

4th CLAT 2019: Taste Paradise

Cultural Landscape Association Workshop & Tour

27 April to 04 May 2019, Iran

Until now, 22 Iranian sites have been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Iran's Persian Garden is one of the sites inscribed on UNESCO's List in 2011. The property includes nine gardens in as many provinces. They exemplify the diversity of Persian garden designs that evolved and adapted to different climate conditions while retaining principles that have their roots in the times of Cyrus the Great, 6th century BC. Always divided into four sectors, with water playing an important role for both irrigation and ornamentation, the Persian garden was conceived to symbolize Eden and the four Zoroastrian elements of sky, earth, water and plants. These gardens, dating back to different periods since the 6th century BC, also feature buildings, pavilions and walls, as well as sophisticated irrigation systems. They have influenced the art of garden design as far as India and Spain. Persian Garden is a well-known garden style in the world. Besides overcoming the environmental restraints, creators of Persian Gardens have also manifested cultures and beliefs of people living in this land in their work; and that's the reason orientalists have known Persian Garden a symbol of "Promised Paradise". Persian Garden is in a great harmony with its natural and cultural surroundings and cannot be identified segregated from Iran's characteristics and peoples' culture and belief.

Cultural Landscape Association (CLA) is planning to organize a specialized tour and workshop called "Taste Paradise" in an international level for the experts, in order to get a better global recognition for Persian Garden and the elite to know it further. This is a unique opportunity for experts such as landscape professionals, architects, botanists, landscape historians, conservationists to exchange information with Iranian specialist experts while visiting Persian Gardens. After our very successful international tours and on-site workshops "Taste Paradise" in May 2013, "Landscape Transformation" in May 2015, and "Taste Persian Cultural Landscape & Architecture" in November 2018, The Cultural Landscape Association (CLA) is planning to orchestrate another journey (Taste Paradise II) for experts and professionals all around the globe, to visit and enjoy the cultural beauty of Persian Gardens. In order to raise its quality, these workshops are only available to a limited number of people (20 participants for each tour) at the time, so it would be better if applicants register earlier not to lose chance.

For more info about Persian Garden visit: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1372>

Itinerary – 27 April – 04 May 2019		
Date	Time	Activity
Fri. April 26	Transfer from IKA International Airport to Hotel (3 star)	
“First Day” Sat. April 27 Tehran + Shiraz	08:00 - 09:00	Opening meeting: Recognition of Persian Garden+ Check out
	09:00 - 11:30	Golestan Palace* + Grand Bazaar
	11:30 - 13:30	Tabiat (Nature) Bridge + Lunch
	13:30 - 18:00	Jamshidiyeh Garden +Niavaran Park
	18:00 – 22:30	Flight to Shiraz + Check in + Dinner
Sun. April 28 Shiraz	08:00 – 11:00	Narengestan Garden, Zinat ol Molk House, Pink Mosque
	11:00 - 12:30	Eram Garden*
	12:30 – 17:00	Lunch + Vakil Mosque, Vakil Bath, Arge Kharimkhan, Vakil Bazaar, Saraye Moshir, Caravanseraï
	17:00 – 19:00	Delgosha Garden, Saadi Tomb
	19:00 – 22:00	Quran Gate, Khajo, Jahan-Nama Garden, Hafez Tomb + Dinner
Mon. April 29 Shiraz	08:00 – 13:00	Going to Persepolis + Persepolis* , Naghshe Rostam + Lunch
	13:00- 17:00	Going to Pasargadae + Pasargadae*
	17:00 – 23:00	Going to Yazd + Check in (Hotel 4 star)
Tue. April 30 Yazd	08:30 - 13:00	Historical Houses, Jameh Mosque, Traditional Bazaar, Historic City*
	13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
	14:00 - 19:00	Dolat Abad Garden*, Cistern Six Windward, Zoroastrian Fire Temple
	19:00 - 21:00	Dinner + Free Time
Wed. May 01 Yazd + Mehriz + Isfahan	09:00 - 11:00	Check out + Amir Chakhmaq Sq. + Going to Mehriz
	11:00 - 13:00	Pahlevanpour Garden*, Mehrpadin Castle, Moshir Qanat*
	13:00 - 14:00	Shakib Windward + Lunch
	14:00 – 19:00	Going to Isfahan + Check in (Aseman Hotel 4 star)
	19:00 – 21:00	Dinner + Free Time
Thu. May 02 Isfahan	08:00 - 12:00	Jaame Mosque, Grand Bazar, Naghshe-Jahan Historical Sq.*
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 - 17:00	Shah Mosque, Ali Qapu Palace, Sheikh Lotf Allah Mosque, Free Time
	17:00 - 21:00	Dinner + Historical Bridges, Four Garden Street, Hasht Behesht Garden
Fri. May 03 Isfahan + Kashan	08:00 - 10:30	Chehel Sotun Garden* (40 Columns Garden), Vank Church
	10:30 - 15:00	Lunch + Going to Qamsar
	15:00 – 19:00	Rose Garden & Rose Festival in Qamsar + Dinner
	19:00 - 20:30	Going to Kashan + Check in (Traditional Hotel)
“Last Day” Sat. May 04 Kashan + Qamsar + Tehran	08:00 – 12:00	Check out + Historical Houses, Agha Bozorg Mosque, Traditional Bazaar
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 - 16:00	Fin Garden*
	16:00 – 22:00	Back to Tehran (IKA Airport) + Dinner
	Departure to your home Country from IKA Airport (Tehran)	

