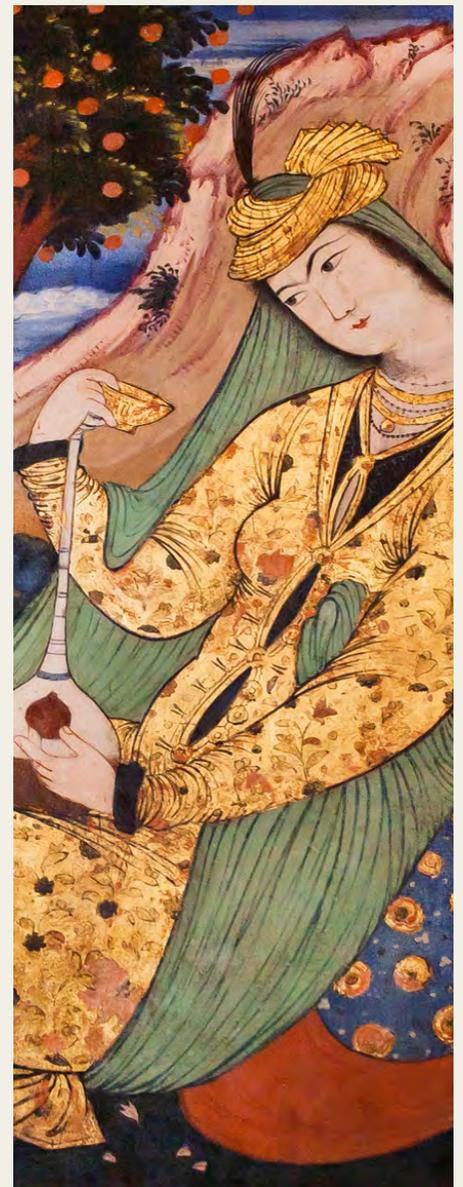
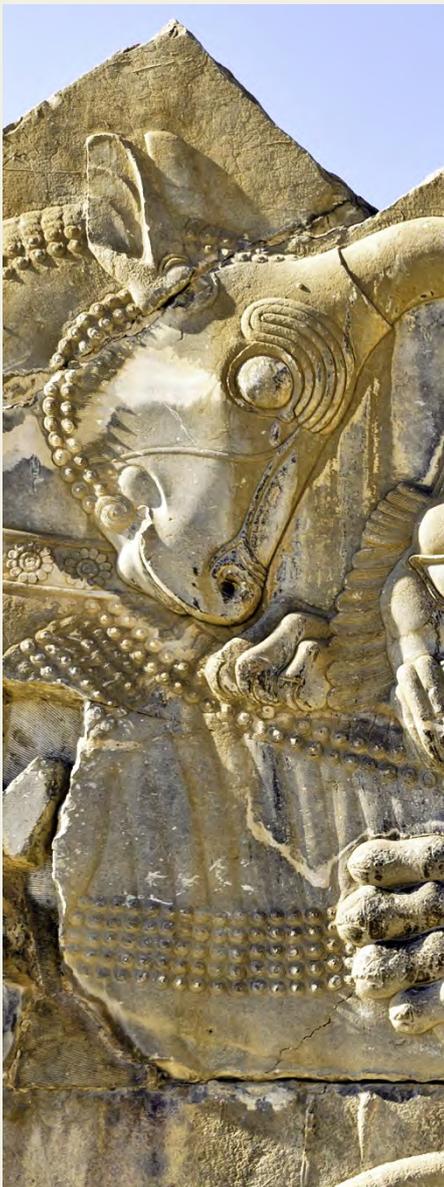


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TOUR LEADER: DR JOHN TIDMARSH



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ACADEMY
TRAVEL

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Tour dates: October 6-28, 2019

Tour leader: Dr John Tidmarsh

Tour Price: \$12,985 per person, twin share

Single Supplement: \$2,325 for sole use of double room

Booking deposit: \$500 per person

Recommended airlines: Emirates or Qatar

Maximum places: 20

Itinerary: Tehran (3 nights), Astara (1 night), Tabriz (3 nights), Zanjan (2 nights), Shiraz (4 nights), Persepolis (1 night), Yazd (3 nights), Isfahan (4 Nights), Tehran (1 night)

Date published: October 17, 2018

OVERVIEW

The Persian Empire, based within modern Iran's borders, was a significant force in the ancient world, when it competed and interacted with both Greece and Rome and was the last step on the Silk Road before it reached Europe and one of the first steps of Islam outside Arabia. In its heyday, Iran boasted lavish architecture that inspired Tamerlane's Samarqand and the Taj Mahal, and its poets inspired generations of Iranians and foreigners, while its famed gardens were a kind of earthly paradise. In recent times Iran has slowly re-established itself as a leading nation of the Middle East.

Over 23 days we travel through mountain and desert landscapes of Iran and visit some of the most remarkable monuments in the ancient and Islamic worlds. We explore Achaemenid palaces and royal tombs, mysterious Sassanian fire temples, enchanting mud-brick cities on the desert fringes, and fabled Persian cities with their enchanting gardens, caravanserais, bazaars, and stunning cobalt-blue mosques. Perhaps more importantly, however, we encounter the unsurpassed friendliness and hospitality of the Iranian people which leave most travellers longing to return.

