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PERSIAN TAPESTRY: A JOURNEY THROUGH IRAN'S DESERTS, HISTORY & CASPIAN SHORES

18OCT – 01 NOV 2025 (15 DAYS 14 NIGHTS ACCOMODATION)

(SHIRAZ-PERSEPOLIS-YADZ-MESR DESERT-DAMGHAN-CHALUS-FUMAN-TEHRAN)

TRIP COST PER PAX: RM11,600 (MIN 8 PAX WITHOUT YONGO LEADER, 12-16 PAX WITH YONGO LEADER)

FLIGHT SUGGESTION VIA TURKISH AIRLINES (RETURN FARE PRICED RM3303 ON 23 APRIL 2025)

18 OCT 2025 SAT KUL-SYZ 1050-0050+1

01 NOV 2025 SAT IKA-KUL 0930-0820+1

NOTE 1: PLEASE DO NOT BOOK THE FLIGHT TICKET UNTIL ADVISED BY US

NOTE 2: LADIES ARE REQUIRED TO COVER THEIR HEADS WITH SCARVES IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL CUSTOMS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN MUST DRESS CONSERVATIVELY I.E. LONG PANTS AND SLEEVED TOPS

IMPORTANT NOTICE. This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

IRAN is a land of striking contrasts and rich heritage, where ancient empires once ruled and poets, mystics, and artisans left their mark on vibrant cities and desolate deserts alike. This 15-day journey offers a vivid tapestry of experiences — from the pastel-hued mosques and lush gardens of Shiraz to the haunting ruins of Persepolis, the desert oases of Yazd and Mesr, and the forested Caspian coastlines of Chalus and Fuman. Along the way, we will uncover the cultural, historical, and natural diversity of Iran — **a nation as welcoming as it is enigmatic.**



DAY 1 18 OCT (SAT) DEPARTURE FROM KUALA LUMPUR 07:50AM gather in KLIA to board our flight from **KUL-SYZ (1050-0050+1)**, beginning of our Persian adventure. After a comfortable flight, we touch down in Shiraz at **00:55 AM (19 OCT)**. A private transfer whisks us to our centrally located hotel for rest.**OVERNIGHT SHIRAZ**

DAY 2 19 OCT (SUN) SHIRAZ → PERSEPOLIS (60KM, 1H) Discover Shiraz, the cultural heartland of Persian poetry and gardens. Visit the **Pink Mosque**, famous for its stained-glass windows; **Vakil Bazaar**, a historic trading hub; **Eram Garden**, a UNESCO-listed botanical treasure; and **Hafez Tomb**, honouring Iran's beloved poet. At 4 PM, drive to Persepolis, the grand ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire.**OVERNIGHT PERSEPOLIS**

DAY 3 20 OCT (MON) PERSEPOLIS → YAZD VIA NAQSH E RUSTAM & ABARKUH (385KM,5-6H) Explore Persepolis at

sunrise, a UNESCO site symbolizing the grandeur of ancient Persia. Visit **Naqsh-e Rostam**, where four royal tombs are carved into dramatic cliffs. On the way to Yazd, stop by the **Cypress of Abarkuh**, estimated to be over 4,000 years old. **OVERNIGHT PERSEPOLIS**

DAY 4 21 OCT (TUE) SHIRKUH MOUNTAIN EXCURSION (80KM,ROUND TRIP, 2HR DRIVE) A day trip to Mount Shirkuh, Yazd's highest peak, offering cool air and panoramic views. The name means "lion mountain" in Persian. Ideal for a moderate nature hike. Return to Yazd in the afternoon. **OVERNIGHT YAZD**

DAY 5 22 OCT (WED) – YAZD FULL DAY EXPLORATION Wander Yazd's **UNESCO-listed old town**, famed for its labyrinthine alleys and badgirs (wind towers). Visit the grand **Jameh Mosque**, the sacred **Zoroastrian Fire Temple**, and the lush **Dowlat Abad Garden**. Learn about ancient water systems at the **Water Museum**. **OVERNIGHT YAZD**

