

## 6D5N Iran Discovery

**Shiraz | Isfahan | Tehran**

### Day 1 Shiraz

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Upon arrival in Shiraz at 4.45 am on QR, transfer to the hotel to check in and have some rest. At 10.00 am, you will be taken on a city tour of Shiraz. Visit Nasir Al-Mulk Mosque, also known as the Pink Mosque. Once the sunlight hits the stained glass, the entire building is flooded by a vibrant rainbow of colours, lending the interior its famed kaleidoscope-like effect. Next, visit the Citadel of Karimkhan Zand that was built to rival the royal court of Isfahan during the Zand period. Continue to Vakil Bazaar, the main marketplace in Shiraz where you can do some shopping. Visit Narenjestan Ghavam, a traditional Iranian house built in 1886 that preserves the elegance and refinement enjoyed by the upper-class families during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Continue to Eram Garden, a historic Persian garden built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century that is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your next stop is the Tomb of Hafez, a celebrated poet and a beloved figure of the Iranian people. In the evening, return to the hotel and overnight in Shiraz.

### Day 2 Shiraz – Persepolis – Shiraz

**B**

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Persepolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (1 hour). Persepolis was the ceremonial capital of the Achaemid Empire from 550 – 330 BC. It was built on an immense half-artificial, half-natural terrace, where the king of kings created an impressive palace complex inspired by Mesopotamian models. The importance and quality of the monumental ruins make it a unique archaeological site. Next, visit Naqsh-e Rostam, an ancient necropolis that houses four tombs and one building from the Achaemenid dynasty. Continue to Naqsh-e Rostam, the archaeological site of four limestone rockface inscriptions and rock-cut bas-reliefs that date to the early Sassanid era. In the afternoon, return to Shiraz and visit the Tomb of Saadi, dedicated to the poet Saadi whose work was also cited in Western sources during the medieval period. Then, visit the Qur'an Gate named after the two handwritten Qur'ans that used to be stored on top of the gate that was believed to give blessings to those who passed under it. Return to the hotel and overnight in Shiraz.

### Day 3 Shiraz – Pasargadae – Isfahan

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After breakfast at the hotel and check out, depart for Pasargadae (1 hour 40 minutes). This UNESCO World Heritage Site was the first dynastic capital of the Achaemenid Empire, founded by Cyrus II the Great, in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC. Visit the Tomb of Cyrus that dates back to 559 – 29 BC. Then, continue to Isfahan (4 hours) and visit the city's historical bridges; Khaju and Si-O-Se-Pol (33). Khaju Bridge is one of the finest examples of Persian architecture at the height of Safavid cultural influence in Iran, while 33 Bridge is best known for its two superimposed rows of 33 arches. Transfer to the hotel and check in. Overnight in Isfahan.

From

**EUR920.00**

per person (twin share)  
*\*minimum 6 pax*

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#### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

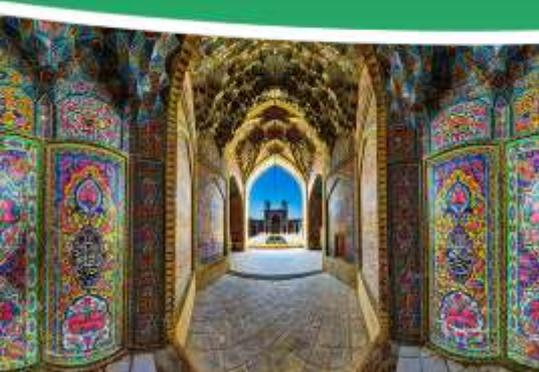
- 6 nights' accommodation at selected hotel or similar class based on twin sharing
- Daily hotel breakfast
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees
- Mid-day refreshments

#### PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Airfare and airport taxes
- Tipping for guide and driver (EUR8 per person per day)
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and others that are not mentioned in the inclusions

