

12 Days Silk Road Tour AZE-IRN

Eastern Culture

Day 1 – Tehran

Arrival in Tehran: After passing passport control
Greetings by company representative
Transfer to local restaurant for lunch
After lunch starting Tehran panoramic tour

Golestan Palace in the heart of Tehran once was the glory of this monument and the excesses of the rulers of Qajar. The Golestan Palace complex consists of several grandiose buildings, surrounded by well-manicured gardens

SaadAbad royal palace-Saad Abad royal palace complex is located in the northern mountains of Tehran, fresh air, beautiful environment, covers an area of 400 hectares, of which about 180 hectares of forest, garden, lawn. The temple has a dormitory, restaurant, concierge Hall. In addition, there are many other gifts from state officials in the palace

Tajrish bazar is an old and colourful bazaar that allows everyone to wander around Old Tehran. There are multicolored fruits and vegetables that attract attention. It is a small bazaar simulating from the Grand Bazaar in Tehran. Its construction dates back to the age of 70

After dinner transfer to hotel

Check in at the hotel and overnight in Tehran



Day 2 – Tehran

Breakfast at the hotel

City tour in Tehran

The National Museum of Iran-this modest museum is not the Louvre, but it is full of rich history of Iran. The collection includes ceramics, pottery, stone figures and carvings, taken mainly from the excavations of Persepolis

The carpet museum houses more than 5,000 pieces of precious carpets collected from all over Iran.

The palace of Niavaland (the tour lasts no less than 40 minutes), which was the residence of the royal family for the last 10 years of the Pahlavi dynasty. That is to say, before the 1979 revolution in Iran, this is the residence of the royal family. Because of the recent

years, so the preservation is complete. It is considered to be one of the three palaces in Tehran

Milad tower, also known as Tehran Tower, is a multi-purpose Tower in Tehran, Iran. It is the sixth tallest tower in the world and the 24th tallest freestanding structure

After dinner back to hotel

Overnight in Tehran



Day 3 – Tehran – Shiraz

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out from hotel

Transfer to airport for flight to Shiraz (Domestic flight)

Meeting at the airport and starting for panoramic city tour

Vakil Complex-jewelry of Iran, Vakil Complex is located in Shiraz, the capital of the province of Fars. Built in 1751, the Vakil Complex dates back to the Zand dynasty. Vakil complex consists of the Vakil Bath, the Vakil Bazaar and the Vakil mosque.

Emar Garden (no less than 40 minutes), also known as Paradise Garden, is a beautiful large garden

Hafez Tomb Hafiz mausoleum of Hafez tomb every day here is full of tourists, especially in Iran, habitat and more. Hafez is a Persian poet who is said to have two books in every Iranian family, the Koran and the poetry of Hafez, which shows Hafez's place in the hearts of the people of Iran

Narenjestan Garden due to the abundance of lime trees, it is called Narenjestan. The narenjestan building has always been a place where ordinary people go for administrative purposes, where public meetings as well as meetings between Qajar dignitaries and nobles are held.

Check in at the hotel

Overnight in Shiraz



Day 4 – Shiraz

Breakfast at the hotel

City tour in Shiraz

Shiraz is also an ancient city, and several ancient monuments still stand in good condition. What you read here is an introduction to one of the most outstanding buildings of the Zand dynasty in the second half of the 18th century, Arg-e-Karimkhani.

Arg-e-Karimkhani (Karim Khan Castle) this structure can be easily found in a corner of Shahrday Sq near the city of Shiraz. The exterior of the building resembles a solid fortress entirely made of brick with military as well as residential features. The construction of Karim Khan castle dates back to the second half of the 18th century, when Karimkhan-e-Zand was in power in Iran in his capital Shiraz

Shah Cheragh Mosque visit the mosque in Shiraz, Iran can be a gloomy and, due to the lack of a better word, religious experience, but the interior of the central monastery looks as if a disco ball explodes, covering almost every surface with pieces of glass and mirrors sparkling

The Nasir al Mulk Mosque, also known as the Pink Mosque, is a traditional mosque in Shiraz, Iran, thanks to the pink tiles designed inside it. The mosque was built in the Qajar region, ordered by Mirza Hasan Ali Nasir al Molk, and you can not imagine what awaits you inside. Just one step and see the magic of light and color

