

## Highlights of Iran: Shiraz, Isfahan &amp; Tehran - 8 days

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Explore the rich heritage of Iran on this immersive 8-day journey through some of the country's most fascinating cities. Start in atmospheric Shiraz, discovering graceful mosques, tranquil gardens, and historic tombs, before visiting the remarkable archaeological sites of Persepolis, Naqsh-e Rostam, and Pasargadae. Travel onward to impressive Isfahan, celebrated for its monumental squares, elegant bridges, palaces, and historic Armenian quarter. Along the way, stop in the traditional village of Abyaneh before reaching Kashan, renowned for its exquisite historic houses and gardens. Your journey concludes in dynamic Tehran, where royal palaces, museums, lively bazaars, and modern neighborhoods showcase Iran's layered history and contemporary culture. An ideal journey for first-time visitors seeking insight into Iran's past and present.

**DEPARTURE DATES:** 04.18.2026; 04.25.2026; 05.02.2026; 05.09.2026; 05.16.2026; 05.23.2026; 05.30.2026; 06.06.2026; 06.13.2026; 06.20.2026; 06.27.2026; 07.04.2026; 07.11.2026; 07.18.2026; 07.25.2026; 08.01.2026; 08.08.2026; 08.15.2026; 08.22.2026; 08.29.2026; 09.05.2026; 09.12.2026; 09.19.2026; 09.26.2026; 10.03.2026; 10.10.2026; 10.17.2026; 10.24.2026; 10.31.2026; 11.07.2026; 11.14.2026; 11.21.2026; 11.28.2026; 12.05.2026; 12.12.2026; 12.19.2026.

## ITINERARY

**Day 1 - Shiraz**

Upon arrival, our driver will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax and settle in ahead of the upcoming sightseeing. Overnight in Shiraz. (Dinner)

**Day 2 - Shiraz**

Shiraz is a name well known to wine lovers, as the grape is believed to have originated here, even though modern Shiraz wines are now mainly produced elsewhere. While the vineyards have long disappeared, the city remains rich in cultural and historical attractions. Today's city tour begins at the Nasir al-Mulk Mosque, also known as the Pink Mosque, completed in 1888. You will then visit the Vakil Complex, including its mosque, historic bathhouse, and lively bazaar. The sightseeing continues with the Karim Khan Citadel, the serene Eram Garden, and the Tomb of Hafez. Overnight in Shiraz. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 3 - Shiraz - Persepolis - Naqsh-e Rostam - Pasargadae - Isfahan**

This morning you depart for the historic city of Isfahan, with several outstanding stops along the way. Your first visit is to Persepolis, founded in 518 BC as the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built on a vast stone terrace, its impressive ruins still reflect the former splendour of ancient Persian civilisation. You then continue to Naqsh-e Rostam, an ancient necropolis renowned for its rock-carved royal tombs and reliefs. The final stop is Pasargadae, another UNESCO-listed site, established by Cyrus the Great and home to his tomb. Overnight in Isfahan. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 4 - Isfahan**

When Isfahan ceased to be the capital in the 18th century and power shifted to Tehran, many of its historic buildings were left largely untouched. As a result, the city today stands as a remarkable showcase of Persian architectural splendour. Your sightseeing tour includes the Naqsh-e Jahan Square complex, featuring the Imam Mosque, Ali Qapu Palace, and the Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque. There is also time to explore the Qeysarieh Bazaar, famous for its carpets and kilims. The day concludes with visits to the Chehel Sotun Palace and the iconic Si-o-Se Pol and Khajou bridges, before returning to the hotel to relax. Overnight in Isfahan. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 5 - Isfahan - Abyaneh - Kashan**

Your journey continues to Kashan today, with a stop en route at the village of Abyaneh. Often referred to as the "red village" due to its distinctive red earth and buildings, Abyaneh's winding lanes climb the foothills of the Karkas Mountains. Picturesque from afar, a closer look reveals its unique clay architecture and well-preserved local traditions. In Kashan, you will visit the Boroujerdi House, a beautifully preserved 19th-century residence that now functions as a museum. You will also explore the historic Fin Garden, the oldest surviving garden in Iran and the site of the assassination of Amir Kabir in 1852. Overnight in Kashan. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Day 6 - Kashan - Tehran

Today you travel to Tehran, the capital of Iran, dramatically set on the lower slopes of the Alborz Mountains, with snow-capped peaks providing a stunning backdrop. Your visit includes the historic Niavaran Palace complex, featuring the Sahebqranieh Palace, followed by a visit to Tajrish Square and its vibrant bazaar. Overnight in Tehran. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Day 7 - Tehran - Tabriz

Today's sightseeing focuses on Tehran's major highlights, starting with Golestan Palace. Dating from the Qajar period, this historic complex is one of Iran's oldest and most significant, once serving as the seat of government and now celebrated for its lavish decoration and architectural splendour. You will also visit the archaeological section of the National Museum and the Crown Jewels Museum. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Tehran further or relax at your hotel. Overnight in Tehran. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Day 8 - Tabriz - Jolfa

Your final day in Iran. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

## TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Included

[Accommodation](#)  
[Guided tours & cultural programme](#)  
[English - speaking guides](#)  
[Half board meals](#)  
[Ground transportation](#)  
[Airport transfers](#)

### Not included

[Personal travel insurance](#)  
[Optional excursions](#)

### Optional extras and upgrades

[Stopover in Istanbul](#)  
[Stopover in the Middle East](#)

### Practical information

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## AVAILABLE PACKAGES

### COMFORT - 3\* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Single suppliment
04/18/2026 - 04/25/2026	\$1695	\$245
04/25/2026 - 05/02/2026	\$1695	\$245
05/02/2026 - 05/09/2026	\$1695	\$245
05/09/2026 - 05/16/2026	\$1695	\$245
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**PREMIUM - 4\* PACKAGE**

Dates	Tour Price	Single supplement
04/18/2026 - 04/25/2026	\$1945	\$395
04/25/2026 - 05/02/2026	\$1945	\$395
05/02/2026 - 05/09/2026	\$1945	\$395
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**ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS**

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Best of Caucasus" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > [Great Azerbaijan Discovery - 10 days \(AZ-05\)](#), Price from \$1,695, 10 days
- > [Discover Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan - 16 days \(CT-02\)](#), Price from \$3,495, 16 days
- > [Highlights of Iran and Armenia - 15 days \(CT-04\)](#), Price from \$2,995, 15 days
- > [Classical Turkey Tour: Istanbul, Cappadocia, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Izmir - 8 days \(TR-03\)](#), Price from \$2,495, 8 days

## HOW TO BOOK

### Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Best of Caucasus holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

### Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

**Online:** log on to [www.best-of-caucasus.com](http://www.best-of-caucasus.com) and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Best of Caucasus, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

**Email:** alternatively, you can book your tour per email - [info@best-of-caucasus.com](mailto:info@best-of-caucasus.com), or

**Phone:** call us on **+1 (917) 259 13 33**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel category), and available upgrades.

### Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

### Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum \$250) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

