

## Grand Iran Cruise (M-ID: 2570)

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**from €4,500.00**

Dates and duration (days)

**Iran is one of the most beautiful and diversity rich countries I know. Everybody who comes to this country for the first time is astonished and pleasantly surprised by how far apart prejudices and reality differ.**

Especially the friendliness, helpfulness and cosmopolitanism of the people in Iran is unparalleled in the rest of the world.

With our Grand Iran Cruise we now offer the traveler with a little more time the opportunity to explore almost the entire country. Start and finish of the journey is the probably most beautiful city of the country, Isfahan. From here it goes through the Zagros Mountains to Zanzan and with a short detour through the Elborz Mountains to the southeast to Bam and back via Shiraz to Isfahan.

The flight to Isfahan and back is not included in the tour price. We recommend to fly with Turkish Airlines. Our partner Prima Klima no limits will be happy to advise you.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Departure

The adventure can begin. You board the plane and land a few hours later in Isfahan.

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#### Day 2: A day in Isfahan

The first day in Persia. After a few hours sleep and a good breakfast, we set off for an exploratory walk through Isfahan. Our destination is Naqsh-e-Jahan Square (Image of the World), recently also called Imam Square, one of the largest city squares in the world. We visit some of the surrounding mosques and palaces and then surrender to the hustle and bustle of the bazaar. In the afternoon we take over the motorcycles and familiarize ourselves with them.

Later we stroll along the mostly dried up river Zayandeh. Dinner together in one of the most famous restaurants of

the city.

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Day 3: From Isfahan to Khorramabad (about 380 km)  
Today we move towards the Zagros Mountains. The further we progress, the more mountainous and thus winding the route becomes. A pleasure for the biker heart.

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Day 4: Day trip through the Zagros Mountains (approx. 100 km)

The area around Khorramabad is considered a scenic highlight. Many Iranians escape from the hectic and heat of their cities to find peace and relaxation here. And so we will also mount our bikes and explore this scenic jewel.

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Day 5: Ride from Khorramabad to Kermanshah (approx. 180 km)

We stay in the Zagros mountains. The riding distance is short. So we can concentrate on enjoying a winding and scenic mountain ride without any hurry.

In Kermanshah we visit Taq-e Bostan. Here we find a group of rock reliefs from the time of the Sassanid Empire. They are considered the most beautiful and best preserved examples of Sassanid art.

Right next to the reliefs, a spring gushes fresh water into a small pond. Under shady trees you can stay here for a while.

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Day 6: Ride from Kermanshah to Hamedan (approx. 185 km)

The last day in the Zagros Mountains. Hamedan is one of the oldest, if not the oldest city in Iran. It was the capital of the Mede Empire many centuries ago under the name of Ekbatana and later the capital of the Achaemenid Empire.

Unfortunately, there is nothing left of the glorious history of the city today.

Ibn Sina, one of the most important philosophers and physicians of his time (980 - 1037), spent the last years of his life in Hamedan.

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Day 7: Day trip to Ali Sadr and Lalejin

The motorbikes stay today. We let ourselves be chauffeured by bus to the stalactite cave in Ali Sadr and to the pottery town of Lalejin. Finally we visit the Hegmataneh Park near Hamedan with an impressive waterfall.

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Day 8: Ride to Zanjan (approx. 265 km)

Another scenic and varied ride lies ahead of us today. Before we reach Zanjan, our destination for the day, we visit the "Dome of Sultaniyeh".

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Day 9: Day trip to Behestan Castle (approx. 230 km)

This excursion is optional. Except for about 10 km of gravel, the road is good, scenic and full of curves.

The fortress itself can only be admired from the outside. A very bizarre building.

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Day 10: Ride from Zanjan to Qazvin (approx. 225 km)

We could ride on the direct way to Qazvin, but we make a detour, because it leads us through a foothill of the Elborz mountains and to a lake, where sometimes the wind blows so strong, that you think you will be blown off your bike. But don't worry, so far everyone has come through in one piece.

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Day 11: Day trip to the Alamut Fortress (approx. 200 km)

Today you can say without reservation: "The way is the goal". Namely, almost nothing has been preserved of the Alamut Fortress and the reconstruction attempts are stuck in the stage of trying.

But the route, it has it all, and I can say without exaggeration that it is the most beautiful riding route on the entire trip, both from the perspective of a motorcyclist and from that of a landscape lover.

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Day 12: Day trip to Tehran

Once again we give our motorcycles a rest day and let us take the bus to Tehran.

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Day 13: Ride from Qazvin to Kashan (approx. 375 km)

The ride to Kashan takes us through small towns where our appearance is a sensation and when we stop for a drink we are usually surrounded by a curious crowd within minutes. Myst result from these encounters interesting conversations and especially many, many selfies.

