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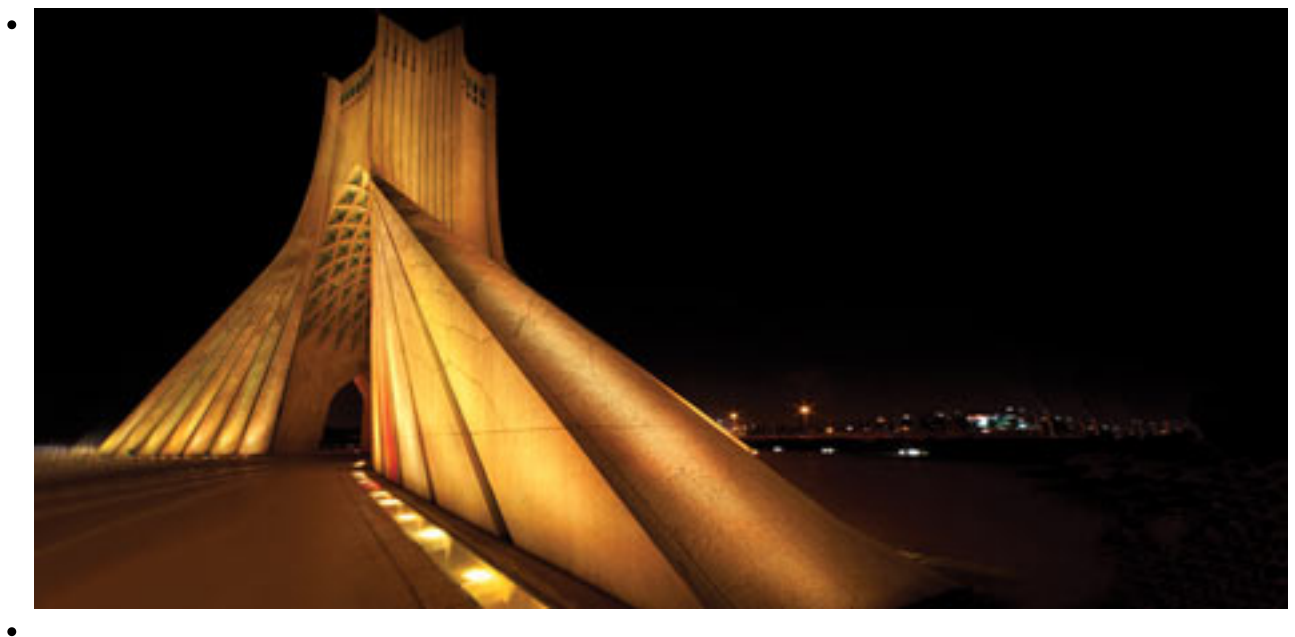


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Iranians are warm, friendly and generous individuals with a strong interest in foreigners and other cultures.

The landscape of Iran is diverse, providing a range of activities from hiking and skiing in the Alborz mountains, to beach holidays by the Arabian Gulf and the Caspian Sea.





Tourism has traditionally been characterized by significant numbers of visitors travelling to Iran for its diverse attractions, cultural splendours and a diverse and beautiful landscape suitable for a range of activities. With Gardens, Palaces, Hot Springs, Ski fields, Archaeological sites, Castles & Monuments. Museums amongst other attractions, Iran has plenty for all tastes.

The most popular tourist destinations are Esfahan and Shiraz while Mashhad and Qom attract a large number of pilgrims to its nearby holy sites.

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The collection comprises a set of crowns and thrones, some 30 tiaras, numerous aigrettes, jewel-studded swords and shields, a vast amount of precious loose gems, including the largest collections of emeralds, rubies and diamonds in the world. It also includes other items collected by the Shahs of Iran during the 2,500 year existence of the Iranian Kingdom.

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Culturally Iran is home to one of the world's oldest civilizations dating back several thousand years and for instance the blossoming of Persian literature, philosophy, medicine, astronomy, mathematics and art became major elements of Muslim civilization.

- **Area**

1,648,195 km²

- **Population**

79 million

- **Capital City**

Tehran

- **Currency**

Iranian Riyal (IRR)

- **Language**

Persian

- **Religion**

Muslim

- **Government**

Federation

- **Flying Time**

Flying time from Muscat: 2 Hours 50 Minutes

- **Time Difference**

GMT +3.30 Hours