* World Heritage Site (You will visit 11 World Heritage Sites)

Cities to Visit: Tehran, Shiraz, Yazd, Mehriz, Isfahan, Kashan, Qamsar

1- Tehran

Tehran is the capital of Iran and Tehran Province. With a population of around 8.4 million in the city and 15 million in the larger metropolitan area. Tehran is home to many historical collections, including the royal complexes of Golestan Palace, where the two last dynasties of the former Imperial State of Iran were seated.

Where you'll visit in Tehran:

Tabiat Bridge

Tehran Grand Bazar Complex

Golestan Palace

Naser Khosro Pedestrian Zone



2- Shiraz

Shiraz is most likely more than 4,000 years old. In the Achaemenian era, Shiraz was on the way from Susa to Persepolis and Pasargadae. It is known as the city of poets, literature, Gardens and flowers. It is also considered by many Iranians to be the city of gardens, due to the many gardens and fruit trees that can be seen in the city, for example Eram Garden. Shiraz has had major Jewish and Christian communities. The crafts of Shiraz consist of inlaid mosaic work of triangular design; silver-ware; pile carpet-weaving and weaving of kilim, called *gilim* and *jajim* in the villages and among the tribes.

Where you'll visit in Shiraz:

Narengestan Garden

Zinat ol Molk House

Pink Mosque

Eram Garden

Vaki Mosque
 Hamman Vakil (Public Bath)
 Arge Kharimkhan (Castle)
 Vakil Bazaar
 Saraye Moshir
 Caravanserai
 Quran Gate
 Khajo Tomb
 Jahan-Nama Garden
 Hafez Tomb
 Delgosha Garden
 Saadi Tomb
 Persepolis
 Naghshe Rostam
 Pasargadae



3- Yazd

The city is located 270 km (170 mi) southeast of [Esfahan](#). Since 2017, the historical city of Yazd is recognized as a [World Heritage Site](#) by [UNESCO](#). Because of generations of adaptations to its desert surroundings, Yazd has a unique [Persian architecture](#). It is nicknamed the "City of [Windcatchers](#)" from its many examples. It is also very well known for its [Zoroastrian fire temples](#), [ab anbars](#) (cisterns), [qanats](#) (underground channels), [yakhchals](#) (coolers), Persian handicrafts, [handwoven cloth](#) (Persian termeh), [silk](#) weaving, [Persian Cotton Candy](#), and its time-honored confectioneries

Where you'll visit in Yazd:

Amir Chakhmaq Sq.
 Historical Houses
 Jameh Mosque
 Traditional Bazaar

Historic City*

Dolat Abad Garden*

Cistern Six Windward

Zoroastrian Fire Temple



4- Mehriz

Mehriz is one of the counties of Yazd province. According to a tale, this county was founded by a Sassanid princess named Mehrnegar but the human habitation in this region dates back to ten thousand years ago. World's tallest windcatcher tower with a height of fifty five meters can be found in this county. The only circular caravanserai of Iran, which is called Zeinodin is in this county.

