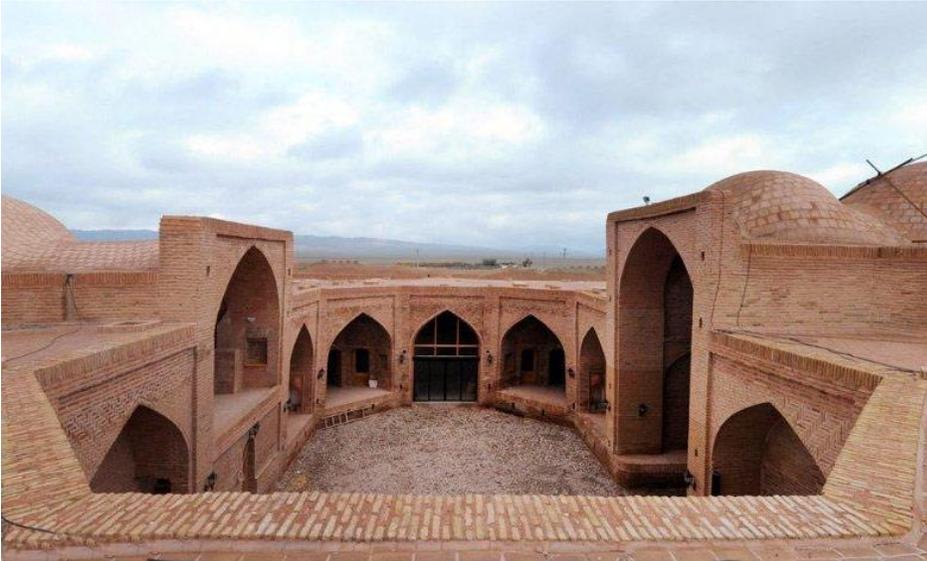


## TRAVEL IN DESERT



### 1° ITALY – TEHRAN

Arrive to Tehran. Meet our guide outside the transit hall. Transfer to hotel. Overnight tehran.



### 2° TEHRAN – GARMSAR

After breakfast visit tehran with famous Iran bastan museum (the national museum of iran ) that hosts historical monuments dating back through preserved ancient and medieval Iranian antiquities, including pottery vessels, metal objects, textile remains, and some rare books and coins. Continue

with Golestan Palace, one of the oldest historic monuments in the city of Tehran, and of world heritage status, the Golestan Palace belongs to a group of royal buildings that were once enclosed within the mud-thatched walls of Tehran's arg ("citadel"). After lunch drive to Garmsar, overnight Garmsar.



### 3° GARMSAR– SEMNAN – DAMGHAN

After breakfast drive to Damghan, en route visit a caravanserai from Safavid era. Arrive to Semnan, visit the town's gate from Qajar era, Jame mosque , Bazar & Tekieh ( a square designed for public ceremonies) . continue to Damghan, a small city famous for pistachios and best examples of Seleucid architecture. Arrive to Damghan, transfer to hotel, overnight damghan.

### 4° DAMGHAN – KHOR BIABANAK

After breakfast visit Damghan with the well-known Tarikhaneh mosque ( house of God ) that was one one of the most famous fire temples of iran and an archetype of what we call Islamic architecture further on. Visit tower tomb of pir-e- almdar another example of Seleucid masterpieces. Drive to khor biabank where you enjoy the absolute silence of the desert. Overnight khor biabank.





## 5° KHOR BIABANAK – CHAK CHAK - YAZD

After breakfast excursion in Mesr desert and visit the particular village. Drive to Yazd, en route visit Chak-Chak One of the greatest sanctuaries of Zoroastrianism. Continue to Yazd known as city of wind catchers, with 3,000 years of history that goes back to Median empire. Arrive and transfer to hotel. Overnight Yazd.



## 6° YAZD – PASARGADAE – SHIRAZ

After breakfast visit yazd with Jame mosque, ancient quarter of the city called Fahadan, Tekieh Mirciakhmaq , Fire temple (Atashkadeh) where in a brazier for 1,500 years continuously they burn sandalwood logs, Dakhmeh (tower of silence ) a circular, raised structure built by Zoroastrians for excarnation – that is, for dead bodies to be exposed to carrion birds. Drive to shiraz, en route visit Pasargadae the capital of the Achaemenid Empire under Cyrus the Great who had issued its construction (559–530 BC); it is also the location of his tomb. It was a city in ancient Persia, located near the city of Shiraz (in Pasargad County), and is today an archaeological site and one of Iran's UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



## 7° SHIRAZ – SHIRAZ

After breakfast city tour of Shiraz including Hafezieh (tomb of Hafez) built in 1935 and designed by the French architect and archaeologist André Godard , Nasir –al-molk mosque, The mosque includes extensive colored glass in its facade, and displays other traditional elements such as the Panj Kāse ("five concaved") design. It is named in popular culture as the Pink Mosque, due to the usage of considerable pink color tiles for its interior design, visit Bazar & at the end the astonishing Shah Ceraq. Dinner and overnight Shiraz.



## 8° SHIRAZ – PERSEPOLIS – NAGHSH-E- R U S T A M – YA Z D K H A S T – ISFAHAN

After breakfast drive to Persepolis ( takht-e-jamshid ) the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire (ca. 550–330 BC).Persepolis was built in terraces up from the river Pulwar to rise on a larger terrace of over 125,000 square feet, partly cut out of the Mountain Kuh-e Rahmet ("the Mountain of Mercy"). Visit Nagh-e-rustam, reliefs belong to Elamite, Achaemenian the Sassanid periods. The tombs of Xerxes, Darius the second, and Arta-xerxes are here. There is also a Zoroastrian fire temple. One cannot doubt the keen landscape sensibility of the people who chose this site. Drive to Isfahan, dinner and overnight Isfahan.



## 9° ISFAHAN – ISFAHAN

After breakfast we start visiting Isfahan, a museum where people live. According to the French author, Andre Malraux, only Florence and Peking are comparable to Isfahan. Visits include: Naghsh-3-jahan (Imam) square, Heritage Sites which is surrounded by buildings from the Safavid era such as Aliqapu palace, Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque and Imam Mosque. The city tour continues with Armenian quarter Jolfa and Vank Cathedral and then Chehel Sotoun (40 columns) palace. In the evening visit of beautiful royal bridges on Zayandeh Rud such as Si-o-se Pol & Khaju. Dinner and overnight Isfahan.

## 10° ISFAHAN – KASHAN – QOM – IKA AIRPORT

After breakfast visit Jameh Mosque, seen as a stunning illustration of the evolution of mosque architecture over twelve centuries, starting in AD 841. It is the oldest preserved edifice of its type in Iran and a prototype for later mosque designs throughout Central Asia. Drive to Tehran with a stop in Kashan and Qom. Visits of Kashan includes: Fin Garden &



borujerdi traditional house . in Qom you will visit hazrat-e Masumeh holy shrine. Dinner and overnight in hotel in front of IKA international airport.

## **11° TEHRAN - ITALY**

Transfer to the airport and departure. End of our services.

### **Included Services:**

- Visa authorization code (Excluding consular fees)
- 10 nights accommodation in single or shared room in requested hotels
- Full board basis ( including one soft drink on each meal)
- All the transfers by private vehicles equipped with air conditioning
- Local guide during the tour
- All entrance of sightseeing fees (indicate in the program)
- Tea, coffee during long transfers
- 01 small bottle of water per day per pax