

North Iran Cruise (M-ID: 2571)

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from €3,900.00

Dates and duration (days)

For fourteen years, since our first overland trip from Germany to India, we have been taking one or two groups to and through Iran every year.

Whether passing through India or Oman, or on our combined Caucasus-Iran expedition: Iran is the country that always inspires us the most. And it is above all the people who amaze us with their hospitality and cosmopolitanism. How far apart are prejudice and reality here!

Since my first visit to Iran, I have been toying with the idea of offering motorcycle tours exclusively in Iran. But this dream failed because of the unavailability of motorcycles suitable for travel, as it is forbidden to ride motorcycles with more than 250 ccs in Iran.

My research now brought to my attention a new motorcycle that appeared on the Iranian market and after thoroughly weighing the pros and cons, I decided to use this motorcycle on our tours in Iran. It is a Benelli TNT 250 cubic, an Italian brand, which is now in Chinese hands. With this motorcycle, the Iranian roads can be comfortably taken under the wheels, and finally, nothing stands in the way of traveling in Iran. A local partner to organize and guide the trips and to make the riding experience as pleasant as possible, we use a support vehicle with a driver for the luggage.

The flight to Isfahan and back is not included in the tour price. We recommend flying with Turkish Airlines.

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Route itinerary:

Day 1: Departure

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

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Day 2: Arrival in Isfahan

The first day in Persia. After a few hours of sleep and a good breakfast, we set off to explore Isfahan. The

destination is Naqsh-e-Jahan Square (Image of the World), also known as Imam Square, one of the largest city squares in the world. After the visit to some of the surrounding mosques and palaces, we 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 dry, Zayandeh River. Dinner together in one of the most famous restaurants in the city.

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Day 3: Ride from Isfahan to Kashan / approx. 210 km
Today we get on our bikes for the first time. There is only a relatively short distance ahead of us and we will arrive in Kashan already around noon.

There, after we have checked in and freshened up a bit, we will take a tour through the city, where we will see a Koranic school and a very beautiful old bathhouse, as well as two of the most magnificent merchants' houses. We will also get to know a specialty for which Kashan is also famous, the production of rose water.

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Day 4: Day trip to Abyaneh and Fin Garden / approx. 180 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 to Abyaneh, we will ride to one of the most beautiful and famous gardens in 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 by a very winding road.

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Day 5: Ride from Kashan to Qazvin / approx. 370 km
In Qazvin, we can visit some impressive mosques, a royal bathhouse, and a particularly beautiful large bazaar.

Dinner together. If you like, you can try a specialty from Qazvin, a dish of lamb or chicken meat with various nuts, saffron, and rice.

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Day 6: Day trip to Alamut fortress / about 200 km
The excursion to Alamut takes you along, probably the most beautiful, motorcycle route of the entire trip. The landscape is overwhelming and the road consists of what feels like 90% curves. Not much of the fortress itself is preserved, but the arduous climb is worth the magnificent view over the surrounding mountains and valleys.

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Day 7: Day trip to Tehran
Today we give the bikes a rest day. We board our bus and head all together to the capital of Iran. Of course, one day is not enough to really get to know a city with thousands of years of history, but it is enough to get a first impression.

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Day 8: Ride from Qazvin to Bandar-e Anzali / about 175 km.

Now we are going to the mountains, to the Alborz Mountains. On the way, we stop at the big lake. It's so windy here sometimes that you might be afraid to fly away. We speak from experience - if you leave your gloves on the bike, they are guaranteed to be gone with the wind.

Late in the afternoon we reach the port city Bandar-e Anzali at the Caspian Sea. Our hotel has its own beach and whoever wants can plunge into the partly wild waters of the Caspian Sea.

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Day 9: Day trip Rudkhan Castle and Masuleh / approx. 160 km

Today's day trip takes us to a fortress complex, which can be reached only with great difficulty. The ride there is not a problem, but when we arrive, there are about 1,000 steps in front of us, which we have to climb.

If we still have strength and desire afterward, which I hope we will, we can visit the pretty mountain village of Masuleh. The unique feature of this village is its unusual construction. It is built in steps on a steep mountain slope so that the roof of the lower house is the floor of the house above.

