



**Confirmed Departure**

**Iran & Persia**

**14 days from \$6999**

Iran is a stunning country with amazing mosques and palaces, crumbling ancient ruins, and friendly locals wanting to make your acquaintance – you will be surprised by Iran's hidden treasures. You will be welcomed into this fascinating place by the wonderful locals as they show you their land and their customs. Please join us in Ancient Persia today. There will be no tour guide from Australia but you will be met and looked after by the most amazing local tour guides. The guides are all especially trained at university and are well versed in all aspects of Persian history.

Style: **First Class Escorted Tour of Ancient Iran.**

When: 31 May 2017 or 18 October 2017.

Bookings at Destination International Phone 1300 813391.

Cost \$6999 per person twin share includes flights ex Australia.

**Departure Date from Melbourne:** 31 May or 18 Oct 2017 with our Melbourne based tour escort .

Flying with Emirates or Qatar Airlines ex Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide Perth and Sydney.

On sale until: 31 August, 2017. Single Supplement \$2200.

Solo customers wishing to share with another member of the same sex should speak to our reservations department at time of making your booking about joining our solo share programme.

The tour is subject to confirmation from the airlines and the tour operators.

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Tour inclusions:

- Return economy airfares from Australia - Tehran - Australia. Flying Emirates. First Class accommodations- 4 or 5 star centrally located hotels.
- All transfers, Breakfast Daily, Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned vehicle.
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout. Entrance fees per itinerary
- Full Board – Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

You will get your **Tourist Visa** for Iran at Tehran airport. Our local office in Iran will prepare all of the paperwork for you and obtain your visa number. You will simply pay for the visa on arrival in Euros when you arrive.

The word is out: as far as off-the-beaten-path destinations go, Iran is an absolute gem. More than ever since 1979, intrepid travellers are making their way to the Islamic Republic, and there's little wonder why. Boasting gorgeous landscapes and rich tapestry of ancient cultures and religions, Iran is highly welcoming and easy on the wallet (though you can only use cash), offering plenty of bang for your buck. Stretching from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea and from Turkey to Pakistan, it encompasses spectacular desertscapes even more desolate than the American Southwest, snowcapped peaks, fertile valleys and lush forests. Its treasure chest of attractions include ancient Persian monuments, lavish Qajar mansions, Silk Road caravanserais, world-renowned museums and art galleries in the bustling capital of Tehran, and the splendid Safavid gardens in Esfahan that encircle some of the world's most hauntingly beautiful mosques, adorned with mesmerizing turquoise tile-work.

