

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

IR-01



Discover the cultural heart of Iran on this enriching 8-day tour through its most iconic cities. Begin in poetic Shiraz, exploring elegant mosques, lush gardens, and ancient tombs, before traveling through the ruins of Persepolis, Naqsh-e Rostam, and Pasargadae. Continue to magnificent Isfahan, renowned for its grand squares, bridges, palaces, and Armenian quarter. Visit the historic village of Abyaneh en route to Kashan, home to beautiful traditional houses and gardens, then end your journey in vibrant Tehran, where royal palaces, museums, bazaars, and modern districts reveal Iran's past and present. A perfect introduction to Iran's history, architecture, and culture.

DEPARTURE DATES:

03.01.2026; 10.01.2026; 17.01.2026; 24.01.2026; 31.01.2026; 07.02.2026; 14.02.2026; 21.02.2026; 28.02.2026; 07.03.2026; 14.03.2026; 21.03.2026; 28.03.2026; 04.04.2026; 11.04.2026; 18.04.2026; 25.04.2026; 02.05.2026; 09.05.2026; 16.05.2026; 23.05.2026; 30.05.2026; 06.06.2026; 13.06.2026; 20.06.2026; 27.06.2026; 04.07.2026; 11.07.2026; 18.07.2026; 25.07.2026; 01.08.2026; 08.08.2026; 15.08.2026; 22.08.2026; 29.08.2026; 05.09.2026; 12.09.2026; 19.09.2026; 26.09.2026; 03.10.2026; 10.10.2026; 17.10.2026; 24.10.2026; 31.10.2026; 07.11.2026; 14.11.2026; 21.11.2026; 28.11.2026; 05.12.2026; 12.12.2026; 19.12.2026.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Shiraz

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

Day 2 - Shiraz

Shiraz is a name familiar to wine lovers, as the grape originated here, even though modern Shiraz wines are now mainly produced elsewhere. Although the vineyards are long gone, the city is rich in attractions. Today's city tour starts at the Nasir Al Mulk Mosque, also called the Pink Mosque, completed in 1888. You'll then visit the Vakil Complex with its mosque, historic baths, and bustling bazaar. Sightseeing continues with the Karimkhan Citadel, the tranquil Eram Garden, and the Tomb of Hafez. Overnight in Shiraz. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3 - Shiraz - Persepolis - Naghsh-e Rostam - Pasargadae - Isfahan

This morning you'll depart for the famed city of Isfahan, with several remarkable stops along the route. The first is Persepolis, founded in 518 BC as the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built on a massive terrace, its ruins still convey the former grandeur of Persian civilisation. You'll then visit Naghsh-e Rostam, an ancient necropolis famous for its rock-carved reliefs. The final stop is Pasargadae, another UNESCO-listed site, founded by Cyrus the Great and containing his tomb. Overnight in Isfahan. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 - Isfahan

When Isfahan ceased to be the capital in the 18th century and authority moved to Tehran, many historic buildings were left untouched. As a result, the city today is a showcase of Persian architectural splendour. Your sightseeing tour covers the Naghshe Jahan Square Complex, featuring the Imam Mosque, Ali Qapu, and Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque. There's time to explore the Qeysarieh Bazaar, renowned for its carpets and kilims. The day concludes with visits to Chehel Sotun Palace and the Si-o Se Pol and Khajou bridges, before relaxing back at the hotel. Overnight in Isfahan. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Isfahan - Abyaneh - Kashan

Your journey continues to Kashan today, stopping en route at the village of Abyaneh. Often called the "red village" due to its distinctive red earth and buildings, Abyaneh's winding alleys stretch up the foothills of the Karkas Mountains. From a distance it's highly picturesque, and closer inspection reveals its unique clay architecture and living traditions. In Kashan, you'll visit the Boroujerdi House, a beautifully preserved 19th-century residence now serving as a museum. You'll also explore the historic Fin Garden, the oldest remaining 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 situated on the lower slopes of the Alborz Mountains. The snow-covered peaks form a striking backdrop to the city. Your visit includes the historic Niavaran Palace complex, including Sahebqranieh Palace, followed by time at Tajrish Square and its lively bazaar. Overnight in Tehran. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 - Tehran - Tabriz

Overnight in Tehran. Today's sightseeing highlights the major attractions of the city, beginning 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 renowned for its lavish decoration and architectural splendour. The programme also includes the archaeological section of the National Museum and the Crown Jewels Museum. The afternoon is free to explore Tehran at your own pace or relax at your hotel. Overnight in Tehran. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 - Tabriz - Jolfa

Your last day in Iran. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

- [International flights](#)
- [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

