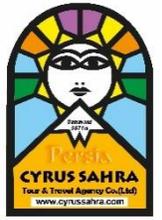


Treasure of Ancient Persia With Cyrus Sahra Co.





About Cyrus Sahra

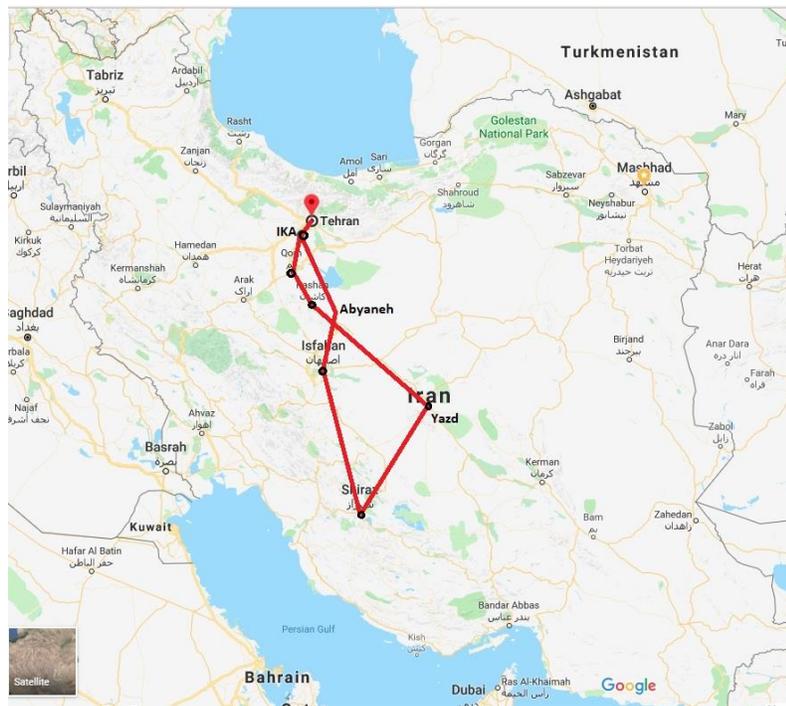
Cyrus Sahra Co. (Ex. Caravan Sahra Co.) is one of the pioneers' incoming tour operator in Iran, doing business since 1990.

We offer a comprehensive wide range of programs throughout Iran to cover all aspects of the beauties & attractions of this wonderful country, such as: Archaeological, cultural historical, adventure, discovery, incentives, tailor made itineraries, outdoor, bird watching, botanical wild flowers, butterfly, camping, desert, nomads, horse riding, camper tours, walking, trekking, climbing, expedition, s, wild life, garden tours, skiing & skiing off the rails

Our reputation is developed on providing quality service with real personal touches.

Treasure of Ancient Persia

Trip Duration	12 Days
Grade	Cultural Tour
Activities	Walking and light trekking tour
Summary	12 Days trip, 11 nights staying in 3*, 4* or 5* hotels



At a glance

DAY 1	Arrive Tehran
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DAY 3	Drive to Kashan via Qom
DAY 4	Drive to Yazd via Naein
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DAY 7	In Shiraz
DAY 8	Drive to Isfahan via Persepolis and Naghsh-e-Rostam
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DAY 10	In Isfahan
DAY 11	Drive back to Tehran via Abyaneh
DAY 12	Depart

Detailed itinerary

Day 1 /

Arrival

Arrive in Tehran (IKA) at... By..... .

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

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.



Overnight: Tehran



: Hotel



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Day 2 /

In Teheran

After breakfast, meet in the hotel lobby at 09:30 am sharp to start sightseeing. Tehran has a lot to visit but we try to see most highlighted sites.

The first site will be **National museum**, then walk through **Grand bazaar region** and visit **Golestan palace** and local shops.

After lunch head for The Glassware and Ceramic Museum of Iran is located at 30 Tir Street (formerly known as Ghavam Al Saltaneh Street), in [Tehran, Iran](#). It was private residence of longtime [Prime Minister Ahmad Qavam](#) from 1921 until 1951. The complex was also [Embassy of Egypt](#) for seven years.

