

## Epic Cities of Iran – Days Tour

From ages ago, the book of “Shahnameh” has always been the greatest Persian epic, which Iranians have always been proud of. In this adventurous and exhilarating journey, you travel to **ancient Persian cities, wonderful citadels, and lesser-known destinations** around Iran.

This path will lead you to eastern Iran: not only is it full of unexampled tourist attractions, but this Iran tour also features places that are yet to be explored by tourists, and even locals. If you’re an adventurous traveler, then the 18 Days Epic Cities of Iran Tour is the right journey for you!

**Physical Difficulty Level:** Medium-high (hiking and trekking)

**Departure & Return Location:** Tehran Imam Khomeini International Airport ([Google Map](#))

**Best Time to Travel:** March to May, October to December

### Included Services:

- Travel insurance
- Accommodation and breakfast
- Tour Guide
- Entrance Fees
- Domestic Flights
- Daily refreshments

### Excluded Services:

- Lunch and Dinner
- Driver Service Fee
- Any Private Expenses
- Room Service Fees
- International flights

### Additional service upon request:

- Full Board meals
- Luggage Carriage
- Single Rooms

### Traveling Highlights:

- Travelling to less-visited and little harder to reach places
- An adventurous path to Iran eastern counties, suitable for travellers willing to know more about Iran
- Food: Khoresht-e Zereshk (barberry stew)

- Drink: Persian Herbal teas
- Culture: Watching Zoorkhaneh rituals

## **Itinerary**

### **Day 1 Arrive in Tehran**

Our trip begins from Tehran. After arrival at the IKA airport and transfer to hotel for some rest, we visit Sa'ad Abad palace complex late in the morning. Then head to Tehran's mountainous area, Darband to have a light trekking, watch people's everyday life and enjoy fresh air.

### **Day 2 Tehran**

On our second day in Iran's capital, we visit some highlights such as Golestan palace complex, Iran National Museum and Treasury of National Jewels which are all located in city's central district: Tehran grand bazaar.

### **Day 3 Tehran to Mashhad**

Before leaving Tehran to discover the eastern regions of Iran, we go to Carpet museum in Tehran and take an afternoon flight to Mashhad to gain the opportunity of visiting Imam Reza's holy shrine early at night.

### **Day 4 Mashhad**

Today we have an excursion to Nishapur (120 km) and visit mausoleum of Omar Khayyam. Returning to Mashhad we go to tomb of Ferdowsi and visit Nader Shah museum as well.

### **Day 5 Mashhad to Ferdows**

From today on, we get familiar with desert architecture more and more. Riab village, as the first instance is on our way to Ferdows (360 km).

### **Day 6 Ferdows**

In the morning we have an excursion to Boshrouyeh (95 km). While enjoying the amazing natural beauties, we visit sand dunes and on the way back to hotel in Ferdows, we discover secrets of historic town of Toon.

### **Day 7 Ferdows to Birjand**

Continuing our journey, we head to Birjand (200 km) and take a walk in its traditional bazaar before having lunch. Then visit one of five Persian gardens listed as UNESCO World Heritage, Akbarieh garden in the afternoon.

### **Day 8, Birjand**

Amazingly, there are more than it seems to visit in *Birjand*. So we head to Furg citadel in the morning and visit Shokat Abad garden in the afternoon.

### **Day 9, Birjand to Deh Salm**

As next city on the list, we go to *Deh Salm* (280 km) which is famous for its palm trees and high-rise sand dunes and totally in contradiction with the concept of desert, is regarded as a green village in the region.

### **Day 10, Deh Salm to Zabol**

After lunchtime we leave our hotel for *Zabol* (260 km). However, there is still a lot to visit on our way such as Nehbandan windmills. At night we arrive to our hotel in *Zabol*.

### **Day 11, Zabol**

On our only day in *Zabol*, visiting Shahr-e Sukhteh (the burnt city) is a must, which takes half of our day. Then we visit Mount Khajeh (45 km from Zabol) which has always played a sacred role in different beliefs through ages.

### **Day 12, Zabol to Zahedan**

While on our way to the main city of *Sistan Va Baluchestan province, Zahedan* (210 km) as our next destination, we visit some ancient castles and when in the city, we go to Zahedan museum and finally the hotel to have some rest.

### **Day 13, Zahedan to Bam**

We are going to visit the world's largest mud-brick village, the Citadel of Bam (325 km). So we leave hotel in the morning to spend rest of the day in this old city of Iran.

### **Day 14, Bam to Kerman**

Before leaving for the center of *Kerman Province*, we visit another great citadel of the region on our way to *Kerman city* (210 km). Left full of surprises from Rayen citadel, we visit the desert garden of Shazdeh in *Mahan* and head to the hotel in *Kerman* afterwards.

### **Day 15, Kerman**

To understand the history of city, today we go to Ganjali Khan historic complex, including the historical bath, school, mosque, cistern and bazaar. Then we head to Jabalieh dome and visit the stone museum. We return to the hotel by evening.

### **Day 16, Kerman (Shahdad)**

To take the most out of our visit from *Kerman*, we leave for Shahdad desert to visit the structures which wind has carved out of sand hills through ages. On the way back to hotel, we visit the old cypress tree of Sirch as well.

### **Day 17, Kerman to Tehran**

Today we are flying back to *Tehran* (1hr 30 min) in the afternoon. By then we have a short time on our own during which we can take a walk in bazaar to buy some souvenirs. When back to *Tehran*, we enjoy the traditional farewell dinner together.

### **Day 18, leaving Iran**

And finally it's time to bid farewell to Iran as we get transferred to the airport early in the morning for our return flight home.