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## **IRAN**

### **Nomads of Iran Tour**

**Tehran, Kashan, Isfahan, Shahr-e Kord, Yasuj, Shiraz  
10-Day Itinerary**



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### **Day 1 – Tehran**

Check-in your hotel.

### **Day 2 – Kashan / Isfahan**

Before arriving in Isfahan, we will visit Kashan. Kashan is an historical city that is famous for its beautiful houses. This city was an important center in the production of high quality potteries and tiles between the 12th and the 14th centuries. In modern Persian, the term “kashi” used for tiles comes from the name of the town. Visits include Fin Garden (A UNESCO World Heritage site), and Borujerd house.

### **Day 3 – Isfahan**

Isfahan is located at the main north–south and east–west routes crossing Iran, and was once one of the largest cities in the world. Isfahan flourished between 1050 and 1722. Then, it became the capital of Persia for the second time in its history in the Safavid Period (16th century). Even today, this city has retained much of its past glory. It is famous for its Persian–Islamic architecture along with many beautiful boulevards, covered bridges, palaces, mosques, and minarets. Visits include Imam Square (UNESCO Site), Ali Qapu Palace, Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, Chehel Sotoun Palace (UNESCO Site), Vank Cathedral Museum, and the Zayandeh River Bridges (Si-o-seh & Khaju Bridges).

### **Day 4 & 5 – Bakhtiari Nomad Region / Shahr-e Kord**

Well-known for its natural beauty, cold winters, waterfalls and rivers. Shahr-Kord is Iran’s highest capital city at 2,070 m (6,790 ft) above sea level. This led to it being known as the “Roof of Iran”. Nestled between two mountain ranges and is really off the beaten track. It is an ideal way of meeting the local nomadic people of the region. Zayandeh-Rood or Zayanderood is the largest river in the central plateau of Iran. You may participate in class rafting. Bakhtiari Nomad Village, Atabakan Mosque, and Imamzadeh Khatoon will be our other destinations.

### **Day 6 – Yasuj**

The area of Yasuj has been settled since the early Bronze Age and is the place where Alexander III of Macedon stormed the Persian gates and fought his way into the Persian heartland. The people of Yasuj speak Lurish, one of the western Iranian languages.

### **Day 7 – Qashqai Nomad Region / Shiraz**

On our way to Shiraz, we stop to visit a Qashqai settlement. These nomads are the largest group of nomadic pastoralists who travel with their flocks each year.

### **Day 8 – Shiraz**

We will spend the day discovering the spectacular site of Persepolis and surrounding tombs including a half-day tour of Persepolis Complex (UNESCO Site), Tombs of Naqsh-e Rostam, and Naqsh-e Rostam.

### **Day 9 – Firuz Abad / Shiraz**

Another excursion outside of Shiraz takes us to the ancient city of Firuz Abad. This city, built in the 3rd century BC by the founder of the Sassanid Empire, is considered as a Qasqai farming town. There are still a few remains of the old ruins to be explored. Karim Khan Citadel, Vakil Mosque & Bazaar, Ardashir's Palace, and the Qashqai Nomad Village.

### **Day 10 – Tehran**

Depart for a morning flight to Tehran.