After dinner transfer to hotel and
Overnight in Shiraz



Day 5 – Shiraz – Yazd

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out from hotel and transfer to Yazd

Passage route to Yazd visit Persepolis put Persepolis in front of Pasargad, its status in Iran is like our Great Wall. Persepolis (Greek for the Persian capital), built in 518 BC, is the magnificent capital of the Persian Empire, in 1979 became Iran's first inscribed on the list of World Heritage sites (UNESCO)

Nagshe-Rostam to have hosted the graves of Achaemenid, Sassanid, Elamite and Qajar Kings, bass mitigation and other important inscriptions.

Pasargade pasargade is located 130 km northeast of Shiraz, the ancient capital of the Persian Empire, the ruins of the Persian garden design, the mausoleum of Cyrus the great after more than 2,000 years intact, 2004 included in the world cultural heritage (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Check in at the hotel and Overnight in Yazd

Day 6 – Yazd

Breakfast at the hotel

City tour in Yazd

The Amirchakhmagh Complex complex is a prominent structure in Yazd, Iran, noted for its symmetrical recessed niches. This is a mosque located on the square of the same name. It also contains a caravan, a bathhouse, a Coldwater well and a candy bar.

The water Museum Museum showcases the area's ancient aqueduct architecture, with exhibits on tools and technology

Silence Zoroastrian Temple until 40 years ago, the body can still be found on the tower of silence of Yazd, Iran, slowly decomposed or separated by a desert Culture

Dolat Abad Garden the Dolat Abad Garden, built around 1750, is a gem of a Persian architecture that attracts thousands of foreign and domestic visitors to Iran every year. This beautiful garden includes a pavilion built according to the original Iranian architectural style and a large garden and a number of other buildings.

Transfer to hotel and Overnight in Yazd



Day 7 - Yazd - Isfahan

Breakfast at the hotel

Check out from hotel and transfer to Isfahan

Arrival in Isfahan

Check in at the hotel

Half day city tour in Isfahan

Chehel Sotoun is the end of a long pool, a pavilion in the middle of a park in Isfahan, Iran, built by Shah Abbas II for entertainment and receptions

Nagshe Jahan Square - this place as the most famous attraction of the city of Isfahan is placed in the center of Isfahan, Iran. It is an important historical site and a UNESCO World Heritage site (UNESCO)

Overnight in Isfahan



Day 8 - Isfahan - Tehran - Baku

Breakfast at the hotel

City tour in Isfahan:

Ali Qapu Palace is the place where Abbas the great entertained foreign guests and enjoyed Polo, and its vaulted ceiling is full of different silhouettes of traditional instruments

Located on the east side of Imam square, **the Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque** is a dedicated prayer place for the royal family. In contrast to the traditional mosque in blue tone, the appearance of the mosque is lemon yellow, building materials and decorative art are superior, every inch of the wall presents the Royal noble and dignified

Grand Bazaar-Isfahan is a historical market in Isfahan, one of the oldest and largest bazaars in the Middle East, originating in the 17th century. The market is a two-kilometre arched street that connects the Old City of Isfahan with the new city. The Grand Bazaar of Isfahan itself is a complete covered town surrounded by the old Isfahan city being concentrated. Each line of the bazaar is assigned to the sale of certain types of goods, such as

carpets, shoes, spices, gold, silver, handicrafts. Handicrafts are one of the most interesting parts of your trip and will definitely surprise you

Transfer to Tehran airport

Flight to Baku in early morning

Arrival in Baku

After passport control meeting at airport

Transfer to hotel

Early Check-in at hotel



Day 9 - Baku City tour

Breakfast at the hotel

Starting City tour in Baku:

Panoramic view of Baku city and Baku Bay from Highland Park - Martyrs Alley, marvelous view of Flame Towers

Continue with Crystal Hall (was held 2012 Eurovision song contest)

Later Visit **Old city - Icheri Sheher**: Entrance gates of Old Baku; fortification tower; Caravanserai complexes - Bukhara and Multan; Maiden Tower from outside (under UNESCO protection); old mosques; bathes; Miniature Book Museum; Shirvanshahs' Palace (under UNESCO protection); narrow small cobbled stone streets

Lunch at the national restaurant

Continue with **Nizami Street** - a large pedestrian and shopping street in downtown Baku

Walking in Baku Boulevard, Boat ride on windless weather (30 min)

National Carpet Museum - Azerbaijan National Carpet Museum displays Azerbaijani carpets and rug items of various weaving techniques and materials from various periods. It has the largest collection of Azerbaijani carpets in the world.