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Day 10: Ride from Bandar-e Anzali to Astara / approx. 195 km

Today's route rides along the coast of the Caspian Sea. The destination is the border town with Azerbaijan, Astara.

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Day 11: Ride from Astara to Ardabil / about 80 km
If you ask Iranian bikers, they will tell us enthusiastically that today one of the most beautiful mountain routes of Iran lies ahead of us.

In Ardabil, we will visit the tomb of Safi ad-Din. Safi ad-Din founded the first Sufi monastery here. He was the eponym of the Safavid dynasty.

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Day 12: Ride from Sarein to Kandovan / about 250 km
If you have ever been to Cappadocia in Turkey, you will feel miraculously transported there. Kandovan is similarly built into the rock. We'll have plenty of time to explore this picturesque place.

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Day 13: Ride from Kandovan to Zanjan / approx. 350 km
Now we slowly move back south and stop in the small town of Zanjan. Zanjan is a nice typical Iranian small town with pretty mosques and a lively bazaar.

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Day 14: Day trip to Behestan Fortress / approx. 210 km
Today the excursion to Behestan Fortress, which dates back to the Achaemenid period, is on the agenda.

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Day 15: Ride from Zanjan to Hamadan / approx. 260 km
The ride takes us to Sultaniyeh. Here we will find the Oel Sheeitü Mausoleum with an extraordinary domed structure. With a height of 35.1 meters, the dome is one of the largest in the world.

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Day 16: Day trip to Ali Sadr and Lalejin

Today we penetrate deep into Iranian soil. We visit the most famous stalactite cave in the country. By boat, we will go through a maze of corridors and any photo-lover will get their money's worth.

On the way back we will visit Lalejin, a small village where pretty much every citizen is a potter, and we will look over the artists' shoulders as they make their craft.

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Day 17: Ride from Hamadan to Kermanshah / approx. 185 km
The next two days we move through the Zagros Mountains and will take some great mountain roads under our wheels.

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Day 18: Ride from Kermanshah to Khorramabad / approx. 185 km
On the way through the Zagros Mountains and to Khorramabad, we will visit two important historical places, Tag-e Bostan and Bistoon.

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Day 19: Ride from Khorramabad to Isfahan / approx. 405 km
Our last riding day. It takes us once again through the Zagros Mountains and brings us to the starting point of our journey, Isfahan.

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Day 20: Isfahan
Today we have another opportunity to explore the "most beautiful city of Iran".

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Day 21: Flight home
And with this, our Iranian adventure comes to an end. We hope you enjoyed it and we look forward to welcoming you back to Iran soon. Maybe on the tour through the southern, more deserty part of the country.

Countries	Iran
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl. on request
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 with Benelli 250 TNT (to book a separate room, please choose the single room surcharge)	€3,900.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€3,300.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€450.00

Included

20 x overnight stay in hotel
 19 x breakfast
 19 x dinner
 Rental motorcycle: Benelli 250 TNT
 Operating fluids (gasoline/oil)
 Service vehicle
 Airport transfer in Iran

Not included

Everything that is not specified under services

More details

Total distance: approx. 3415 km

Difficulty: Medium

Number of participants: min 6 - max 11 riders

Visa:

Travelers to Iran need a visa. Basically, obtaining a visa is not a problem and you can do everything yourself. Only sometimes it hangs a little, and then you have to call in an authorized agency.

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Driver's license:

An international driver's license is required everywhere. Please note that the international driver's license is only valid in conjunction with the national driver's license.

Minimum number of participants:

As the organizer, we have a right of withdrawal if the minimum number of participants has not been reached up to 6 weeks before the start of the trip. In this case, we will refund any deposit paid in full. In practice, however, we always try to carry out the trip in your interest with fewer participants, if you agree. In this case, we will waive the service vehicle and we will charge a staggering small group surcharge:

1 participant: 10% of the tour price

2 participants: 5% of the tour price

3 participants: 2,5% of the tour price

Before cancellation you will receive a new offer from us in any case, so that your vacation can take place as planned.

Half double room:

For single travelers, we offer the possibility to share a double room with another traveler. If there is no half-double room available at the time of your booking, we will charge the single supplement. If a double room partner is found later, we will refund the single supplement.

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Flight:

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