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Iran Doostan Tours and Kurdistan Iraq Tours will offer the first joint tour of Iran and Iraqi Kurdistan in June 2019 for a select group of travellers. This unique voyage will cover the classic cities and sites of Iran including Shiraz, Isfahan and Tehran – covering the ancient past of Persepolis to the Safavid pinnacle of art and architecture to the frenetic development and change to 20th century Iran. Then move on to the multi-cultural ancient land of Kurdistan that has survived the ravages of Saddam Hussein to emerge as one of the Middle East's most vibrant democracies. Explore the world's oldest continuously inhabited city, the mysterious temple of the Yezidi faith, magnificent mosques, third century monasteries and the region's spectacular natural beauty.

### Day 1 Depart for Iran



The tour starts in Shiraz.

Participants can arrive directly there with flights on Turkish or Qatar Airlines. Flights arrive in the early morning. Direct flights from Doha, Qatar or Istanbul, Turkey would depart on the evening of Tuesday, June 11 and arrive in the early morning of Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

- Meet and Greet at airport and transfer to hotel in Shiraz by Iran Doostan Tours representative and guide.



## Day 2 Shiraz

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Shiraz – the city of poets and gardens

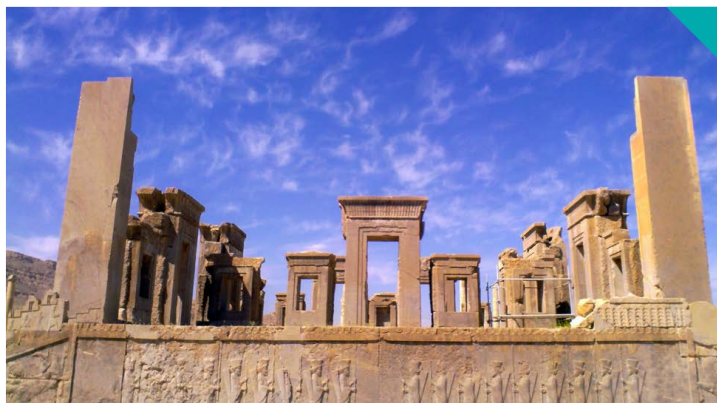
Highlights:

- Bagh-e Eram – Eram Persian Garden (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Masjed Nasir ol-Molk – The Rose Mosque
- Shah Cheragh Shrine
- Dinner with a local family at home
- Evening visit to tomb and shrine of the Persian poet Hafez



## Shiraz – Persepolis and the road to Isfahan

## Day 3



Thursday, June 13, 2019

Highlights:

- Early morning visit to the ancient Persian capital of Persepolis (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Naqsh-e Rostam necropolis
- Tomb of Cyrus the Great at Pasargadae (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Evening walk on the iconic bridges of Isfahan

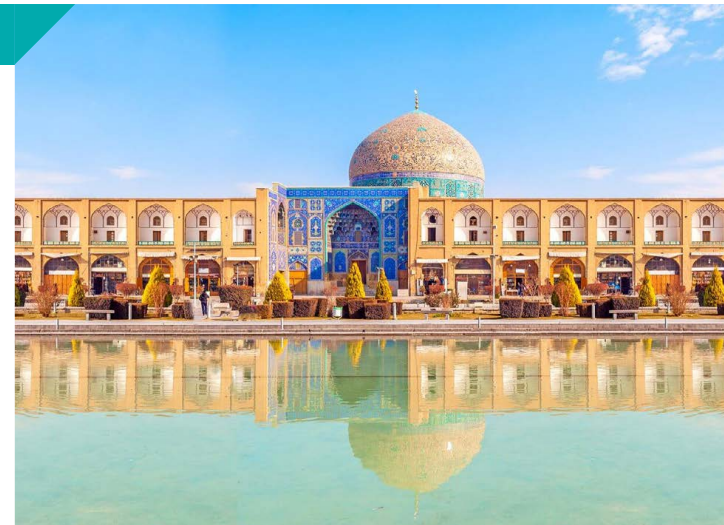
## Day 4 Isfahan

Friday, June 14, 2019

Isfahan—the Safavid architectural and artistic capital

Highlights:

