



Classic of Ancient Persia With Apadana Travel Corp





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Trip Duration	10 Days
Grade	Cultural Tour
Activities	Walking and light trekking tour
Summary	10 Days trip,9 nights staying in 4* hotels

At a glance

DAY 1	Arrive Shiraz
DAY 2	In Shiraz
DAY 3	Excursion to Persepolis, Naghsh-e-Rostam and Pasragad and continue to Yazd
DAY 4	In Yazd
DAY 5	Drive to Isfahan
DAY 6	In Isfahan
DAY 7	In Isfahan
DAY 8	Drive to Tehran via Kashan
DAY 9	In Tehran
DAY 10	Depart

Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Arrival

Arrive in Shiraz international airport.

You will be met and greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Shiraz.

In the afternoon enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Shiraz. Shiraz is famous for its fragrant gardens, which were introduced at the time of the first Persian Empire and later became the model for gardens throughout the Moslem world. Wander through the delightful **Eram Gardens** and listen to a poetry reading in the gardens at the tomb of Hafez, the Persian Mystic poet. In the evening, the tomb of Hafez attracts locals to wander around and sit and recite poetry in the gardens.

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Day 2

In Shiraz

In the late morning, you'll be met by your guide to enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Shiraz, which was the capital under the rule of Karim Khan Zand in the 18th century. Visit the beautiful pink **Nasir al Molk Mosque** and the **Naranjestan Gardens** and House. Wander around the large courtyard and shining shrine of **Shah Cheragh** close to the nomad's bazaar, and in the afternoon head for the **Vakil Mosque, Bath and the Vakil Bazaar** before visiting the **Ark of Kharim Zand**.

Enjoy a cup of tea in the lovely tea house.

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Day 3

Drive to Yazd via Persepolis, Naghsh-e-Rostam and Pasargad

Today you are driven to the city of Yazd via the Ancient Persepolis, Naqsh-e-Rostam and the (World Heritage Site)of Pasargad.

Persepolis (the World Heritage Site) , capital of the first Persian Empire of the 6th century BC. King Darius the Great began construction around 515 BC with his successors adding new buildings until 330BC when Alexander the Great invaded Iran and razed it to the ground. The magnificent ruins bear witness to the greatness of the Persian Empire in its heyday. Continue to the necropolis of **Naqsh-e-Rostam**, the cave tombs of Darius amongst others are hewn in to the cliff face.

Then you visit Pasargad. **Pasargad (the World Heritage Site)** : Built by Cyrus the Great in 546 BC, Pasargadae was the first capital of the Archaemenid Empire and maintained this status until Darius the Great began assembling the new seat of the government at Persepolis in 518 BC. See the six tiered tomb of Cyrus standing on a windswept plain and the remains of three Achaemenid palaces.

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Day 4

Desert town of Yazd (the World Heritage Site)

Despite its harsh surroundings, Yazd has made the most of its position between Isfahan and Kerman, on the main route to Central Asia. Because of its long history and adaptation to its desert surroundings, Yazd is an architecturally unique city and it is also well known in Iran for the high Quality handicrafts, especially silk weaving, and its sweets shops.

The town has one of the largest networks of qanats (deep underground channels) and to deal with the extremely hot summers, many old buildings in Yazd have large underground areas and magnificent "badgirs" or wind towers that Provide natural air-

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conditioning. On your guided tour you will explore the old city made of sun-dried bricks with its labyrinthine alleyways. You will visit the magnificent **Friday Mosque**, the **Zoroastrian Fire Temple** or "Ateshkadeh" - where a sacred flame has burned nonstop since around 470 AD -, **the Towers of Silence** - traditional Zoroastrian burial grounds where the dead were left to be picked off by vultures-, **the Mir Chakhmagh Mosque**, **the Tomb of the 12 Imams** and **(the World Heritage Site of) Doulat Garden**.

*** We suggest you have Iranian dinner in a local house with playing Taar (a traditional Persian music instrument). Optional + Surcharge!**



Day 5

Drive to Isfahan via Meybod and Naein

This morning leave Isfahan and head for Meybod, a ceramics center and home to the pre-Islam **Narenj Castle**. Continue on to Na'in, a town famous for its carpet making, here you can visit Nain city including: **the Jame Mosque** which dates back to the 8th century and **the ethnography museum Narenj Castle, Pirnia traditional House, Nain Rigareh water mill**. Arrive in Isfahan in the late afternoon and check in to your hotel.

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Day 6

In Isfahan

The city of Isfahan is a masterpiece of Islamic architecture, considered to be the most beautiful in Iran. Its golden age was under Shah Abbas I, who came to power in 1587 and made Isfahan the great city it is. Imam Square, the huge central square of Isfahan, surrounded on three sides by two exquisite mosques and the palace.

Wander through the vast **Imam Mosque (the World Heritage Site of)** and the small yet beautifully and intricately decorated Shaikh **Lutfallah Mosque** before climbing the

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steps through the various rooms of the **Ali Qapu Palace** (Shah Abbas's residence) to the balcony overlooking the square. The vast covered bazaar is a delight to wander through for souvenirs and spices after your sightseeing, or perhaps sit in the gardens to enjoy the activity of the square. You will also visit the Chehel Sotoon or **Forty Columns Palace**, a beautiful, cool, summer palace. The forty columns of the façade are in fact only twenty, doubled in the reflection of the pool in front. You can then wonder down the tree lined street of Charhar Bagh Avenue to the Hotel Abbasi and its lovely courtyard for something to eat or drink. The Abbasi is located nearby Si-o-se-pol bridge. The Safavid bridge has 33 arches in total and is the longest of the bridges spanning the Zayanderud river.