***Iran & Persia Tour***  
***13 Nights/14 Days from \$6999***  
***per person twin share.***

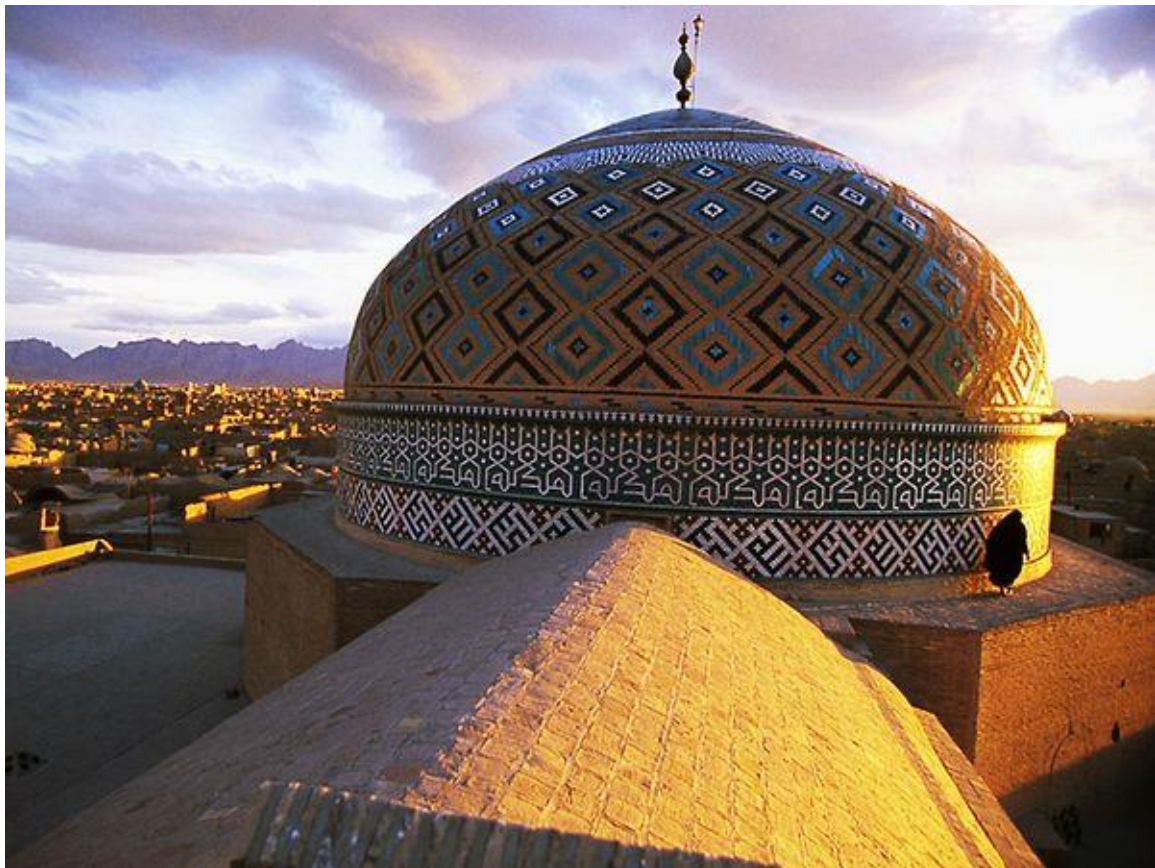
**Is it safe to go to Iran. Yes!!** One of the owners of our business is on holidays there right now! He reports a great experience with less crowds and feels very safe.

Persian is the Iranian official Language

*Salam* is hello

*Mamnoon* means thank you.”

Travellers are usually surprised to discover how clean and safe Iran is and the amount of hospitality they receive. There are misconceptions out there that Iran is dangerous or locals not liking foreigners, the local Persians are the biggest draw card to visiting this beautiful country



Tour	<b>IRAN-Inspiration 14 day / 13 night</b> <b>Code: GA.03</b>
	<b>Day 01: Arrival-Tehran</b> Arrival at Tehran airport, transfer to hotel & rest. O/N Tehran. Grand 4* <a href="http://tehrangrandhotel.com">http://tehrangrandhotel.com</a>

**Day02:Tehran-Shiraz by flight**

After breakfast, we will visit Saad abad place to see white & green museum and Tajrish bazaar then Archaeological & Islamic Art Museum, the finest museum in Iran where you'll view a collection of ancient Persian civilization. & Islamic period in midday Jewelry museum & finally Golastan place UNESCO heritage in Tehran. In evening, transfer to airport and fly to Shiraz. O/N Shiraz.

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**Day 03: Shiraz-Bishapoor excursion (280 KM 5 hours)**

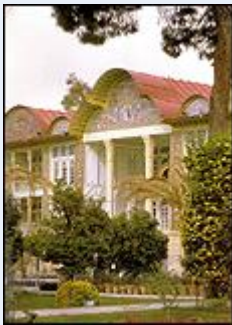
Early morning we go to visit Bishapoor, an ancient city in heart of history, built as the commemoration of Persian Victory in Persian-Roman war. O/N Shiraz.

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**Day 04: Shiraz**

We will visit Eram and Narenjestan Gardens, Nasir-ol-Molk Mosque, Khan Theological School, Hafez (or Saadi) mausoleum, Vakil complex and the most astonishing mirror decoration of Aliebnehamze Holy Shrine. O/N Shiraz.