- Naqsh-e Jahan Square (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Ali Qapu Palace
- Imam/Shah Mosque
- Sheikh Loft Allah Mosque
- Qeysarriyeh “Grand” Bazaar of Isfahan
- Music Museum
- Evening walk on historic Chaharbagh boulevard to the Si-o-Se bridge



## Day 5 Isfahan

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Highlights:

- Masjed Jomeh – the great Friday Mosque of Isfahan (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Chehel Sotoun Persian Garden (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Hasht Behesht Palace
- Jolfa traditional Armenian quarter
- Vank Cathedral



## Isfahan to Matinabad Desert Eco Lodge

Day 6



Sunday, June 16, 2019

Highlights:

- Villages of Abyaneh and Natanz
- Evening walk in the desert and desert stargazing
- Matinabad desert Eco Lodge

## Day 7 Matinabad to Tehran – the contemporary capital

Monday, June 17, 2019

Highlights:

- Den of Espionage Museum (former US Embassy)
- Museum of the Holy Defense (Iranian revolution and Iran-Iraq war)
- Tabiat Nature Bridge



## Tehran – Persian Food Culture

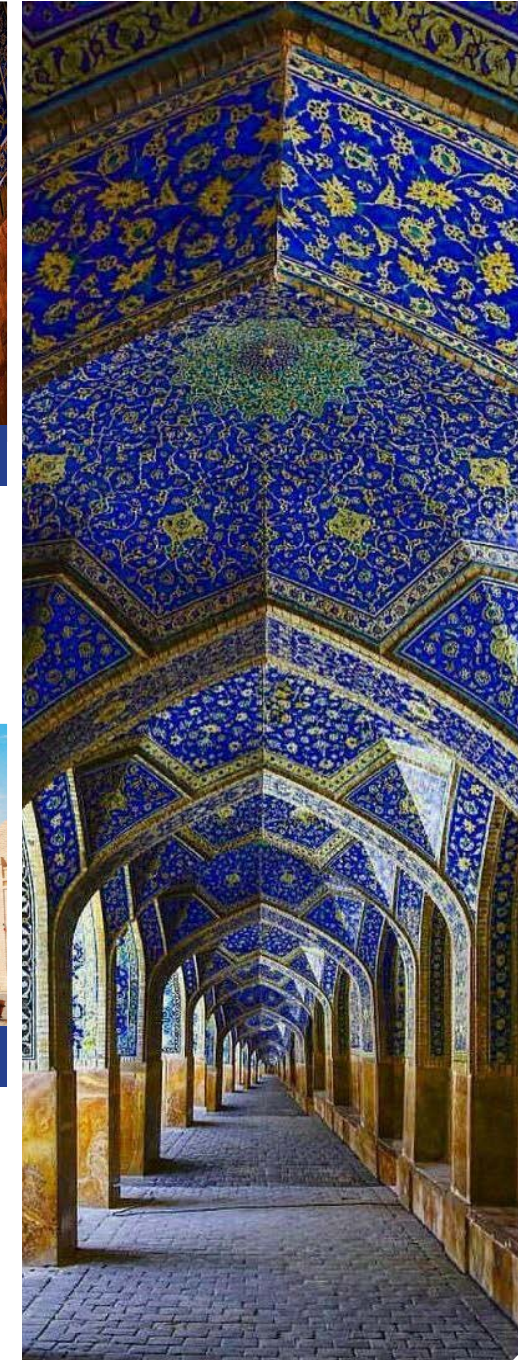
Day 8



Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Highlights:

- Culinary walking tour in the Tajrish Bazaar
- Hands-on Persian cooking class and lunch
- Niavaran Palace Complex – last residence of the Shah
- Darband village for farewell dinner