YOUR TOUR LEADER



Dr John Tidmarsh was previously Tutor and then Part-Time Lecturer in Greek and Roman archaeology at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Sydney, and is the former President of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation. He is a Co-Director of the University of Sydney's excavations at Pella in Jordan (where he has worked since 1979) and is also Co-Director of the Australian Archaeological Mission at Jebel Khalid in Syria. He was previously Associate Director of the University of Sydney's excavations at Paphos, Cyprus, and was also Senior Investigator at the university's excavations at Torone in Greece.

John answers the questions of "Why would you want to go to Iran?" and "Is it safe?"

"Few countries can boast of such an illustrious past, diversity of cultures and peoples, marvellous mountain and desert landscapes, awe-inspiring monuments and evocative cities as Iran. Furthermore, in the 25 years or so that I have been travelling extensively in Iran, never have I felt unsafe or met with hostility from the Iranians. Rather, there is always a genuine warmth and a real gratitude that we were visiting their country. This has never changed over the years and so for many travellers it is the unsurpassed friendliness and hospitality of the Iranian people— just as much as Iran's spectacular monuments and wonderful landscapes— which leave most travellers longing to return".

"John Tidmarsh and our Iranian guide, and the wonderful bus driver, were a team who worked exceptionally well together to ensure everything ran smoothly and that we were given every opportunity to experience this wonderful country."

– Participant on Iran, April 2017.



ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS



For further information and to secure a place on this tour please contact **Rebecca Fussell** at Academy Travel on 9235 0023 or 1800 639 699 (outside Sydney) or email rebecca@academytravel.com.au

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



TEHRAN

Explore Tehran's array of remarkable museums and Qajar palaces. We visit the Crown Jewels Museum, second only to the Tower of London, showcasing dazzling jewels that belonged to the last Shahs of Iran, the Golestan Palace to see the grand marble throne and its numerous museums, the Ancient and Islamic collections at the National Museum, and the unique Persian Art at the Reza Abassi Museum.



THE CASPIAN SEA AND TABRIZ

Travel over the picturesque Elburz Mountains and along the shores of the Caspian Sea into Azerbaijan Province. Over three days in Tabriz, visit the Ottoman influenced architecture of the Blue Mosque with its intricate turquoise mosaics, wander through the labyrinthine domed halls and caravanserais that make up the UNESCO-listed bazaar and travel into the Aros Valley to see the Armenian church of St Stephanos.



SHIRAZ

Admire over 2000 years of Persian culture in Shiraz, a centre of learning and philosophy where you will find a book of verse alongside the Koran in every home. We visit the tomb of the celebrated 14th century poet, Hafez, and the Barg-I Eram Garden with its grand residence overlooking the fountains and gardens and experience the melange of coloured light shining through the stain glass windows at the Nasir al Molk Mosque.



PERSEPOLIS & PASARGADAE

Encounter the great sites of Persepolis, built by Cyrus the Great, and Pasargadae dating from the 6th century BCE, and home to the great kings Darius and Xerxes. Persepolis was a place of stunning beauty where the king would receive dignitaries and guests entering from the imposing Gates of all Nations. Pasargadae was the capital of the Achaemenid Empire under Cyrus and his tomb is located here.



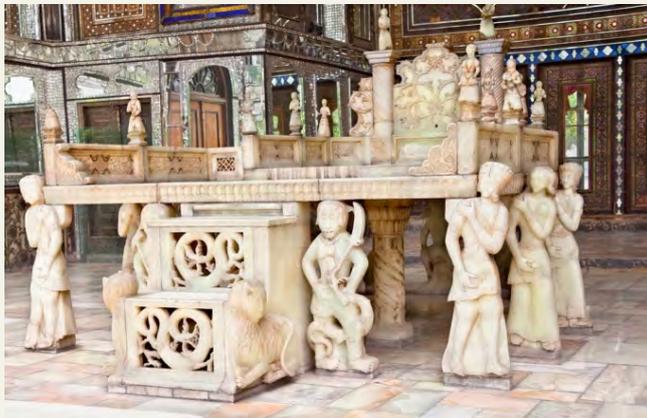
ISFAHAN

Relax in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Isfahan, centre of the 'renaissance' Safavid period and explore the stunning Sheikh Lotfollah and Shah mosques and Ali Qapu Palaces around Naqsh-e Jahan or Imam square, where locals come to chat and promenade. We also explore Isfahan's Armenian heritage at the Christian Orthodox Vank Cathedral with its painted walls and visit the newly opened Music Museum.



