

Southern Iran Cruise (M-ID: 2664)

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from €3,300.00

Dates and duration (days)



For the past 14 years, since our very 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 our first visit to Iran, we 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.

The research brought a new motorcycle to our attention. It appeared on the Iranian market and after thoroughly weighing the pros and cons, we 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 our travels in Iran. A local partner to organize and guide the trips and an experienced and local motorcycle guide are also available, 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.

Route itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

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

Day 2: Isfahan

The first day in Persia. After a few hours of sleep and a good breakfast, we set off to explore 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 will stroll along the, mostly dried-up, river Zayandeh. Dinner together in one of the most famous restaurants in the city.

Day 3: Ride to Yazd / approx. 310 km

Our first day of riding. We leave Isfahan and head towards the desert. Yazd is a typical desert city. It is famous for its wind towers, which unmistakably define the cityscape.

Day 4: Yazd

The day is at your free disposal. Yazd invites you for an extended walk through the well-preserved and still inhabited old town. It is built entirely of mud and transports you to times long past. A visit to the water museum is recommended. Here you can learn how the problem of water supply, a big one for a desert city, was solved hundreds of years ago by ingenious engineering.

Day 5: Day trip / approx. 240 km

Today we will undertake a larger day trip. Via Meybod we will first ride to a sanctuary of Zoroastrianism. The region around Yazd is still a center of Zoroastrianism in Iran. In Yazd, we will find a Zoroastrian fire temple. Our destination today is the cave Chak Chak, which means drip-drip. It got its name because water has been dripping from the rock here for centuries, which is rather unusual for a desert place.

We continue our ride to Kharanaq. Kharanaq is an abandoned mud town, as there were many in the region once upon a time. It is still relatively well preserved, well enough to give us an idea of what it was like to live in such a city of narrow streets and covered tunnel-like passages. The old houses can be entered, but caution is advised, as everything is in danger of collapsing.

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Day 6: Ride to Kerman / approx. 355 km
Now we point our bikes to the south. We have quite a few kilometers ahead of us. Scenically we are in the desert fringe, temperature-wise in the middle of a blast furnace. In the late afternoon, we reach Kerman.

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Day 7: Ride to Shahdad / about 100 km
We have only a short distance to ride today, but the scenery will change dramatically. In our nice eco-resort, we can relax a bit and enjoy the day.

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Day 8: Trip into the desert
Unfortunately, we have to leave the motorcycles today. For our desert trip, we have to change to jeeps. For security reasons, the local authorities have forbidden the use of motorcycles. But even so, the excursion 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 9: Ride to Bam / about 205 km
We will hurry up and make a few kilometers to Bam quickly. There we will visit the old mud city and fortress. It was almost completely destroyed by a devastating earthquake on December 26, 2003, but the government soon set about rebuilding the city. We were last there about 8 years ago, and the progress looked quite remarkable then, so we can expect to get a good impression of this old settlement again.

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Day 10: Ride to Sirjan / about 380 km
This day and tomorrow will essentially be riding days with a break in Sirjan. We have more than 600 kilometers to cover until Shiraz. Iran is a big country.

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Day 11: Ride to Shiraz / about 390 km
And on we go until we reach Shiraz around evening.

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Day 12: Day trip to Persepolis
Today the bikes will stay in the garage and we will be chauffeured by bus to Persepolis. A local guide will introduce us to the secrets of the ancient Persian imperial city, which Alexander the Great completely destroyed in 330 BC.

Returning from our half-day excursion, there will be plenty of time for a stroll through Shiraz's Vakil Bazaar and a visit to the famous Nasir al Mulk Mosque.

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Day 13: Ride to Yasuj / approx. 170 km
On the way back to Isfahan we stop in Yasuj. We are in a beautiful landscape and will enjoy the two days of riding from Shiraz to Isfahan.

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Day 14: Ride to Isfahan / about 320 km

The travel circle closes and we are back in Isfahan.

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Day 15: Isfahan
Today we have another opportunity to explore the "most beautiful city of Iran". For the evening we have a surprise for you.

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Day 16: Flight home
I am sure that you will now take home a completely different picture of Iran. Spread the word and correct the wrong picture - the people of Iran deserve to have their country portrayed truthfully.

"Be omide didar", in English "Goodbye and see you soon".

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.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room with rental motorcycle Benelli 250 TNT (to book a separate room, please choose the single room surcharge)	€3,300.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€2,900.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€350.00

Included

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

Not included

Everything that is not specified under services

More details

Total distance: approx. 2470 km

Difficulty: Medium

Group size: 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.

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.

Flight:

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