## Day 9 Tehran to Erbil

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Highlights:

- Afternoon flight from Tehran to Erbil (in case flight is unavailable an alternative flight and transfer will be used from Tehran to Erbil)
- Meet and Greet in Erbil Airport by the Kurdistan Iraq Tours representative and transfer to hotel
- Evening orientation to Kurdistan before dinner



## Erbil Day 10



Thursday, June 20, 2019

Highlights:

- Citadel of Erbil (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Textile Museum of Erbil
- Qaysari Bazaar
- Choli Minaret

## Day 11 Erbil to Duhok

Friday, June 21, 2019

Highlights:

- St. Matthew's Monastery
- Gaugamela battlefield of Darius of Persia and Alexander the Great
- Jirwana aqueduct and bridge
- Yezidi pilgrimage site and village of Lalish



## Duhok Day 12



Saturday, June 22, 2019

Highlights:

- Tomb of Old Testament Prophet Nahum at Al Qush
- Rabban Hormizd Monastery
- Afternoon hike to the Assyrian Halmata relief
- Bazaar of Duhok

## Day 13 Duhok to Rawanduz

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Highlights:

- Ancient hill city of Amadiya
- Village of Barzan
- Mullah Mustapha Memorial
- Shanidar Neanderthal Cave
- Experience the Hamilton Road



## Rawanduz (Pank Resort) to Sulymaniya

## Day 14

Monday, June 24, 2019

Highlights:

- Morning walk on the oldest part of the Hamilton Road
- Visit the town of Dokan
- Red Security Museum (Red House)
- Sulymaniya Bazaar



## Day 15 Sulymaniya to Halabja

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Highlights:

- The Sulymaniya Museum
- Halabja – site of the 1988 chemical attacks
- Halabja Museum and Memorial Cemetery
- Picnic at the Ahmed Awa waterfall



## Erbil

## Day 16

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Highlights:

- Return trip from Sulymaniya to Erbil
- Koisinjak Caravanserai
- Old Jewish silver bazaar
- Extraordinary farewell dinner in Erbil



## Day 17 Erbil to Airport

Thursday, June 27, 2019

- Presentation and discussion with the Kurdistan Board of Tourism (subject to availability)
- Transfer to Erbil airport for onward flights



### Booking Details

Tour Operators  
Iran Doostan Tours, one of Iran's premier tour operators since 1990, offers this tour together with Kurdistan Iraq Tours, Kurdistan's oldest professional travel company operating with over 25 years experience in the region.

### Insurance

An insurance plan that covers both Iran and Iraq will be recommended for all participants.

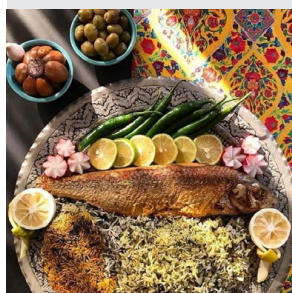
### Group Size

This is a Small Group Tour limited to a minimum of 8 and maximum of 14 participants.



### Meals

This tour is full board – all meals are included. People with special dietary requirements should note this on the registration form.



### Tour Cost

Per person (double occupancy) USD \$ 4737\*

Per person (single room) USD \$5837\*

Please Note \* there is a 3.5 % surcharge for payments by Credit Card

### Payments

50% deposit due at time of booking – before April 1, 2019 (deadline for registration and complete visa application materials)

Final balance due before May 1, 2019

### To book this tour the procedure is as follows:

1. Fill in the "on-line registration form"  
<https://irandoostan.com/registration-form-iran-and-iraqi-kurdistan/>
2. Provide the required information for the tourist visas for Iran and Iraq
3. The deadline to complete the registration, visa documentation and deposit is Monday, April 1, 2019.
4. Final payments must be completed before May 1, 2019

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### Hotels

All hotels are 5 stars or the best available property in the overnight location.