Photo stop to Haydar Aliyev Center

This building designed by world-famous architect Zaha Hadid and noted for its distinctive architecture and flowing, the curved style was nominated for the design of the year 2014 award. And the Center has become a symbol of modern Azerbaijan and modern Baku

After dinner return to hotel

Overnight in Baku



Day 10 – Gobustan & Absheron Peninsula tour

Breakfast at the hotel

Visiting Mud Volcanoes near Gobustan

On the way visiting **Mud Volcanoes near Gobustan** – Mud volcano is landform created by the eruption of mud, water and gases. Several geological processes may cause the formation of mud volcanoes. Mud volcanoes do not produce hot lava. The Earth continuously exudes a mud – like substance.

Visiting **Gobustan National Park** (under UNESCO protection): primary people carved their daily life styles on rocks. There are more than 6000 carvings on the rocks near the Caspian Sea Side.

On the way visiting “**Bibi-Heybat Mosque**” belong to XIII century, Shirvanshah architecture school

After lunch start Absheron Peninsula tour

Visiting **Fire Worshippers’ Temple – Ateshgah**: The temple was built over a pocket of natural gas that fuelled a vent providing an ‘eternal’ fire which Zoroastrians used to worship.

Continue with “**Yanardag**” – “Fire Mountain”: a natural gas fire which blazes continuously on a hillside on the Absheron Peninsula near Baku which itself is known as the “land of fire.” Flames jet into the air 3 meters from a thin, porous sandstone layer

Haydar Mosque - The façade of the building decorated with special stones based on the Shirvan - Absheron



architectural style. It has four 95m-height minarets. It has 55m-height main and 35m-height second domes

After dinner return to hotel

Overnight in Baku

Day 11 – Baku – Lahij – Baku

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit to local Bazaar in Baku

Passage to Baku – Gabala route: on the way visit to **Diri Baba Mausoleum** in Maraza

Continue to **Juma Mosque** in Shamakhi city

Lunch at the national restaurant

Drive through Girdimanchay River’s canyon to visit **ancient Lahij village**. Visiting workshops of blacksmith, potteries, carpet weaving shop, cobbled stone streets. Lahij was one of the main points on Great Silk Road.

Back to Baku

Overnight in Baku

Day 12 – Departure

Breakfast at the hotel

Check-out from the hotel

Departure to the airport. End of Program

Prices are per person in DBL / Twin room

Period	Number of guests	Price per person	SGL stay
Jan – Dec 2020	10	1254 USD	+ 379 USD
	15	1165 USD	
	20	1116 USD	
	25	1068 USD	
	30	1027 USD	

Included services	Excluded services
Professional English speaking guide Entrance fee to museums Transport: Airport – hotel – airport transfer A/C comfortable transport Local transport to Mud Volcanoes Meal: Breakfast at the hotel 2 x Bottle of water (0,5 L) p/p per day Accommodation: 2 x overnight at 4* Asareh Hotel or similar category in Tehran 2 x overnight at 4* Karimkhan Hotel or similar category in Shiraz 2 x overnight at 4* Dad Hotel or similar category in Yazd 1 x overnight at 4* Khaju Hotel or similar category in Isfahan 4 x overnight at 4* New Baku Hotel or similar category in Baku	International flights Visa fee Lunch and dinner Alcohol with meal Camera charge in museums if needed Tips Any other extra fee which is not shown in the program

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Period	Number of guests	Price per person	SGL stay
Jan – Dec 2020	10	1544 USD	+ 529 USD
	15	1423 USD	
	20	1337 USD	
	25	1275 USD	
	30	1238 USD	

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Lunch Supplement	Dinner Supplement
37 USD	40 USD

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