Where you'll visit in Mehriz:

Phalavanpour Garden

Mehrpaddin Castle

Moshir Qanat

Shakib Windward



5- Isfahan

Isfahan (Esfahan) is a city in central Iran, south of Tehran and is the capital of Esfahan Province. The Persians call it "Nesf-e-Jahan", meaning "Half the World". Due to its beautiful hand-painted tiling and magnificent public square, it is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world. An ancient town and capital of Persia from 1598 to 1722, it was long noted for its fine carpets and silver filigree. Today, textile and steel mills take their place. Its architecture, tree-lined boulevards and relaxed pace make it one of the highlights of Iran.

Where you'll visit in Isfahan:

Jame Mosques

Garand Bazaar and Persian Carpet Bazaar

Naghsh-e-Jahan Historical Sq.

Shah Mosque
 Ali Qapu Palace
 Sheikh Lotf Allah Mosque
 Four Garden St.
 ChehelSotun Garden* (40 Columns Garden)
 Hasht Behesht Garden*
 Vank Church
 Historical Bridges



6- Kashan

Kashan as a city with 7000 years old and was a leisure vacation spot for Safavi Kings. Bagh-e Fin (Fin Garden), specifically, is one of the most famous gardens of Iran. Kashan is internationally famous for manufacturing carpets, silk and other textiles and its very valuable architecture. Today, Kashan houses most of Iran's mechanized carpet-weaving factories.

Where you'll visit in Kashan:

Agha Bozorg Mosque
 Historical Houses
 Traditional Bazaar
 Fin Garden





7- Qamsar

Qamsar is a city in central Iran. It is the administrative centre of the Qamsar District, which forms part of Kashan County is 15 km south of Kashan in the Province of Isfahan. From the 13th century and possibly considerably earlier, cobalt was mined near Qamsar. The metal oxide was exported all over the Muslim world for use as the cobalt blue pigment in the decoration of pottery. It is possible that the cobalt ore was also exported to China. Ghamsar is host to one of the biggest festivals of Iran called Golabgiri to produce Rose water in spring. The Kaaba in Mecca is annually washed by Qamsar rose water.

Where you'll visit in Qamsar:

Rose Garden

Rose Festival



Accommodation

Accommodation will be in 4 star or 3 star hotels in Tehran (one night), Shiraz (two night), Yazd (two nights), Isfahan (two nights), Kashan (one night)

Transportation

Tehran to Shiraz with domestic flights and the rest of the trip with fully equipped tourist bus.

Costs

Single room: each person 1380 Euro

Double room: each person 1250 Euro

Note 1: CL Association will cover the following costs:

- All domestic flights and local transfer costs;
- Accommodations;
- Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner);
- Historic places' entrance fees (according to Workshop & Tour Program);
- 3 traditional snack.

Note 2: Travelling costs from your country to Tehran and back will be on yourself. You should be present in Tehran at least 12 hours prior to the time tour begins.

Note 3: CL Association will not provide you with travel and medical insurance or any other kind of medical coverage. Therefore, it is necessary that you ensure to have the proper insurance before entering Iran.

Note 4: At the hotel, you are personally responsible for their private expenses, including hotel business center services, telephone calls, laundry/dry cleaning, room service provided by the hotel, spa services, massages, mini bar, and any other services can be requested from the hotel.

Note 5: You are responsible for all expenses before the "First Day" except transfer fee from the IKA Airport to Hotel.

Note 6: You are responsible for all expenses of days after the "Last Day" except transfer fee to the IKA Airport.

Registration

To register you must fill in and submit the online registration. After receiving the completed form, we will email you about the payment method and additional information. For finalizing the registration you have ten days to send us your passport scan, visa reference number and flight ticket.

