

North of Iran Tour



Tour Destinations: Tehran to Tehran

Duration: 10Days

Tour styles: Style

- Nature
- Cultural
- Historical

Code: PISD-N

Tour route:

- Tehran
- Gorgan
- Gonbad-e Kavus
- Gorgan
- Babolsar
- Ramsar
- Bandar Anzali
- Qaleh Rudkhan
- Masouleh
- Bandar Anzali
- Masouleh
- Rasht
- Tehran

Tour highlights

Visiting the UNESCO listed Gonbad-e Qabus, the scenic roads and villages and tasting Gilaki cuisines in Rasht.

What you need to know about this tour

- Northern Iran is an area situated between the Caspian Sea and the Alborz mountain range with a very high annual rainfall and as a result is the lushest and greenest region in the whole country. From scenic beaches, to roads passing through forest and the dense Hyrcanian forests covering the Alborz hills and mountains, you are going to see diverse landscapes during your Northern Iran Tour. In addition, you are going to be impressed by the hospitality and the rich culture of the locals and the colorful and tasty foods awaiting you!

What is Included

- 9 nights accommodation in hotels and village stays
- Private vehicle
- Visa service
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Professional English speaking guide

Tour accommodations:

Nights stay in Hotel in Tehran, Night stay in Hotel in Gorgan, Night stay in Hotel in Babolsar, Night stay in Hotel in Ramsar, Nights stay in Ecolodge, Night stay in Hotel in Rasht

Tour Meals:

9 Breakfasts, 3 Dinner

Day 1: Arrival Day

Salaam! Welcome to Iran, the land of diverse culture and natural attractions. Your tour will start from Tehran, the big and modern capital of Iran. You will be transferred from IKA INTL to your hotel and considering your arrival time, you can enjoy some sightseeing in Tehran with your guide, including the National Museum of Iran, and the Abgineh Museum, displaying fascinating glassworks and ceramics.

Optional Excursions

- Iran National Museum
- Abgineh Museum

Accommodation: Hotel in Tehran

Day 2: Tehran to Gorgan

This morning will be spent on visiting some historical attractions in Tehran. First you will explore the UNESCO listed [Golestan Palace](#), the throne of the Qajarid kings, and where they held coronation ceremonies and crucial political meetings. Also view the Iran National Museum and then walk along Tehran's Grand Bazaar and learn about the construction of Iranian bazaars and their important role in the society as a center of trading and communication. Return to your hotel and after freshening up go to the Tehran Train Station to take the overnight train to Gorgan, in the north of Iran. (Tonight's train tickets will be reserved on a twin share basis in 4 bed compartments and the dinner will be served on the train.)

Included Excursions

- Golestan Palace
- Iran National Museum
- Tehran Grand Bazaar

Tour Meals: Breakfast Dinner

Day 3: Gonbad Kavus and Bandar Torkman

Rise early in the morning and enjoy the most scenic views from the train passing through forests and villages. Arrive in Gorgan, the center of the Golestan Province and drive for 93 kilometers to visit Gonbad-e Kavus (the Qabus Tower). This is the tomb of Qabus ibn Vashmgir, the Ziyarid ruler, and is known as the highest brick-made tower in the world, built on 1006 A.D. Gonbad-e Qabus is a UNESCO world heritage site. Then drive to Bandar Torkaman, home to Turkmen ethnic groups and walk along the traditional bazaar to meet locals wearing their unique colorful outfits. Then drive back to Gorgan and enjoy free time at the hotel.

Included Excursions

- Gonbad-e Kavus
- Bandar Torkaman

Accommodation: Hotel in Gorgan

Tour Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Gorgan to Babolsar

Drive from Gorgan to Babolsar (183 km) in Mazandaran Province. On the way stop at Behshahr city, literally meaning “the best city”. This is one of the historical cities of Iran, which was a favorite residence of Shah Abbas, the Safavid king. Visit the Abbas Abad historical complex including the garden, the brick tower, the Safavid palace and the natural dam with the mansion at its center. Abbas Abad Garden of Behshahr is one of the nine Persian gardens recognized as a world heritage by the UNESCO. Continue toward Babolsar and enjoy the rest of the day by the Caspian seashore.

Included Excursions

- Abbas Abad Garden
- Caspian Seashore walking tour

Accommodation: Hotel in Babolsar

Tour Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Babolsar to Ramsar

Drive along the Caspian seashore to Ramsar (198 Kms). On the way, visit Namak Abrood, which is a resort town. Ride the 2050-meter gondola (cable car) and enjoy the town's superb views along the Caspian Sea. Continue your road trip to Ramsar, which is known as "the heaven on earth". Visit the Ramsar Palace, also known as the Marmar Palace, which was one of the royal residences during the Pahlavi Dynasty.

Included Excursions

- Namak Abrood gondola
- Ramsar Palace

Accommodation: Hotel in Ramsar

Tour Meals: Breakfast

Day 6: Ramsar to Bandar-e Anzali

In the morning drive to Javaher Deh (27 km). This is a village located above the clouds at the elevation of 2000 meters in the Alburz mountains. Drive back to Ramsar and continue to Bandar-e Anzali. Bandar-e Anzali is one of the most important ports in Iran, trading and tourism, with amazing natural beauty. Here you will relax on the golden beaches of Bandar-e Anzali and also take a boat ride on the Anzali lagoon, which is one of the best spots for birdwatching in Iran. Tonight you will stay at an eco-lodge in Bandar-e Anzali and enjoy having a home cooked meal with a local family.

Optional Excursions

- Anzali Lagoon
- Javaher Deh walking tour

Accommodation: Ecolodge

Tour Meals: Breakfast Dinner

Day 7: Rudkhan Castle and Masooleh

Drive 90 kilometers and then pass the thousands of stairs to arrive at the medieval Rudkhan Castle, hidden in the heart of the northern forests. This military fortress dates back to the Seljuk Dynasty. Then drive to the [Masooleh Village](#) and spend your afternoon taking a rest in this scenic village, where the rooftop of one house is the balcony of the next one and no car is allowed to enter.

Included Excursions

- Rudkhan Castle
- Masooleh walking tour

Accommodation: Ecolodge

Tour Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Masooleh to Rasht

Say goodbye to beautiful Masooleh and drive to [Rasht](#) (63 km), one of the biggest cities of northern Iran, described as the city of creative gastronomy! Join your host in the traditional bazaar of Rasht and do some shopping. Then join your cooking class and learn to cook some local cuisines of Rasht.

Accommodation: Hotel in Rasht

Tour Meals: Breakfast Dinner

Day 9: Rasht to Tehran

Drive back to Tehran via Qazvin (327 kms) and visit the Safavid Chehel Sotun Palace and the Sepah Street, which is the first street constructed in Iran. Arrive in Tehran in the afternoon and check in to your hotel.

Included Excursions

- Chehel Sotun Palace
- Sepah Street

Accommodation: Hotel in Tehran

Tour Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: Departure day

Your Northern Iran adventure will conclude today. After your hotel check out you will be transferred to IKA INTL Airport for your flight back home.

Tour Meals: Breakfast