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**Day 05: Shiraz - Persepolis - Necropolis- Pasargadae- Yazd (545 KM 8 hours )**

Drive to Yazd, en route we will visit Quran gate , Persepolis (a huge place made by free workers not slaves in 500 BC) , Necropolis (tombs of Achaemenian kings) and Pasargadae , tomb of Cyrus the great which was the Achaemenian emperor . O/N Yazd.

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Moshir Garden 4\* [www.Hotelgardenmoshir.com](http://www.Hotelgardenmoshir.com)

**Day 06: Yazd**

According to UNESCO, Yazd is one of the oldest cities in the world; it is like a living museum. We will visit Zoroastrian community and fire temple then visit narrow alleys, the highest wind tower of city which keeps the building cool, Friday mosque from 14th century and the silk weaving workshop where exquisite brocades are still made on traditional looms. O/N Yazd.

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**Day 07: Yazd- Isfahan (265 KM 3 hours )**

In the morning we will explore on foot this ancient city and visit a Zoroastrian temple where sacred fire has been kept alive for hundreds of years and is now a Zoroastrian pilgrim center. This is an opportunity to learn about Zoroastrianism which had been the Persian religion until Arabs brought Islam to Iran. Then go to Towers of Silence on outskirts of the city, which was a burial place for Zoroastrian. In the afternoon drive to Isfahan, en route we will visit Nareen Castle & an old caravanserai in Meibod and a carpet workshop in Naeen. O/N Isfahan.

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**Day 08: Isfahan**

In the morning we will visit Imam square, the huge open square in center of Isfahan with four monuments at four sides including Imam mosque covered inside and outside with intricate turquoise tiles, The smaller Sheikh Lotfollah mosque contains some of the best mosaics from 17th century, Ali Ghapoo Palace which was the first skyscraper in Iran and Isfahan bazaar where you can visit the workshop of artists who paint miniature sometimes on bone. In the afternoon, we will visit Si-o-Se Pol (thirty three) and khajoo bridges over zayanderud , relax in one of the traditional tea houses ,drink tea and smoke Persian water pipe. O/N Isfahan.

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**Day 09: Isfahan**

We will visit Armenian quarter of Jolfa Vank cathedral, Friday mosque, Shaking Minarets and Chehel Sotoun known as forty column palace with its exquisite wall painting. O/N Isfahan.

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**Day 10: Isfahan- Kermanshah (345 KM 5 hours)**

In the morning we drive toward Kermanshah, en route we will visit Falak-ol- Aflak castle in Khoramabad . In Kermanshah visit UNESCO heritage Daryush stone & Bistoon O/N Kermanshah.

Azadegan 4\* hotel

Parsian Kermanshah 4\*Top <http://kermanshah.pih.ir/>

**Day 11: Kermanshah- Hamedan (185 KM 3 hours)**

Drive to Hamedan, We will visit Ester & Mordkhay tombs (Jewish holy shrine) Alaviyan dome and Hegmataneh hill  
O/N Hamedan

Azadi hotel 4 star

**Day 12: Hamedan –Takab - Zanjan (345 KM 5 hours)**

Morning to Takab to visit Azar Gashasb fire temple the other UNESCO heritage in Iran then to Zanjan to visit Soltanieh the Mongolian construction O/N Zanjan Grand zanjan hotel 4\*

**Day 13: Zanjan –Alamut – Tehran (385 KM 5 hours)**

In the Morning to Qazvin the first capital of safavid dynasty to visit this city then Near Qazvin, in Alamut Valley climb Alamut, visit ruins of Hasan Sabah castle, a secret full mountain fort which was residential from end of 11 to the middle of 13 century by a community of nationalist named Assassins. Afternoon drive back to Tehran, O/N Tehran.

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**Day 14: Tehran - Departure**

Transfer to Tehran Intl. airport for your return flight.

Rates in AUD

Includes International airfares from Australia to Tehran.

Per person twin share.

**When is the best time to go to Iran**

When to go and weather.

September and especially October temperatures more moderate than summer and is the best time to go.

Low season for travel and good weather is also available from March to May each year.. ...