Above: architect Hossein Amanat combined elements of Sassanid and Islamic architecture in his design for what is now known as Azadi or Freedom Tower in Tehran

Below: the intricately carved Marble Throne on display in the Golestan Palace Complex; and the Mausoleum of revered Sufi philosopher, Sheikh Saffi-eddin Ardebili



DETAILED ITINERARY

Included meals are shown with the symbols B, L and D.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

ARRIVAL

Arrive into Tehran where you will be met and transferred to our hotel. In the afternoon visit the fabulous State's Jewels Museum. It showcases some of the magnificent jewellery belonging to the last kings of Iran, including the Darya-i Nur (Sea of Light), the largest uncut diamond in the world, and the 'Globe of Jewels', a map of the world in emerald, sapphire, ruby, and diamonds. Overnight Tehran (D)

MONDAY OCTOBER 7

TEHRAN MUSEUMS

Today is devoted to visiting some of Tehran's Museums, demonstrating the rich cultural heritage of the country. The visits will include the archaeological section of Iran's National Museum, displaying an authenticated collection of pre-historic and ancient artefacts with pottery dating back to 6-7 millennium BC, and the Reza Abbasi Museum where the exhibits of fine Iranian art are arranged chronologically from the 2nd millennium BC to the end of the Qajar era in the early 20th century. Overnight Tehran (B, L, D)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8

GOLESTAN PALACE

This morning we visit the Golestan Palace and Museum Complex, the former residence of the 19th and early 20th century Qajar Kings of Iran, incorporating several museums including the Marble Throne Room. After a break for lunch we visit the Carpet Museum to see the extensive collection of old and new Persian carpets and rugs sourced from the major carpet-weaving centres of Iran. Overnight Tehran (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9

THE CASPIAN SEA

Departing Tehran we travel north through the picturesque Elburz Mountains and then along the shores of the Caspian Sea via the port of Anzali. We stop for lunch overlooking the Caspian Sea before continuing to Astara and our hotel on the lake backing onto the mountains. Overnight Astara (B, L, D)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10

ARDEBIL TO TABRIZ

A pleasant morning's drive brings us to Ardebil to visit the magnificent Mausoleum of Sheikh Saffi-eddin Ardebili, a widely revered Sufi Philosopher of the 14th century, who made Ardebil his home. He was the forefather of the well-known Safavid Kings of Iran and his mausoleum has been the mecca of thousands of pilgrims and dervishes throughout the centuries. Ardebil sits on a high plateau and if the day is clear we should have good views of Mt Sabalan on our way to Tabriz. Overnight Tabriz (B, L, D)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11 ST STEPHANOS

We travel outside of Tabriz for a full day excursion to visit the Armenian church of St Stephanos, set amongst spectacular mountain scenery in the Aros River Valley. The church features typical Armenian architecture with a bell tower and cylindrical tower with a conical roof. Overnight Tabriz (B, L, D)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12 EXPLORING TABRIZ

This morning we visit the Blue Mosque, known in the world as the Turquoise of Islam, the Azerbaijan Museum, displaying a fine collection of pre-historic and historic artefacts found in the area, and the extensive bazaar. After a break for lunch, we take a short excursion to the intriguing troglodyte village of Kandovan, up in the heights of Mt Sahand, a volcanic mountain. Here the people have carved their houses in the rocks and still live in them as in ancient times. Overnight Tabriz (B, L, D)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13 TO ZANJAN

Today we travel to Zanjan and visit the magnificent Mausoleum of Uljaitu, constructed during the reign of Sultan Muhammad Khoda Bandeh (1304-1330). Its huge dome, which is about 51 metres high, ranks amongst the largest in the world; the stucco-work, tile-work, and the designs decorating this monument make it unique. Overnight Zanjan (B, L, D)

MONDAY OCTOBER 14 TAKHT-E-SOLEIMAN

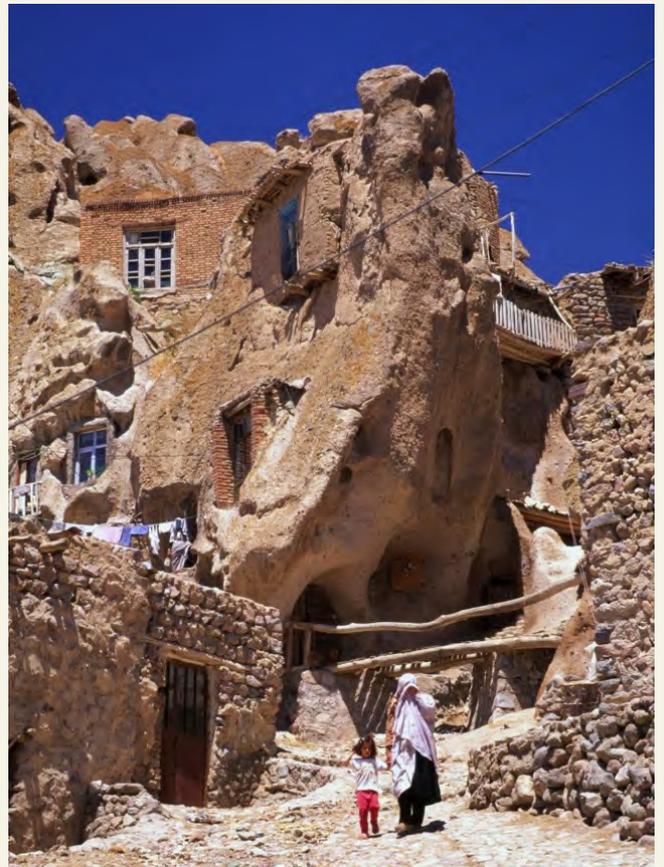
We embark on a full day's journey into the Zagros Mountains where we visit the site of Takht-e-Soleiman located in a broad and remote mountain valley. What remains are the massive stone walls and remnants of the thirty-eight watch towers, palaces, the fire temple and the Anahita temple, built around the conical crater lake mainly by the Sassanians in the 6th century. Overnight Zanjan (B, L, D)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15 TO SHIRAZ

