

## Iran

### 07 Nights 08 Days

#### Day 01 Tehran

Arrive Tehran, meet and greet, hotel transfer, check-in and relax, overnight Tehran.

#### Day 02 Tehran

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your morning tour shall cover **Golestan Palace** and the **National Museum**. Golestan Palace is one of the oldest historic monuments Tehran has to offer, belonging to a group of royal buildings that were located inside mud-thatched walls. Containing a garden, royal buildings and a beautiful collection of Iranian crafts.



**Golestan Palace**



**National Jewels Museum**

Your afternoon tour will cover **National Jewels Museum, Old Bazaar** and **Tehran Market**.

The Safavid, Qajar and Pahlavi monarchs adorned themselves with an incredible range of priceless gems and precious metals, inside the National Jewels Museum you will find a collection of incredible pieces.

Your guide shall recommend a good **Hamman** for an optional Turkish Bath.

Hotel transfer, overnight Tehran.

## Day 03 Tehran – Yazd



**Jameh Mosque of Ardestan**

Breakfast at your hotel, check-out and drive to Yazd, en route visit **Jameh Mosque of Ardestan**, **Bazaar of Na'in** and **Meybod**. The congregational mosque is worth a visit, the oldest sections indicate a pre-Seljuk building and the structure was incorporated in a Seljuk kiosk mosque in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Meybod is a desert city and home to many ancient points of interest.

Hotel transfer, overnight Yazd.

## Day 04 Yazd

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your morning tour involves **Yazd Atash Behram** and **Jameh Mosque of Yazd**. Yazd Atash Behram is a Zoroastrian fire temple that enshrines the Atash Bahram (*Victorious Fire*) from the 5<sup>th</sup> century. See the Achaemenid architecture style in brick masonry similar in design to the Atash Behram temples in India, the structure is surrounded by a garden and trees.



**Yazd Atash Behram**



**Amir Chakhmagh Square**

Your afternoon tour takes you to the **Fahadan District**, the oldest neighbourhood in Yazd where many interesting sights can be found including Fahadan Mosque, Lari's House and Husseinieh Fahadan.

Continue to **Amir Chakhmagh Square**, a symbol of Yazd and the center of many social gatherings. End your day with a stroll around **Ganjali Khan Bazaar**.

Hotel transfer, overnight Yazd.

## Day 05 Yazd – Shiraz

Hotel breakfast, check-out, drive to Shiraz, see **Pasargadae**, originally the capital of the Achaemenid Empire under Cyrus the Great, now an archaeological site and one of Iran's *UNESCO World Heritage Sites*.

Hotel transfer, overnight Shiraz.



**Pasargadae**

## Day 06 Shiraz



**Hafez Tomb**

Breakfast at your hotel, your morning tour covers **Hafez Tomb** and **Saadi Tomb**, learn about the celebrated Persian poet Hafez, the open pavilion structures inside Musalla Gardens house the marble tomb.

Your afternoon tour covers **Vakil Mosque**, **Vakil Bazaar** and **Saraye Moshir**. Vakil Mosque is located west of Vakil Bazaar next to the entrance, built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and later restored in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Saraye Moshir is a traditional Bazaar founded over 250 years ago and has been used as a museum, traditional restaurant and tea serving centre



**Vakil Bazaar**

Hotel transfer, overnight Shiraz.

### Day 07 Shiraz

After hotel breakfast proceed on your morning tour which takes you to **Persepolis** and **Naqsh-e Rostam**. Persepolis was the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire which exemplifies the Achaemenid style of architecture. Numerous ruins of colossal structures exist on the terrace, all constructed from dark grey marble.



**Naqsh-e Rostam**

Nasqsh-e Rostam is an ancient necropolis about 12km northwest of Persepolis that dates to the Achaemenid dynasty. Four tombs were cut high into the cliff face and have incredible architectural decoration with the facades including large panels over the doorways portraying figures of the King being invested by a God.

Continue to **Vakil Bazaar** and **Saray e Mehr**. Discover the main bazaar of Shiraz tucked away in the historical center of the city. Bath houses, caravanaris and wonderful courtyards can all be found at this bazaar as well as shops for all kinds of Persian rugs, spices and antiques. Hotel transfer, overnight Shiraz.

### Day 08 Shiraz – Tehran

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, check-out and transfer to Tehran, airport transfer for your onward flight.