There is extreme cold, especially in the northeast and west, during winter (November to February).



When travelling through Iran you can quickly notebook with quirky observations. One moment, I saw propaganda murals encouraging young men to walk into the blazing sunset of martyrdom. The next, a woman in a bookstore served me cookies while I browsed through the books, admiring one in particular. Then, when I was about to leave without buying anything, she gave me the book for free.

While English is the second language on many signs, the squiggly local script looked like Arabic to me. I quickly learned that it's actually Farsi. Iranians are Persian. Persians are not Arabs, and they don't speak Arabic — they speak Farsi. This Persian/Arab difference is a very important distinction to the people of Iran. My film crew and I heard over and over again, "We are not Arabs!"

The numbers, however, are the same as those used in the Arab world. Thankfully, when I needed it, I found that they also use "our" numbers.

Iran is a cash society. Because of the three-decades-old American embargo here, Western credit cards don't work. No ATMs for foreigners means that we have to bring in big wads of cash...and learn to count carefully. The money comes with lots of zeros. One dollar is equal to 10,000 rial. (If you exchange \$100, you are literally a millionaire here.) A "toman" is ten rial, and some prices are listed in rial, others in toman...a tourist rip-off just waiting to happen. I had a shirt laundered at the hotel for "20,000." Is that in rial (\$2) — or in toman (\$20)? Coins are rarely used, and there are no state-issued large bills. Local banks print large bills to help local commerce. To tell if a bill is counterfeit, you rub the number with your finger — if it's the real deal, the warmth makes the numbers momentarily disappear.

People here need to keep track of three different calendars: Persian and Islamic (for local affairs), and Western (for dealing with the outside world). What's the year? It depends: After Muhammad — about 1,430 years ago, or after Christ — two thousand and some years ago.

The Islamic government regulates women's dress and public behavior. Men are also affected, to a lesser degree. Neckties are rarely seen, as they're considered the mark of a Shah supporter. And there are no urinals anywhere. (Trust me. I did an extensive search: at the airport, swanky hotels, the university, and the fanciest coffee shops.)

Americans visiting Iran need to be with a tour or private guide. My guide made sure I was eating in comfortable (i.e., high-end) restaurants, generally in hotels. I wasn't wild about the food on my first trip here in 1978. It's much better now...but still not very exciting. (Some country has to keep Norway company at the bottom of the cuisine rankings. With Norwegian heritage, I speak from experience.)

Restaurants use Kleenex rather than napkins; there's a box of tissues on every dining table. Because Iran is a tea culture, the coffee at breakfast is always instant. Locals assured me that tap water is safe to drink, but I stuck with the bottled kind.

Iran is strictly "dry" — absolutely no booze or beer in public. While I kept ordering a yogurt drink, would-be beer-drinkers seem to long for the real thing: Local guys drink a non-alcoholic "malt beverage" that tastes like beer, comes in a beer can, and, I imagine, makes them feel manly.

In a lot of ways, visiting Iran is like a Cuban cigar...it's a big deal mostly for Americans. There are Western tourists (mostly Germans, French, Brits, and Dutch). In fact, the Lonely Planet guidebook to Iran sells reasonably well and just came out in a new edition. Most foreigners I met were on a tour, with a private guide, or visiting relatives. Control gets tighter and looser depending on the political climate.

I can't help but think how tourism could boom here if they just opened this place up. Once, while stuck in a Tehran traffic jam, the man in the next car asked my driver to roll down his window. He passed over a bouquet of flowers and said, "Give this to the foreigner in your back seat and apologize for our traffic." And when Iran does open up for tourism, experiences like this lead me to believe that its people will be the biggest draw.





Our customer's safety is our number one priority and concern in Iran. For this reason there will be no time that you are not with one of our guides or representatives. You are met and by our guides and driver and travel with them at all times. These people are radio equipped to their head office and at all times are monitoring situations to ensure the group is safe at all times.

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### **BROCHURE VALIDITY**

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The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

#### **DEPOSIT**

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel.

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**CANCELLATIONS**

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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