This morning we return to Tehran by coach before boarding our domestic flight to Shiraz. Overnight Shiraz (B, L, D)

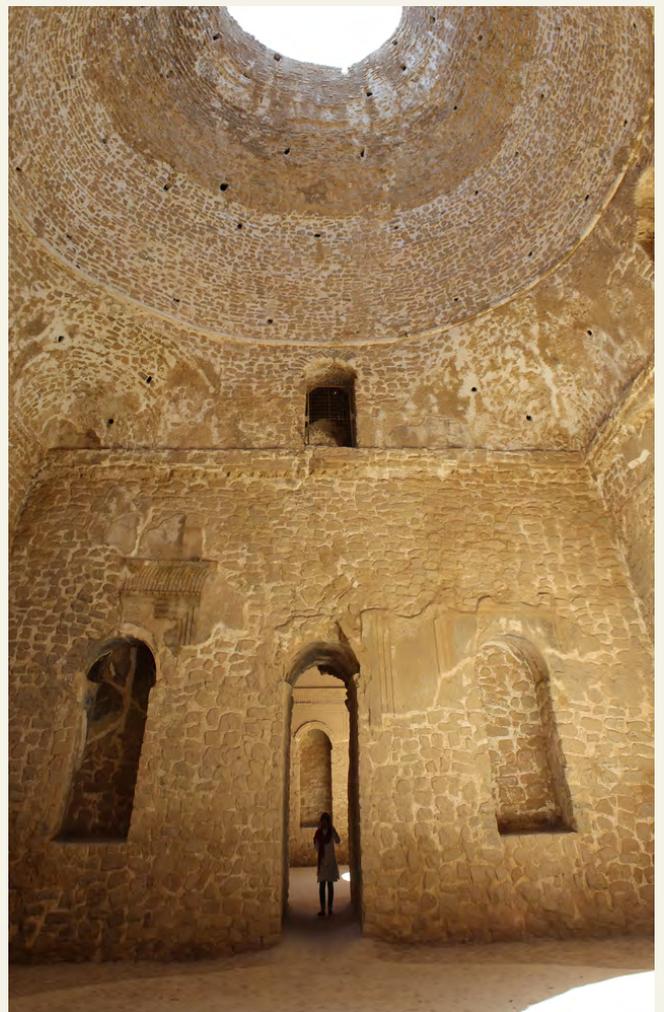
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 FIRUZABAD

We travel south to the city known today as Firuzabad to visit the enormous palace of Ardashir, of unique architectural design with its huge arch and three domes. On the ancient road to Firuzabad we pass by two bas-reliefs, depicting Ardashir defeating the Parthian king Artabanus and receiving the crown of kingship from Ahuramazda, as well as the Qaleh-i Dokhtar, built by Ardashir as a fortress guarding the entrance to the valley. Overnight Shiraz (B, L, D)



Above: the intriguing troglodyte village of Kandovan where people have carved their houses in the landscape

Below: the oculus and dome at the Palace of Ardashir in Firuzabad





THURSDAY OCTOBER 17

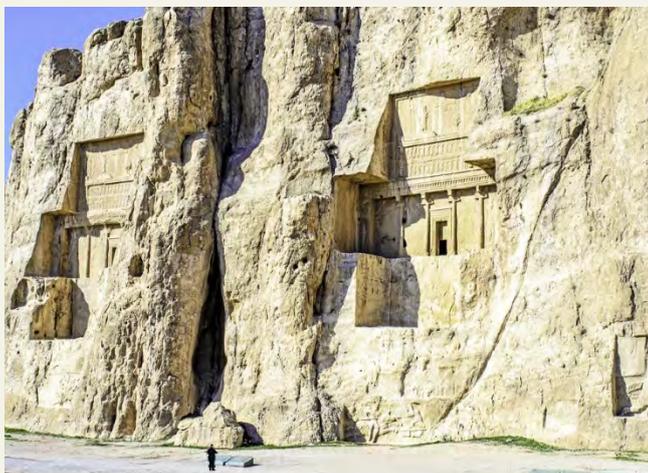
EXPLORING SHIRAZ

In the morning we visit the tomb of the great 14th century poet Hafez. Set in a peaceful garden, the marble tombstone is engraved with a verse from the poet and many Iranians treat the tomb as a site of pilgrimage. We visit the wonderful Bagh-i-Eram garden with a grand residence overlooking the fountains and botanic gardens; and Nasr el-Molk mosque with its unusually deep blue tiling, finely carved pillars and exquisite stained glass. The afternoon is free for further shopping in the bazaar or visiting more of the many monuments of Shiraz. Overnight Shiraz (B, L, D)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18

