our sightseeing with a walking tour of the old city including a visit to the Jameh Mosque, Water Museum, Alexander's Prison, the Amir Chakhmagh Mosque and Complex, Khan Bath·Doulat Abad Garden, Silence Tower (Borj-e-Sokoot), and the Zoroastrian Fire Temple - overnight in Yazd.(B)

Day 10 *Yazd - Shiraz*

This morning we drive to Shiraz. Along the way we visit to a 4000 year cypress tree near Abarkooh and Eagle Mountain, and Pasargad (the Tomb of Cyrus The Great). Upon arrival at Shiraz, transfer to hotel .(B)



Day 11 *Shiraz City Tour*

After breakfast we will visit the Nasir-ol-Mulk Mosque, Eram Botanical Gardens, Naranjestan Palace and Garden, and Vakil Bazaar. In the Afternoon, we continue our Shiraz journey with a visit to Afif Abad Garden and Karim Khan Citadel. Transfer to your hotel. (B)

Day 12 *Shiraz - Persepolis - the Ancient City of the Persians; Rock Tombs of Naqsh-e-Rostam*

This morning we visit Persepolis, Naghshe Rostam and Naghshe-e-Rajab Heritage Sites including the Gate of All Nations, the Hall of a Hundred Columns, the Great Stairway, the Apadana Palace, the Palace of Artaxerxes III, the Royal Treasury, the Imperial Stable and the Chariot House. The morning is dedicated to Persepolis and in the afternoon we visit Naqsh-e Rostam, whose 4 rock tombs, are said to be the final resting place of Achaemenian Sovereigns such as Xerxes, Darius the Great, Artaxerxes I and Darius II. We also stop at Naqsh-e-Rajab to see the magnificent Sassanian bas-reliefs carved into the rock. Return to Shiraz. Transfer to your hotel. (B)

Day 13 *Shiraz City Tour*

In the morning we will visit Hafez and Saadi Tombs (two of the greatest Persian Poets of 13th and 14th Centuries), Delgosha Garden Vaakil Bazaar. In the afternoon, visit Janat Garden, over night at hotel.(B)

Day 14 *Shiraz - Home*

In the morning, we will transfer to Shiraz airport to fly home.(B)

Services included

- ✓ Visa application assistance (landing permission only)
- ✓ Accommodation in 4 star hotels with private facilities and daily breakfast
- ✓ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✓ Professional English Speaking Tour Guide
- ✓ All transfers
- ✓ Limited travel insurance
- ✓ All Local taxes

Services not included

- ✓ International Airfare



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- ✓ Visa endorsement fee
- ✓ Lunch and Dinner
- ✓ All optional excursions
- ✓ Tips (optional)
- ✓ Laundry and long distance calls

Note

- ✓ Granting visas is at the discretion, and subject to approval, by Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ✓ Guidepost Tours will assist with your arrangements to travel to Iran