

Iran Muharram Tour



The Picture of Asre Ashura By Farshchian



Ashura Fresco by Chalipa

Mourning begins from the first night of Muharram and continue for ten nights, climaxing on the 10th of Muharram, known as the Day of Ashura. The last few days up until and including the Day of Ashura are the most important because these were the days in which Imam Hussein and his family and followers (including women, children and elderly people) were deprived of water from the 7th onward and on the 10th, Imam Hussain and 72 of his followers were killed by the army of Yazid I at the Battle of Karbala on Yazid's orders. The surviving members of Imam Hussein's family and those of his followers were taken captive, marched to Damascus, and imprisoned there.

In Iran, for the first ten days of the month believers gather in prayer halls, mosques, and makeshift tents in the streets where they participate in mourning ceremonies, ritual chestbeating and lamentations, as well as processions that march through the streets carrying battle standards. At the end of every ceremony, cooked food that has been offered as a pledge (nazr) to Imam Hossein is distributed to participants and to the poor. Shi'as believe that Imam Hossein is the host of this ceremony and undertake the preparations in his name, and that consuming this food has healing properties. They feel that by mourning for the martyred Imam, feeding mourners in his name, or slaking their thirst, they receive blessings and divine reward.

Day 1 (07 Sept) : Arrival in Tehran /city tour

Arrival to Tehran early in the morning, transfer to Hotel ,after short rest and Breakfast visiting Hosseiniyeh Tajrish and Imamzadeh saleh Holy Shrine, return to Hotel ,rest and then visiting Grand Bazaar, Arg Mosque in Bazaar and take part in mourn Ceremony,over night in Tehran.



Day 2 (08 Sept): Tehran/Abyaneh /220km

After breakfast drive to Abyaneh ; Abyaneh village is one of the most specific villages of Iran with a good sight and climate, an appropriate natural situation where all the houses has been constructed on the hillside at the north of the Barzrood River with a beautiful and pleasant architecture. In This village visiting Central ,Barzaleh and Hajatgah mosques, fire Temple and all Moharram decorations in village and take part in mourning ceremony.



Day3 (09 Sept) Tasoua: Abyaneh / Yazd / 356 Km

After breakfast drive to Yazd , The mourning of the month of Muharram in Yazd is one of the most unique mourning rites in Iran Some customs that hold in Yazd are ; "Katal Bastan","Dast-e-Sagha","Pars-e-Zani in Tasua" ,"Josh Dore" and Tazieh and cooking customs.

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One form of mourning is the theatrical re-enactment of the Battle of Karbala. In Iran this is called Taziya or Taziyeh. Theatrical groups that specialize in taziya are called taziya groups. Taziyas were popular through the Qajar dynasty until the early twentieth century, but the re-enactments slowly declined until they were mostly abandoned in the large cities by the early 1940s.



Day 4 (10 Sept) Ashura : Yazd / Taft / Yazd/ 20Km

After breakfast drive to Taft ;The ceremony of Ashura in Taft with Chavoshi Khani begins on a number of Chavosh readers on the top of Imam Taft's Hosseinieh. the most important Nakhl-Gardani ceremonies are held across Yazd province. Nakhl symbolizes the coffin (casket) of Imam Hussein. It is a scaffold shaped like a tree leaf. Mourners cover Nakhl, which is largely made of wood, with black fabrics and hang hundreds of swords and daggers from it. It also has other decorations such as mirrors, fruits, decorative knots and silk clothes, which are tied at two sides of Nakhl. As they are very heavy, Nakhl is lifted by mourners and carried in circles. Collecting money or food for cooking Nazri (food cooked for mourners) is one of the most common customs.

The Sham-e Ghariban

After the Nakhl-Gardani ritual, people continue mourning and listening to the religious sermons until sundown then they hold the Sham-e Ghariban (literally the night of the strangers) as candlelight vigil for the martyrs of Karbala. Children often go to different districts holding candles and light up the streets, symbolizing children of Imam Hussein and his companions who search for the corpses in the dark night of the Karbala desert.



Day 5 (11Sept): Yazd / Isfahan /323KM

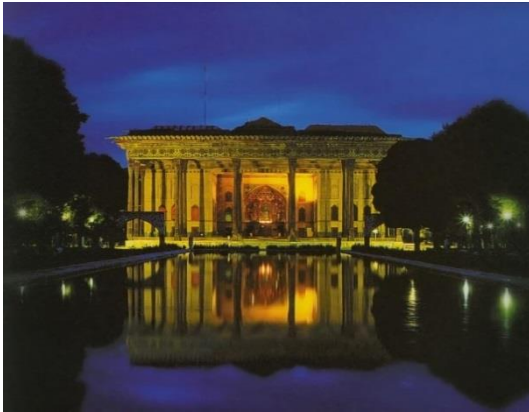
After Breakfast drive to Isfahan, A city of immense beauty and unforgettable experiences, Isfahan has been dazzling travelers for ages. Perhaps one of the reasons for this is that most Westerners appreciate the truly Persian character that the city has retained in Isfahan and in this city we will visit Naghshe-e Jahan Square, and Historical Bridges.



DAY 6 (12Sept): Isfahan

In Isfahan visiting ; Shiekhlotfollah and Imam mosque, Ali qapou and Chehelsouton Palac and Gheysariyeh Bazaar.

At the west of Naghsh-e Jahan square, just in front of the Sheikh Lotfollah mosque one of the most magnificent palaces of 17th century is located. The Ali Qapu palace is well-known palace all over Iran. The first part of palace was built in 1597. Chehelsouton Palace; The meaning of its name is a palace with 40 columns. There is a pool, veranda, and several halls. Its magnificent architecture leaves everyone in wonder and appreciation. It is also listed as a site on UNESCO Cultural Heritage list.



DAY 7 (13Sept): Isfahan / Tehran / 448km

Breakfast and visiting Shahzayd Immamzade that is a religious and historical holy shrine ;the buiding is belonged to Safaviye dynasty but the wallpainting(fersco) refer to Ashura and its realted events has painted in14 century and you could see on the walls, after that drive to Tehran,overnight in Tehran.



DAY 8 (14Sept): Tehran/ Departure

After breakfast in Tehran visiting National Museum , Golestan Palac and transfer to IKA airport for Departure flight at : 20:50 P.M



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Group Size : 15 pax

Price :

Per Person in DBL room	450 \$
Single Supplément	+ 90 \$

Included Services:

- Iran visa authorization code
- 7 night Accomodation with breakfast + early check-in upon arrival
- English speaking tour guide;
- All Transportation & transfers by middle bus
- All entrance fees to monuments mentioned in the program;
- Two bottle of small mineral water per day per person;

Not included Services:

- International Air Tickets;
- Tip to drivers and guides

Hotels

Tehran: Grand 4* / Abyaneh: Viuna 3* / Yazd: Dad 4* / Isfahan: Avin 4* (Golden Rooms)

- ✚ In time of confirmation if the mentioned hotels not available the same grade hotels will be replaced.

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