BISHAPUR

Today we travel to Bishapur to visit the site of the Sassanian city built by Shapur 1st (241-273 A.D.), the second Sassanian king. We investigate the building complex which includes six Sassanian rock-reliefs at Tang-e-Chogan, commemorating Shapur's victories over the Romans and other adversaries. Overnight Shiraz (B, L, D)



SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

PERSEPOLIS

We depart for Persepolis, one of the most important sites of the Ancient World, is our destination today. It is the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid kings with remains of the palaces of Darius the Great, Xerxes and Artaxerxes, and its famous bas-reliefs, depicting kings and courtiers and gift-bearing representatives of tributary nations of the Persian Empire. At Naghsh-e-Rostam we see the Achaemenid fire temple Ka'be-Zardosht and Royal Tombs plus seven magnificent Sassanian rock-reliefs (including Shapur the First's famous victory over the Roman Emperor Valerian). Our hotel is conveniently located next to the site at Persepolis. Overnight Persepolis (B, L, D)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

PASARGARDAE

On the way to Yazd we visit Pasargadae, the site of the tomb and remains of palaces of Cyrus the Great, the founder of the Persian Empire, all located in the magnificent Dasht-e-Morghab. Driving through the typical desert town of Abarkuh we stop and have tea under the shade of a 4,000-year old Cypress tree before arriving into Yazd and checking into our hotel. Overnight Yazd (B, L, D)

MONDAY OCTOBER 21

ZOROASTRIAN YAZD

The Zoroastrian religion was the main religion of Iran from at least Sassanian times and perhaps even earlier. It emphasises the manifestation of divinity in nature, and its centres of worship are nature itself or the fire temples in each city or town. Today in Yazd, the centre for Iran's small remaining Zoroastrian



Images left: the Gate of All Nations, Persepolis; Royal tombs at Naghsh-e Rostam; the grand residence in the garden at Bagh-i-Eram, Shiraz

community, we visit one of the two Zoroastrian abandoned Towers of Silence (Dakhma), and the active Zoroastrian Fire Temple, the fire of which has been burning for about 1500 years. Among Yazd's Islamic sites is the Friday Mosque, with the highest portal and minarets in Iran. There are also many beautiful old houses in Yazd, among them the Dowlat Abad Garden, which we see this afternoon. Overnight Yazd (B, L, D)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22 AT LEISURE

Today is at leisure to explore Yazd independently. You may like to explore the old city where most of the buildings are constructed from sun-dried mud bricks. Take note of the brown *Bagdirs* or wind catchers on every rooftop that ventilate the houses and provide a natural form of air-conditioning. Overnight Yazd (B, D)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23 TO ISFAHAN

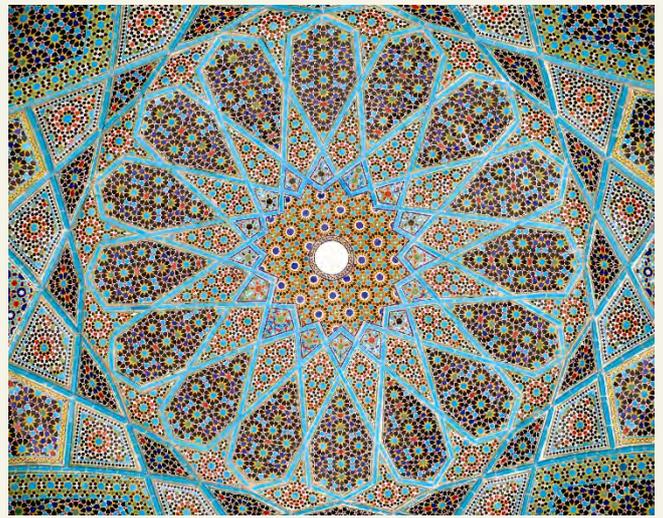
Leaving Yazd we drive to Isfahan, with a stop en-route at the village of Meybod where we visit the fine Zilou museum and ceramic shops. We continue to Na'in, another charming desert town and visit the 10th century Friday Mosque, and the 17th century Pirnia House and Ethnographic Museum, with a walk through the old part of town. After a break for lunch we head to Isfahan and check into our hotel. Overnight Isfahan (B, L, D)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 EXPLORING ISFAHAN