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Day 14: A day in Kashan

Kashan is famous for its magnificent merchant houses, but also for mosques and a princely bathhouse. We will take a closer look at some of these highlights on a half-day guided walk through the city.

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Day 15: Day trip to Abyaneh and Fin Garden (approx. 185 km)

Abyaneh is a small mountain village where not only the houses and alleys look like something out of a history book, but also the people try to keep up their old traditions as best they can. The whole village is like a big museum.

After the visit of Abyaneh we will ride to one of the most

beautiful and famous gardens of Iran, the Fin Gardens near Kashan.

We can also look forward to a great mountain route, because Abyaneh is hidden deep in the mountains and can only be reached via a very winding road.

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Day 16: Ride from Kashan to Yazd (approx. 390 km)

Essentially, we will cover distance today. On the way we have the opportunity to stop at a brickyard and spontaneously look for interesting things in other villages.

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Day 17: A day in Yazd

For me Yazd is one of the most beautiful cities in Iran, next to Isfahan of course. If you want you can get to know the city on a city walk guided by locals. Otherwise, today is at your free disposal.

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Day 18: Ride from Yazd to Kerman (approx. 370 km)

Now we are heading strictly south-east. We are on the route of the overlander. On this road we go to the Pakistani border. But we will not get that far. We are content with Kerman as our destination for the day.

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Day 19: Ride from Kerman to Bam (approx. 255 km)

And we continue south-east to Bam, where we will visit the ancient mud city. In 2003, an earthquake almost completely destroyed Bam and also its mud city. Many people had to leave their lives. How far the reconstruction has progressed, I cannot say. We will see.

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Day 20: Ride from Bam to Shahdad (approx. 235 km)

We don't have very far to go today, but the scenery will change dramatically. We can unwind a bit and enjoy the day at our pleasant eco-resort.

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Day 21: Shahdad

Unfortunately, today we have to leave our motorcycles and change to jeeps for our desert trip. The local authorities have banned motorcycle rides for safety reasons. But even so the trip will be a great experience.

Don't be surprised if you think you've been transported to Arizona today. The rocky landscape of Shahdad is very similar to the famous rock formations in the USA. We will spend the afternoon and evening here and be enchanted by these extraordinary natural phenomena.

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Day 22: Ride from Shahad to Sirjan (approx. 285 km)

Sirjan is just a stopover for us on the way from Shahdad to Shiraz. To ride the distances in one train would be too long.

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Day 23: Ride from Sirjan to Shiraz (about 400 km)

Now we reach the southernmost point of our journey, Shiraz. Shiraz is the city of poets and poets, to whom some beautiful monuments have been erected here.

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Day 24: Day trip to Persepolis

And one last time we leave the bikes and go by bus to Persepolis, where we visit the ancient imperial city under expert guidance.

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Day 25: A day in Shiraz

Although Persepolis is certainly a weighty reason to visit Shiraz, the city itself has a lot to offer, a large traditional bazaar, some very nice museums, large well-kept park, so enough to spend a day here.

Day 26: Ride from Shiraz to Yasuj (about 175 km)  
Yasuj is halfway to Isfahan, and we only stop here because the distance would have been too long otherwise.

However, during the first Grand-Iran-Cruise we discovered a nice excursion place near a small waterfall, which invites us to spread out the picnic blanket and enjoy some sandwiches, watermelons and good non-alcoholic beer.

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Day 27: Ride from Yasuj to Isfahan (about 315 km)  
And now we are back in Isfahan. The circle is closed.

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Day 28: A day in Isfahan  
Today you have another opportunity to enjoy yourself in Isfahan. The relaxed atmosphere invites you to drift through the city without stress.

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Day 29: Flight home  
And with that this Iran-Cruise comes to an end. Early in the morning your plane goes back home. We hope, no we are sure, that you will come home with a new picture of this wonderful country and its people. Tell others about it. Tell them about how friendly and open-minded the Iranians are and encourage your friends and acquaintances to visit Iran as well.

Countries	Iran
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Camping
	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	€4,500.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room	€3,900.00
per person single room (surcharge)	€600.00

## Included

28 x overnight stay in hotel  
 27 x breakfast  
 27 x dinner  
 Rental motorcycle: Benelli 250 TNT  
 Lubricants (Petrol/Oil)  
 Service Car  
 Airport transfer in Iran  
 Other transfer: By bus to Tehran and Ali Sadr  
 Trip to the desert

## Not included

Everything that is not listed under services

## More details

Total Distance appx. 4750 km

Level of Difficulty Mittel

min: 6 - max: 11 riders