- [About Best of Caucasus company](#)
- [How our tours are run](#)
- [Is it safe to travel to the Caucasus?](#)
- [Contact our travel consultants](#)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT - 3* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
03/01/2026 - 10/01/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
10/01/2026 - 17/01/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
17/01/2026 - 24/01/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
24/01/2026 - 31/01/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
31/01/2026 - 07/02/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
07/02/2026 - 14/02/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
14/02/2026 - 21/02/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
21/02/2026 - 28/02/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
28/02/2026 - 07/03/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
07/03/2026 - 14/03/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
14/03/2026 - 21/03/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
21/03/2026 - 28/03/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
28/03/2026 - 04/04/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
04/04/2026 - 11/04/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
11/04/2026 - 18/04/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
18/04/2026 - 25/04/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
25/04/2026 - 02/05/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
02/05/2026 - 09/05/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
09/05/2026 - 16/05/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
16/05/2026 - 23/05/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
23/05/2026 - 30/05/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
30/05/2026 - 06/06/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
06/06/2026 - 13/06/2026	£1345	£1945	£195

13/06/2026 - 20/06/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
20/06/2026 - 27/06/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
27/06/2026 - 04/07/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
04/07/2026 - 11/07/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
11/07/2026 - 18/07/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
18/07/2026 - 25/07/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
25/07/2026 - 01/08/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
01/08/2026 - 08/08/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
08/08/2026 - 15/08/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
15/08/2026 - 22/08/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
22/08/2026 - 29/08/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
29/08/2026 - 05/09/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
05/09/2026 - 12/09/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
12/09/2026 - 19/09/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
19/09/2026 - 26/09/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
26/09/2026 - 03/10/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
03/10/2026 - 10/10/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
10/10/2026 - 17/10/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
17/10/2026 - 24/10/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
24/10/2026 - 31/10/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
31/10/2026 - 07/11/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
07/11/2026 - 14/11/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
14/11/2026 - 21/11/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
21/11/2026 - 28/11/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
28/11/2026 - 05/12/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
05/12/2026 - 12/12/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
12/12/2026 - 19/12/2026	£1345	£1945	£195
19/12/2026 - 26/12/2026	£1345	£1945	£195

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
03/01/2026 - 10/01/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
10/01/2026 - 17/01/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
17/01/2026 - 24/01/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
24/01/2026 - 31/01/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
31/01/2026 - 07/02/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
07/02/2026 - 14/02/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
14/02/2026 - 21/02/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
21/02/2026 - 28/02/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
28/02/2026 - 07/03/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
07/03/2026 - 14/03/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
14/03/2026 - 21/03/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
21/03/2026 - 28/03/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
28/03/2026 - 04/04/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
04/04/2026 - 11/04/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
11/04/2026 - 18/04/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
18/04/2026 - 25/04/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
25/04/2026 - 02/05/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
02/05/2026 - 09/05/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
09/05/2026 - 16/05/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
16/05/2026 - 23/05/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
23/05/2026 - 30/05/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
30/05/2026 - 06/06/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
06/06/2026 - 13/06/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
13/06/2026 - 20/06/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
20/06/2026 - 27/06/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
27/06/2026 - 04/07/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
04/07/2026 - 11/07/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
11/07/2026 - 18/07/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
18/07/2026 - 25/07/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
25/07/2026 - 01/08/2026	£1595	£2195	£295

01/08/2026 - 08/08/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
08/08/2026 - 15/08/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
15/08/2026 - 22/08/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
22/08/2026 - 29/08/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
29/08/2026 - 05/09/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
05/09/2026 - 12/09/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
12/09/2026 - 19/09/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
19/09/2026 - 26/09/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
26/09/2026 - 03/10/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
03/10/2026 - 10/10/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
10/10/2026 - 17/10/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
17/10/2026 - 24/10/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
24/10/2026 - 31/10/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
31/10/2026 - 07/11/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
07/11/2026 - 14/11/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
14/11/2026 - 21/11/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
21/11/2026 - 28/11/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
28/11/2026 - 05/12/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
05/12/2026 - 12/12/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
12/12/2026 - 19/12/2026	£1595	£2195	£295
19/12/2026 - 26/12/2026	£1595	£2195	£295

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 £1,545, 10 days
- > [Discover Armenia, Georgia & Azerbaijan: from the Highlands to the Caspian - 16 days \(CT-02\)](#), Price from £3,095, 16 days
- > [Highlights of Iran and Armenia - 15 days \(CT-04\)](#), Price from £2,595, 15 days
- > [Classical Turkey Tour: Istanbul, Cappadocia, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Izmir - 8 days \(TR-03\)](#), Price from £1,795, 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.co.uk 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.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on **+44 (0)20 30 51 76 40**

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 BJ100) 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.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.