Overnight: Tehran



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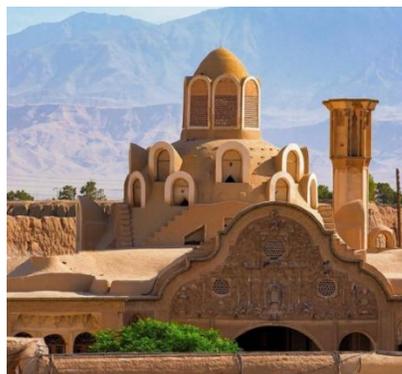


Day 3 /

Teheran to Kashan

This morning you will leave Tehran for Kashan at 09:00, Stopping first in **Qom**, the 2nd holiest site in Iran after Mashhad which includes the Safavid shrine to Fatima with its golden domes and twin minarets, some of the shrines are inaccessible to non-Muslims but it is a fascinating visit as you'll normally be shown around by an English speaking Mullah who will be happy to answer your questions about Islam and the Shrine.

Then continue to Kashan. 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 Gardens (the World Heritage Site)**, 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. Also of interest is the **House of Borujerdi**, originally a private nobleman's house of the 19th century and now a museum. Transfer to the hotel.



Overnight: Kashan

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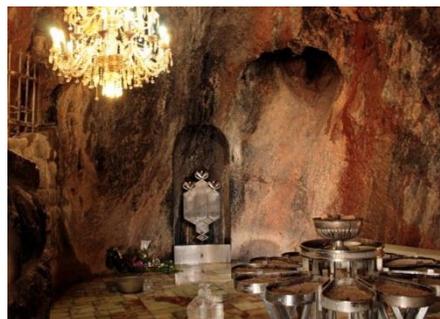
Day 4 /

Kashan to Yazd via Naein & Meybod

This morning leave Kashan and head for 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**. Continue on to Meybod, a ceramics center and home to the pre-Islam Narenj Castle. Arrive in Yazd in the late afternoon and check in to your hotel.

Overnight: Yazd

-  : Hotel
-  : BB
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Day 5 /

Desert town of Yazd

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-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 Emams** and **(the World Heritage Site of) Doulat Garden**.

Overnight: Yazd

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Day 6 /

Drive to Shiraz via Pasargadae

Today you are driven to the city of Shiraz via the Ancient **(World Heritage Site) of Pasargadae**.

Pasargadae: 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.

Overnight: Shiraz

-  : Hotel
-  : BB
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Day 7 /

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 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** and Bath before visiting the Ark of Kharim Zand. In the evening, the tomb of Hafez attracts locals to wander around and sit and recite poetry in the gardens.

Overnight: Shiraz



Day 8 /

Persepolis and Naghsh-e-Rostam - Isfahan

After Visit the beautiful pink Nasir al Molk Mosque, Enjoy an excursion to the **(World Heritage Site)of Perspolis and Naqsh-e-Rostam.**

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.

Continue to Isfahan.

Overnight: Isfahan



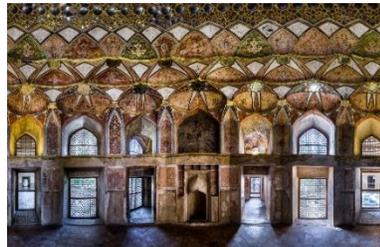
Day 09 /

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 (World Heritage Site)**, the huge central square of Isfahan, surrounded on three sides by two exquisite mosques and the palace. Wander through the vast Imam Mosque and the small yet beautifully and intricately decorated **Shaikh Lutfallah Mosque** before climbing the steps through the various rooms of the **Ali Qapu Palace** (Shah Abbas's residence) to the balcony overlooking the square. You will also visit **Hasht Behest Palace**, once the most luxuriously decorated palace in Esfahan, the interior of the small Hasht Behesht Palace has been extensively damaged over the years, but it retains some spectacular details, including a superb stalactite ceiling with delicate paintings. The soaring wooden columns on the palace's open-sided terrace are almost as tall as those still growing in the parkland that frames it. 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.

Overnight: Isfahan

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Day 10 /

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.

Overnight: Isfahan

-  : Hotel
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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



Day 11 /

Isfahan to Tehran via Abyaneh

Transport from Isfahan to Tehran (IKA airport).

Stop off at the mountain village of Abyaneh located at the foot of Mt. Karkas and wander its twisting lanes. The tightly packed red-colored houses are constructed from mud brick and clay and the locals still retain their ancient customs including speaking Middle Persian which largely disappeared from Iran several centuries ago, many men still wear the traditional clothing.

Overnight: IKA airport



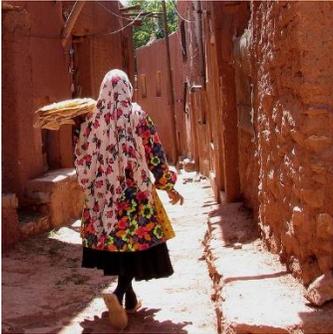
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Day 12 /

Depart Iran

Leave Iran for..... by..... at

Have a nice Trip!