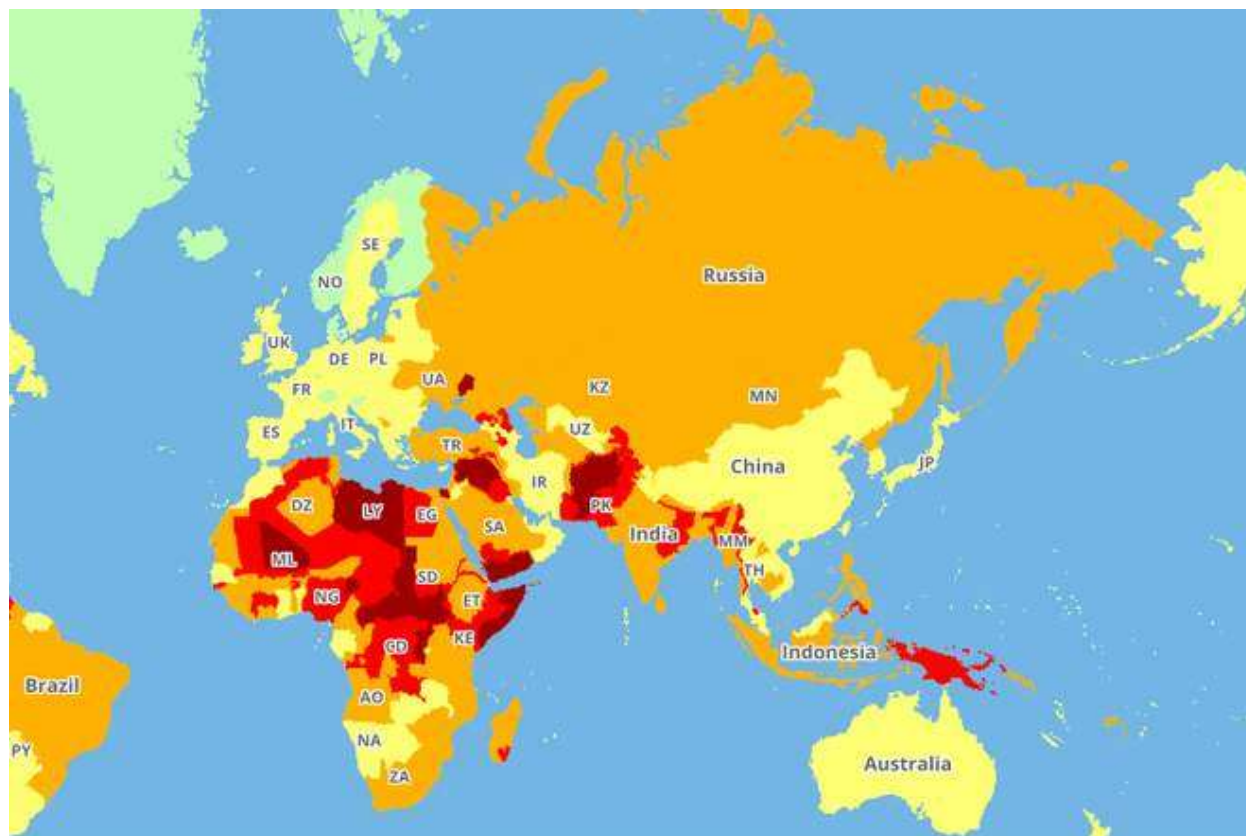
No Entry Stamp on Passport

"In order to cope with the USA Visa Waiver Program (VWP) empowerment regulations, the Iranian government has approved not to insert entry stamp on passport for tourists who used electronic visa." So do not worry about traveling to Iran.

Iran's Safety

Iran is as safe as the UK when it comes to security, according to a new interactive map showing the risk level around the world. The 2019 Travel Risk Map, launched by global risk experts International SOS in collaboration with Control Risks, shows the danger level in each country and territory based on the current threat posed to travellers by political violence (including terrorism, insurgency, politically motivated unrest and war), social unrest (including sectarian, communal and ethnic violence) and violent and petty crime. For more info visit:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/travel-risk-map-2019-worlds-safest-dangerous-countries-to-visit-iran-uk-slovenia-denmark-a8644646.html>



Additional Information

- CL Association will guide and support you about the visa.
- The language of the workshop and tour is English.
- An English-spoken tour guide are experience, full license guaranteed by Ministry of Tourism, will accompany us on this trip.

- One of the organizers of the CL Association will accompany us in this trip.
- Due to the multiple trips and limitation for luggage, please carry your stuff in 40*50*70 suitcases.
- According to Iranian law, ladies should wear head scarf and gown (According to Iran Dress Codes).
- Under Iranian law, drinking alcoholic beverages is forbidden.
- CL Association will inform you about the climate condition of every destination city 10 days prior to the trip.

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