Our full day tour of the beautiful city of Isfahan commences with a survey of the city's three famous bridges – Shahrestan, Khajou and Sio-se-pol – each with its own design and architectural features. We also visit the Armenian Quarter and several of its churches, including the important Cathedral of Vank, decorated in a mixture of Islamic tile designs, Christian imagery and wonderful frescoes. In the afternoon, we visit one of the world's grandest squares, the Maidan-e-Naghsh-e-Jahan, including the Ali Qapu Palace with its balcony overlooking the Maidan. We also visit two of the Islamic world's greatest mosques – the Sheikh Lotfollah and the Shah – both with magnificent architecture and tile work. Our touring today concludes with a visit to the Qeisarieh Bazaar. Overnight Isfahan (B, L, D)

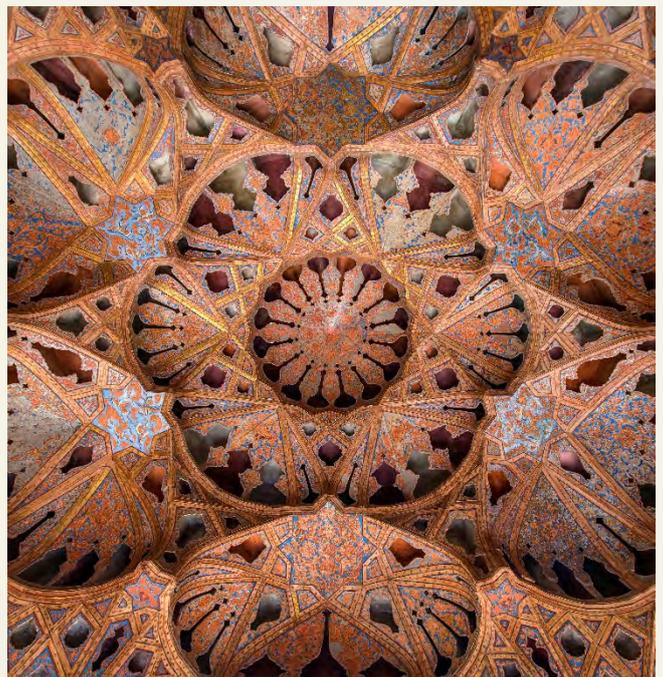
FRIDAY OCTOBER 25 ISFAHAN

Our sightseeing in Isfahan continues with a visit to the magnificent Friday Mosque, with the famous Uljaitu Mihrab (Prayer Niche) of the Il-Khanid period. The Friday Mosque is considered a museum of a thousand years of Persian religious architecture. Our exploration continues to the Chehel Sotun Palace, where its wooden columns reflected in the surface of the pool give its name 'The Palace of Forty Columns'. In the afternoon we have free time to return to the main Maidan for a further visit to the shops and bazaar. Overnight Isfahan (B, L, D)



Above: detail from the rotunda over the tomb of the poet Hafez in Shiraz

Below: the Zoroastrians built shelters for families to stay in when they came to lay their deceased to rest on the towers of silence as part of a complex funeral ritual; the intricate carved detail in the music room at Ali Qapu Palace overlooking the Maidan in Isfahan



SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

AT LEISURE

Today is at leisure to further your explorations of Isfahan. This evening we share a farewell meal in a local restaurant.
Overnight Isfahan (B, D)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

RETURN TO TEHRAN

Today we return to Tehran by road, firstly stopping at the town of Natanz to visit a beautiful Islamic mosque and dervish complex. Next we travel to Kashan, to visit one of the most important and ancient archaeological sites in Iran, the ziggurat known as Tepe Sialk. We also visit the historical garden of Fin, which was first planted during the Safavid period and kept alive with water from the nearby Sulaimanieh Spring. A museum on the site displays artefacts from nearby Tepe Sialk. Before departing Kashan we visit a fine example of a 19th century merchant residence known as Borujerdi House with its beautiful stucco and painted decoration. Arriving in Tehran this afternoon, we transfer to our hotel, conveniently located at the airport.
Overnight Tehran Airport (B, L, D)

MONDAY OCTOBER 28

DEPARTURE

Emirates Airlines has several flights departing Tehran to Dubai throughout the day. Your tour consultant can assist with arranging the best possible connections and booking a late check out at an extra cost if required. (B)

HOTELS

While every effort has been made to provide the best available accommodation and services, not all tourist services are at western standards. Where possible, all hotels on this tour are three to five-star – though this does not necessarily imply the standards of four and five-star hotels in Western countries.

- Tehran, **Espinash Hotel** (3 nights)
www.espinashotels.com
- Astara, **Espinash Hotel** (1 night)
www.espinashotels.com
- Tabriz, **Pars Hotel** (3 nights)
www.pars-hotels.com
- Zanjan, **Grand Hotel** (2 nights)
www.zanjangrandhotel.com
- Shiraz, **Homa Hotel** (4 nights)
www.homahotels.com
- Persepolis, **Apadana Hotel** (1 night)
www.appadanahotel.com/fa/
- Yazd, **Moshir Garden Hotel** (3 nights)
www.hotelgardenmoshir.com
- Isfahan, **Abbasi Hotel** (4 nights)
www.abbasihotel.ir
- Tehran, **Novotel Airport Hotel** (1 night)
<https://novotel.airporthotels.ir/>