Day 7

In Isfahan

Continue your guided sightseeing of Isfahan's magnificent buildings: the **Jameh or Friday Mosque** with many different architectural elements, the Chehel Sotoon or **Forty Columns Palace**, a beautiful, cool, summer palace. The forty columns of the façade are in fact only twenty, doubled in the reflection of the pool in front.

Then on to the **Armenian Quarter of Isfahan Jolfa** and visit **Vank Cathedral**. The cathedral combines beautiful elements of Armenian architecture with Persian design. The history of St. Gregory the Illuminator who brought Christianity to Armenia is shown in a frieze running round the cathedral.

In the afternoon, you have free time to explore the vast covered **bazaar** is a delight to wander through for souvenirs and spices after your sightseeing, or perhaps sit in the gardens to enjoy the activity of the square

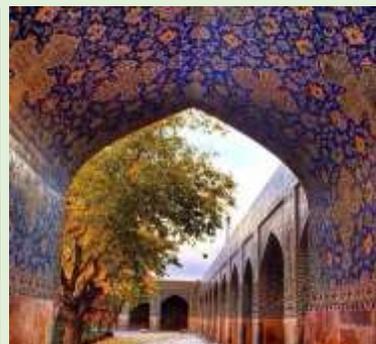
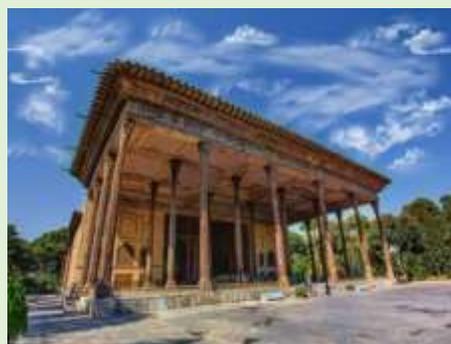
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Day 8

Drive toward Tehran via Kashan

Continue your guided tour to Kashan, first visit bazaar and mosque. Explore this marvelous city located on the edge of the Dasht-e Kavir desert. During the Seljuk period (AD 1051–1220) Kashan became famous for its textiles, pottery and tiles, reaching high levels of accomplishment in each of these cottage industries. Today the town is more widely known as a major center for the production of rose water, which is sold at outlets around the main tourist attractions and at dedicated stores in the bazaar. The major highlights you'll visit the beautiful **Fin Garden (the World Heritage Site of)**, built for Shah Abbas I in the early 17th century, which contain the remains of his two storey palace, the gardens despite being beautiful have a dark history with the Hamman located within being the site of the murder of prime minister Amir Kabir in the 19th century. The stunning bazaar, one of Iran's best which also contains the beautiful Safavid era Mir Amad bathhouse. Also of interest is **the House of Borujerdi**, originally a private nobleman's house of the 19th century and now a museum. Then continue to IKA airport and stay in airport hotel.

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Day 9

Teheran City Sightseeing

After breakfast, meet in the hotel lobby at 9:00 am sharp to start sightseeing. Tehran has a lot to visit but we try to see most highlighted sites and If you would like to stay longer, please do ask us about options for spending more time in Tehran. The first site will be **National museum**, then walk through **Grand bazaar** region and visit **Golestan palace** and local shops.

After lunch in a good restaurant head for the crown jewels housed in the vaults of the Bank Melli, the collection of Safavid, Qajar and Pahlavi jewels is outstanding.

In the evening your guide will take you to **Darband** to the north of the city, where Tehran is go for an evening out. Following the local people make your way up the mountain following the rushing stream. The mountainside is full of little restaurants and tea houses overlooking a rushing stream and you will have welcome dinner and enjoy a cup of tea under the cool air of the plane trees.

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*Please note that Jewel museum is opened from Saturday to Tuesday and is your Tehran city tour coincides with close days, we will replace glass museum with Jewel museum.

Day 10

Depart Iran

Leave Iran. Have a nice Trip!

Price 10 days Classic of Ancient Persia		
Pax no.	3* hotels	4* hotels
1 person	3200 CAD	3380 CAD
Flight THR to SYZ	78 CAD	78 CAD

Included:

- All transfers & sightseeing trips
- Meal: BB
- Entrance fees
- All accommodation (3*/4* hotel)
- Driver - guide (English speaking)
- Vehicle
- Invitation to the visa (reference number)

City	3* Hotel	4* Hotels	Nights
Shiraz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arg Hotel • Karim Khan (Boutique hotel) • Vakil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal • Setaregan • Elysée 	2
Yazd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fazeli Hotel (Boutique hotel) • Shaar Baf (Boutique hotel) • Mehr Hotel (Boutique hotel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dad • Moshir garden • Laleh 	2
Isfahan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolou-e-Khorshid(Boutique hotel) • Part Hotel • Safavi hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safir • Asseman • Khajou 	3
Tehran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mashad hotel • Marlik Hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aramis • Howeizeh 	2