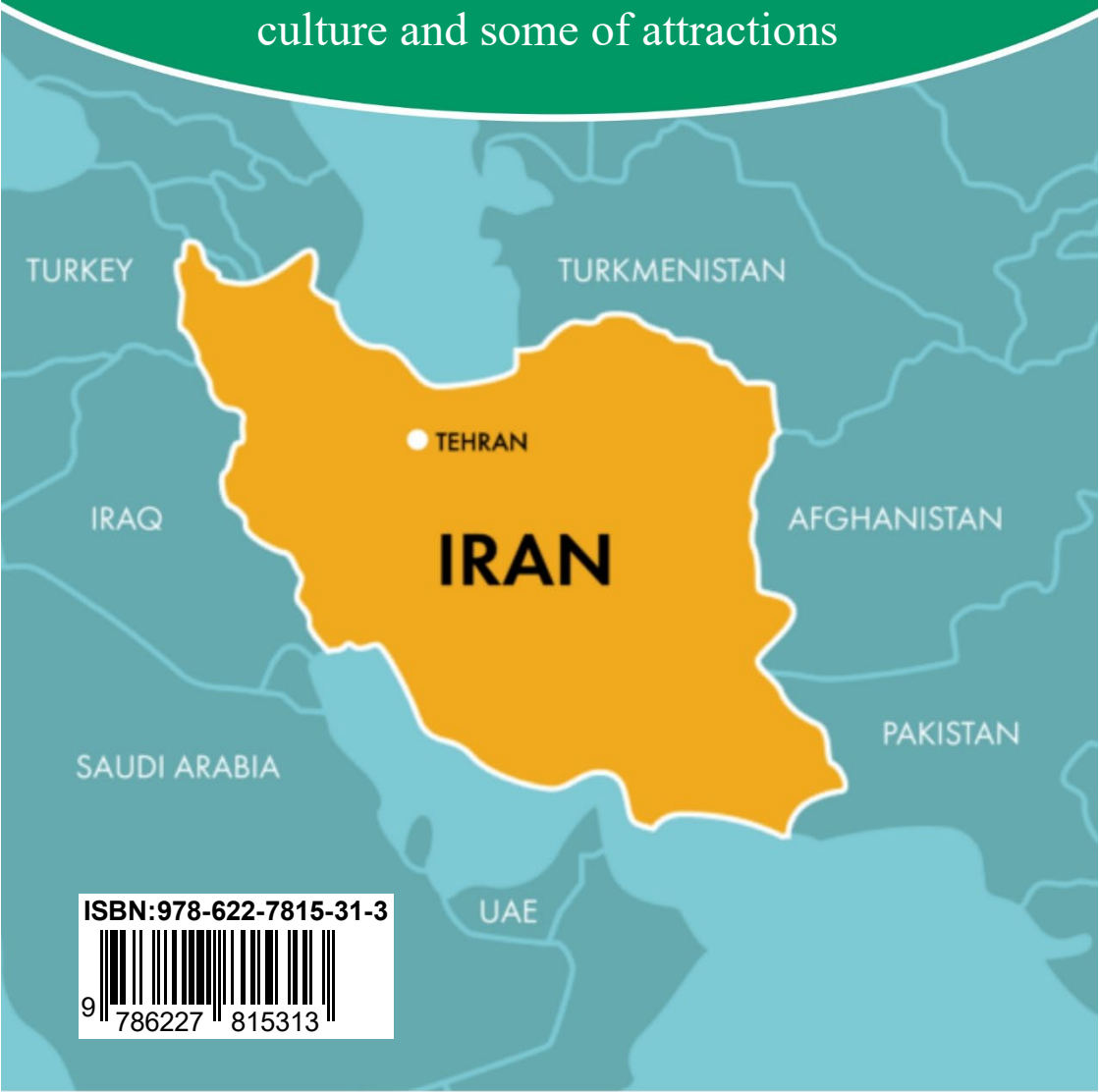


IRAN TOURISM GUIDE

Review of traveling to Iran and familiarity with culture and some of attractions



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History of Iran tourism

Carefully in the surviving logbooks, we conclude that what exists from the ninth to the fourteenth century AD is Muslim tourism in countries in the Middle East and the Far East, such as Japan, Africa and Europe. Muslim tourists have reported their travels in geographical books or in historical and ideological research and in this period and there is no news about the movement of European tourists and the people of the Christian West, and it seems that they had no interest in tourism. Occasionally we come across a Western Jewish tourist and businessman in the East. From the fifteenth century onwards, especially in the seventeenth century, we see that the flow of tourism has been exactly the opposite. Important tourists are foreigners who have come to the eastern lands and reported various customs, cultural heritage, government practices, goods and products of Islamic cities. Islam is to another region.



Travel statistics of foreign tourists to Iran

Iraq had the highest number of passengers in Iran in 1998, while the level of European travel to Iran was negative, but on the contrary, travel from some countries such as Oman to Iran has experienced a growth of over 90%. The Republic of Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Turkey, Pakistan, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, India, China, Georgia, Russia, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Italy, the UAE and France had the highest number of trips to Iran, respectively. However, among these countries, the level of travel of European tourists has been negative. According to the Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts, in the statistical yearbook of 1998, the number of travelers entering the country was 8,832,050 in that year, and all of them were considered "tourists". In 1998, despite the belief of the officials of the Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts, the entry of foreign tourists to Iran had an upward trend, travel with other visas, including pilgrimage, has decreased. In that year, 711,144 people came to Iran on pilgrim visas, which is a decrease of more than 57% compared to the previous year. In 1997, 1,685,374 pilgrims were issued pilgrim visas.



Types of visas of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Row	Type	Row	Type
1	Input A	8	Press H
2	Tourism B	9	Service S
3	Pilgrimage C	10	Various
4	Diplomacy D	11	Family reunification
5	Educational E	12	Exit and return
6	With the right to work F	13	Exit
7	Transit G		

Visa-exempt countries

According to international law and interim agreements, it is possible to enter Iran for a citizen of some countries without a visa through the usual procedures. These people can obtain the necessary permits to enter at the entry points according to the rules and conditions set.