Above: looking over the main square in Isfahan towards the balcony of the Ali Qapu Palace; vivid frescoes depicting historical scenes and infamous battles adorn the walls of Chehel Sotun, the Palace of Forty Columns

Below: the cleverly designed wind-catcher on top of the Borujerdi House in Kashan funnels cool air throughout the building



TOUR PRICE

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

Included in the tour price

- All accommodation in selected three, four- and five-star hotels
- All breakfasts and most lunches and dinners in hotels and local restaurants as indicated in the itinerary
- Economy class flight Tehran to Shiraz
- Land travel in Iran by air-conditioned coach
- Extensive tour notes
- Services of an Australian tour leader throughout the tour
- All entrance fees to sites mentioned on itinerary
- Qualified national guide throughout
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at all hotels
- Tips to local guides and drivers
- Visa fees

Not included

- International air fares, taxes and surcharges (see below)
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Expenses of a personal nature

AIR TRAVEL OPTIONS

The tour price quoted is for land content only. For this tour we recommend Emirates or Qatar which offer flights into and out of Tehran from most Australian cities. Please contact us for the best possible prices on economy, business or first class fares. Transfers between airport and hotel are included for passengers booking their flights through Academy Travel. Transfers may be group or individual.

VISAS

Visas for visits of 30 days or under can be obtained on arrival at Tehran Airport. Detailed information on the process and required documentation will be sent with your welcome letter.

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

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FITNESS REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TOUR

GRADE TWO ★★

It is important both for you and for your fellow travellers that you are fit enough to be able to enjoy all the activities on this tour. To give you an indication of the level of physical fitness required to participate on our tours, we have given them a star grading. Academy Travel's tours tend to feature extended walking tours and site visits, which require greater fitness than coach touring. We ask you to carefully consider your ability to meet the physical demands of the tour.

Participation criteria for this tour

This Grade Two tour is designed for people who lead active lives and can comfortably participate in up to five hours of physical activity per day on most days, including longer walking tours, challenging archaeological sites, climbing stairs, embarking and disembarking trains and/or boats, and a more demanding tour schedule with one night stops or several internal flights.

You should be able to:

- keep up with the group at all times
- walk for 4-5 kilometres at a moderate pace with only short breaks
- stand for a reasonable length of time in galleries and museums
- tolerate uncomfortable climatic conditions such as cold, humidity and heat
- walk up and down slopes
- negotiate steps and slopes on archaeological sites, which are often uneven and unstable
- get on and off a large coach with steep stairs, train or boat unassisted, possibly with luggage
- move your luggage a short distance if required

A note for older travellers

If you are more than 80 years old, or have restricted mobility, it is highly likely that you will find this itinerary challenging. You will have to miss several activities and will not get the full value of the tour. Your booking will not be accepted until after you have contacted Academy Travel to discuss your situation and the exact physical requirements of this tour. While we will do our best to reasonably accommodate the physical needs of all group members, we reserve the right to refuse bookings if we feel that the requirements of the tour are too demanding for you and/or if local conditions mean we cannot reasonably accommodate your condition.

ABOUT ACADEMY TRAVEL

Each year Academy Travel organises around 60 journeys to Europe, the Mediterranean, Asia and the Americas, each focusing on a distinctive historical, artistic or cultural theme. The aim of every Academy Travel journey is to combine the pleasures of independent travel with the benefits and shared enjoyment of a group. Academy Travel is an Australian-owned travel company, founded in 2004. The company's staff includes both academic experts and travel professionals with over two decades' industry experience. We also have our own office in Rome which organises our tours in Western Europe. This means we have direct control over the selection of hotels, restaurants, coaches and local guides, guaranteeing superior quality.

GREAT ITINERARIES

Academy Travel works hard to create itineraries that provide a balanced experience – walking tours, museum and gallery visits, live performances, city and countryside. We're proud to be constantly innovating, from opening up new destinations, creating tours around festivals and special exhibitions, to providing unrivalled depth in our residential tours.



LIKE-MINDED GROUPS

Over the years we've been in operation, we've developed a loyal band of Academy Travellers, some of whom have travelled with us more than 10 times. They say the small groups (maximum 20, average 17) and distinct themes of our tours attract like-minded travellers and create a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.



LONG STAYS

Feedback from our clients consistently tells us that creating itineraries with three and four-night stops, or even longer, is far more appealing than rushing from place to place. Wherever possible, we plan our tours around a limited number of stops, making your travels more relaxed and more meaningful.



SPECIAL EVENTS

A private viewing of the Sistine Chapel? Tickets to a sold-out concert by the Berlin Philharmonic? A world-famous art fair? Access to private homes and gardens? Behind-the-scenes visits? Many of our tours feature access to places and events that are usually not offered on most group tours.



EXPERT TOUR LEADERS

We work closely with a team of academically qualified and highly experienced tour leaders. They don't just 'rattle off the facts' – they help us plan our itineraries and, on tour, freely share their deep knowledge and genuine passion. Most of our tour leaders are still teaching at an advanced level and many are still undertaking academic research.