DAY 6 23 OCT (THU) – YAZD → MEYBOD → MESR DESERT (350 KM, 5H) En route to the desert, stop in Meybod to explore the ancient **Narin Castle**, a mudbrick fortress, and the ingenious Pigeon Tower used for fertilizer. Arrive in the remote and tranquil Mesr Desert by evening. **OVERNIGHT MESR DESERT**



DAY 7 24 OCT (FRI) – MESR DESERT & SALT MINE (LOCAL EXCURSION) A day in the golden dunes: visit nearby salt mines, ride camels, or enjoy 4WD adventures. The star-filled sky in this isolated desert is ideal for stargazing and astrophotography. **OVERNIGHT MESR DESERT**

DAY 8 25 OCT (SAT) – MESR → DAMGHAN (400 KM, 6H) Drive north toward Damghan, one of Iran's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Visit **Tappeh Hessar**, an ancient settlement with layers from prehistoric to Islamic eras, and the **Tarikhaneh Mosque**, one of Iran's oldest. **OVERNIGHT DAMGHAN**

DAY 9 26 OCT (SUN) – DAMGHAN → BADAB-E SURT → CHALUS (350 KM, 5–6H) See Badab-e Surt's colorful stepped terraces, created by mineral springs over thousands of years. Then descend into the lush Alborz Mountains and arrive at the coastal town of Chalus. **OVERNIGHT CHALUS**

DAY 10 27 OCT (MON) – CASPIAN COAST DAY Take the **Namakabroud Telecabin** for stunning mountain views, walk through the dense **Sisangan Forest**, and relax along the Caspian shore. This area is known for its subtropical climate and biodiversity. **OVERNIGHT CHALUS**



DAY 11 28 OCT (TUE) – CHALUS → RASHT → FUMAN (150 KM, 3H) Stroll Chalus's beach promenade, then travel to **Rasht**,

famous for its rich food culture. Sample local dishes at the bazaar before continuing to Fuman, a quiet town surrounded by forests and rice paddies. **OVERNIGHT FUMAN**

DAY 12 29 OCT (WED)– RUDKHAN CASTLE & MASOULEH (100 KM ROUND TRIP, 2H DRIVE) Climb through dense forest to **Rudkhan Castle**, a 1,000-year-old fortress perched high on a mountain. Then visit Masouleh, a picturesque, stepped village where houses are built into the hillside. Return to Fuman. **OVERNIGHT FUMAN**

DAY 13 30 OCT (THU) – FUMAN → QAZVIN → TEHRAN (300 KM, 5H) Drive to Qazvin, a former Persian capital. Visit the 17th-century **Chehel Sotun Pavilion** and the unique Russian-built **Cantor Church**. Optional stops at Tehran's National Museum and modern Iran Mall. Early dinner at Amazonica. **OVERNIGHT NEAR AIRPORT**



DAY 14 31 OCT (FRI) – TEHRAN FULL DAY Dive into Tehran's rich heritage: admire the glittering halls of **Golestan Palace**, explore the **Espionage Museum**, catch a glimpse of the **Presidential Palace**, and shop at the bustling **Grand Bazaar**.

OVERNIGHT NEAR AIRPORT

DAY 15 1 NOV (SAT) – DEPARTURE Early morning transfer to Imam Khomeini Airport (IKA) for **09:30 AM Turkish Airlines** flight back to KUL, arriving next day at 08:20 AM.

DAY 16 2 NOV (SUN) - ARRIVAL KUL 0820 in the morning with all the beautiful memories of Iran!



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost cover accommodation with half board meals (breakfast & lunch), entrance fees to sites mentioned above, chartered transport to sites mentioned above and English speaking tourist guide.
2. Cost does not include flights, travel insurance, dinners (budget RM50 x 14 days = Rm700), and tipping Local Guide & Driver . (Yongo will provide info on suggested tipping amount).
3. Accommodations will be in doubles or twins 3/4* Hotels
4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates and adjustments will be made at time of full balance.
5. A deposit of **RM3600** will be payable to confirm your place

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