#### OPTIONALS

- Half-board (daily lunch) : EUR75 per person
- Full-board (daily lunch and dinner) : EUR145.00 per person



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### Day 4 Isfahan

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After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day city tour of Isfahan. Visit Naqsh-e Jahan Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that comprises of the Naqsh-e Jahan Square, Shah (Abassi) Mosque, Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, Al Qapu Palace, and Qeysariye Bazaar. The Naqsh-e Jahan square is pictured on the reverse of the Iranian 20,000 rials banknote. Shah Mosque is the most celebrated example Iranian's colourful architecture while Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque was a private mosque for the royal court at Ali Qapu Palace before it was opened to the public hundreds of years later. Then, visit Chehel Sotun Palace that was used by Shah Abbas II for his entertainment and receptions. Continue to Vank Cathedral that was built in 1606, dedicated to the hundreds of thousands of Armenian deportee. In the courtyard, you will see a memorial to the 1915 Armenian Genocide in Turkey. Next, visit Hasht Behesht Palace, the only mansion from the Safavid era left today. In the evening, return to the hotel and overnight in Isfahan.

### Day 5 Isfahan – Kashan – Tehran

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After breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart for Kashan (2 hours 20 minutes). Visit Borujerdis House, built in 1857 with its unusual wind towers that provides the building with great airflow. Then, visit Agha Bozorg, is a historical mosque in Kashan. The mosque was built in the late 18th century by master-mi'mar Ustad Haj Sa'ban-ali. The mosque and theological school (madrasah) is located in the center of the city. Your next destination is Fin Garden, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. It contains Kashan's Fin Bath, where Amir Kabir, the Qajarid chancellor, was murdered by an assassin sent by King Nasereddin Shah in 1852. Completed in 1590, the Fin Garden is the oldest extant garden in Iran. Then, continue to Tehran (2 hours 40 minutes). Check in at the hotel and overnight in Tehran.

### Day 6 Tehran – Departure

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After breakfast at the hotel, check out and go on a city tour of Tehran. Visit Golestan Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the oldest historic monuments in the city of Tehran, the Golestan Palace belongs to a group of royal buildings that were once enclosed within the mud-thatched walls of Tehran's arg ("citadel"). It consists of gardens, royal buildings, and collections of Iranian crafts and European presents from the 18th and 19th centuries. Then, visit the archaeological section of the Iran National Museum. It hosts historical monuments dating back through preserved ancient and medieval Iranian antiquities, including pottery vessels, metal objects, textile remains, and some rare books and coins. Then, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Kuala Lumpur.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Museums are closed on Mondays
- Golestan Palace is closed on Sundays
- In the event where hotel stated is unavailable, another hotel of similar class will be booked. You will be advised of any cost supplement or reduction.
- Surcharges may apply (long weekend, public holiday, festival, etc)
- Other terms & conditions apply.
- Visit <http://www.cit.travel/terms-conditions> for more terms & conditions.
- Validity: Up to 31 December 2018



## Hotel Information

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PRICE PER PERSON / PRICE QUOTED IN EUR (twin share)

PACKAGE CODE: IRSIT5-01MT-10

4★ Hotel	2 persons	3 – 5 persons	6 – 7 persons	Single Supplement
Setaregan Hotel, Shiraz or similar 4★	1,655	1,350	920	245
Piroozy Hotel, Isfahan or similar 4★				
Hotel Parsian Enghelab, Tehran or similar 4★				

### Setaregan Hotel, Shiraz 4★

Fars Province, Shiraz, Azadi Boulevard

Website: <http://www.setareganhotel.com/en/room.htm>

### Piroozy Hotel, Isfahan 4★

Isfahan Province, Isfahan, Chahar Bagh Paeen Street

Website: <http://piroozyhotel.com/english.html>

### Hotel Parsian Enghelab, Tehran 4★

No. 341 , Taleghani Ave, Tehran

Website: <http://enghelab.pih.ir/index.aspx>