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Academy Travel was founded in 2004 by a team with decades of prior experience in small group travel. On average, our tour leaders have over 11 years' experience, some with 25 or more years. To ensure quality, we have our own office in Rome, Italy and a network of trusted suppliers around the world.



TO SUBMIT YOUR BOOKING:

- Complete form on screen. Simply click in the box to fill in your details and press "Tab" to progress to the next box. Save the completed form and email it to us.
- Or print the form, complete the fields and send it back to us.

Name of tour:

Departure date:

A YOUR DETAILS

This is my first tour with Academy Travel

I have previously travelled with Academy Travel

PASSENGER 1

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc): Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

Preferred first name:

Date of birth:

Postal Address:

State:

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Seating (Aisle or window)

Name of next of kin (not travelling with you):

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PASSENGER 2

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc): Your full name (as it appears on your passport):

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PROOF OF IDENTITY Please provide a photocopy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form.

ROOMING PREFERENCES

I am travelling: on my own with a friend or family member. Name of friend or family member (if not passenger 2)

I/we would like: a room for sole occupancy a twin-bedded room a double-bedded room

B YOUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

MEAL REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES

Please indicate below if you have any special dietary requirements. Appropriate meals will be requested for you on all flights and group meals based on this information.

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I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies

PASSENGER 2

I do not have any specific dietary requirements or allergies

I have the following specific dietary requirements/allergies

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please indicate below if you have any serious health issue that may affect your travel insurance coverage, your physical capacity to undertake some activities on tour or may otherwise need to be considered by the tour leader/manager during the tour.

PASSENGER 1

I have no specific medical condition that Academy Travel needs to know about

Academy Travel needs to know about the following medical condition(s)

PASSENGER 2

I have no specific medical condition that Academy Travel needs to know about

Academy Travel needs to know about the following medical condition(s)



C YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

- I/we wish Academy Travel to arrange air travel from Australia.
- Economy Class. Premium Economy Class. Business Class.
- I/we will organize our own air travel.
- I/we are undecided about air travel. Please contact us to discuss the available options.
- I plan to leave Australia before the tour commences.
- Planned departure date:
- I intend to take part in the extension tour offered in the itinerary (if applicable).

I/we plan to undertake additional travel before/after the tour and would like Academy Travel to organise this (please describe destinations and length of stay required below).

To discuss your travel arrangements please contact the travel consultant for your tour. You can also email enquiries to info@academytravel.com.au.

D YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING CONDITIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

DEPOSITS

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your booking on a tour. Final payment of the tour fee, insurance and any additional travel will be due 60 days before departure.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

More than 60 days before departure: \$500*

60-45 days before tour start: 25% of total amount due

44-15 days before tour start: 75% of total amount due

14 days or less before departure: 100% of total amount due

*This amount may be credited to another Academy Travel tour within 12 months of the original tour you booked.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Academy Travel requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. We offer a comprehensive policy with a reputable insurer if required.

PASSPORT AND VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel. If you do not hold an Australian passport you may require a re-entry permit. Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia. We will advise you of all passport and visa requirements, but it is your responsibility to ensure that you meet passport and visa requirements before you depart.

WILL THE TOUR PRICE CHANGE?

If the number of participants in a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates Academy Travel reserves the right to amend the advertised price. If this occurs you will be given the option of canceling your booking and obtaining a full refund. If an Academy Travel tour is forced to cancel you will get a full refund of all monies paid.

WILL THE ITINERARY OR AIRLINE CHANGE?

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Academy Travel make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make slight amendments to daily itineraries. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

FINAL PAYMENT

Full and final payment for the tour, airfare travel, insurance and any additional travel you book is due 60 days before departure. Payment may be made by bank deposit, cheque, cash or credit card. Please note there is a surcharge for payments made by credit card.

Academy Travel reserves the right to decline the booking or terminate the holiday of any traveller.

- I/we accept the conditions on this booking form
- I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I/we are able to meet these requirements.

Date:

AUTHORISATION

By submitting this booking form, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions above and on our website, and the inclusions and non-inclusions listed in the detailed itinerary for the tour.

E DEPOSIT PAYMENT

A non-refundable \$500 deposit is required for each person listed on this booking form. Please indicate which method you have chosen to pay your deposit:

Number of passengers: Amount of deposit: \$

Paid directly by cheque (Please make cheques payable to Academy Travel)

Paid by credit card (Please complete details below)

MasterCard Visa American Express

Card Number:

3 or 4 digit security code: Expiry date:

Name on card:

Amount: \$ Date:

F HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR?

Please select where you first heard about this tour:

- I receive the Academy Travel tour program
- I receive the Academy Travel weekly emails
- I saw an advertisement online... please specify
- I saw an advertisement in... please specify
- I attended a lecture at... please specify
- Searching the internet... please specify
- A friend recommended Academy Travel tours
- Other... please specify

G SEND

Please send your completed booking form to:

Academy Travel
GPO Box 5057
Sydney NSW 2001

Or email: info@academytravel.com.au or fax it to **(02) 9235 0123**

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