

Land of Mysteries...

from Pristine Nature to the Authenticity and Antiquity of Turkmen Customs



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A cultural journey to the land of the unknown

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Travel in Iran is full of lovely surprises. A hidden treasure of Iran, the Golestan province, bordering with Turkmenistan and located East of the Caspian Sea, is home to the Turkmen ethnic group.



Turkmens wear their traditional clothes, have a special cuisine, music and sport and keep horses. When you travel among them, you will be surprised how they have protected their heritage.

As responsible visitors, we must minimize negative economic, environmental, and social impacts, generating greater economic benefits for local people, conserving natural and cultural heritage, being respectful of different cultures and identities. Let's all contribute to make tourism more responsible and sustainable!





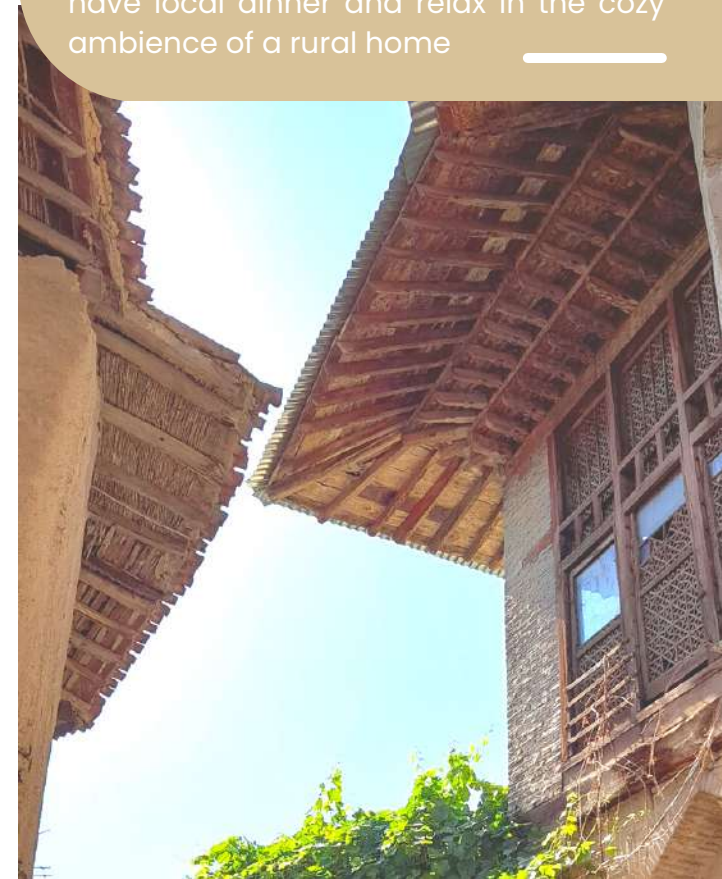
Gorgan

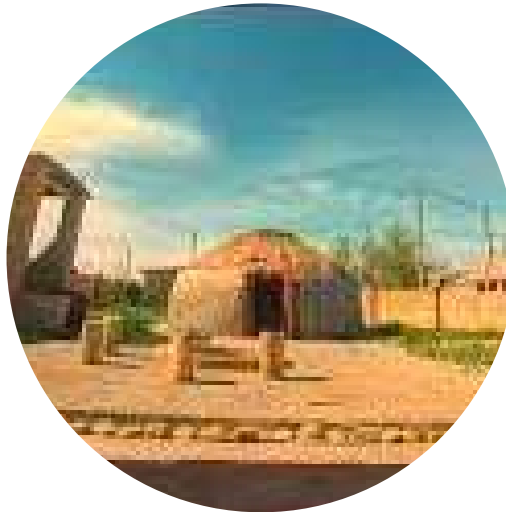
Located on the slopes of eastern Alborz mountain range, Gorgan is a historical city famous for its natural attractions as well as its old city texture. This 7000 year-old city was home to several tribes, the most important of which was Qadjar, who ruled on Iran for about 130 years. To the south, you see Alborz Mountain Range covered with hyrcanian forests, and to the north you arrive at the vast plain of Turkman with its completely flora and fauna. At the heart of the city, the historical part of the city is waiting for you.



- The old city of Gorgan, called Esterabad in ancient times, dates back 200 years ago. The city tour will take us through three old houses of Taghavi, Shirangi and Rezagholinezhad (converted into a restaurant) and the thousand-year old Imamzadeh Noor shrine. The architectural style is specific to the north of Iran with indigenous material. The shrine is famous for its brick work, architectural style peculiar to the north of Iran, and the old inlaid door and box.

- Lunch is organised in the old Bagheri house now converted into the Haftpeikar Boutique Hotel, famous for the Qajar era cuisine
- Post-lunch visit is organised to the bustling Nalbandan bazaar where we can taste local products and get a feel of local atmosphere; the Jame Mosque with two ivans and a 1000 year old minaret; old Amirlatifi house converted into an anthropological museum
- We will have tea in one of the old cafes in the bazaar
- From the old bazaar of Gorgan, we will move to the Kaboudwal ecolodge for overnight stay. Located in the village of Kordabad, the lodge has an orchard, a poultry farm, sheep and horses. We will have local dinner and relax in the cozy ambience of a rural home





- Travel to Tamar Ghareghouzi village with an overnight stay at the Turkmanyourt ecolodge to experience Turkmen traditional cultural life and take a short rest
- Visit to the horse riding stables and farm and learning about the Turkmen racing and riding horses, especially the precious Akhal Tekke horse breed. Turkmen dinner served in traditional style dinner in a Turkmen hut

Turkmen Plain

While travelling from the green nature of Aliabad to the vast Turkmen plains of northern Golestan, one can see several cities and villages largely inhabited by Turkmen ethnic groups.

- Early-morning two-kilometre trek that includes a visit to a lake, the forest and the Kabudwal waterfall. travel to Tamar ghareghouzi village
- Lunch is organized in a restaurant in Gonbad en route to Tamar Ghareghouzi village





Gonbad & Shamoushak

- Travel to Gonbad to visit the carpet museum and its famous 53metre high tower built a thousand years ago by Qābus Ibn Voshmgir, Ziyarid ruler. Built near the ruins of the ancient city of Jorjan in north-east Iran, destroyed during the Mongol invasion in 14 and 15 centuries, the tower is witness to cultural interactions between Central Asian nomads and the ancient civilization of Iran. The tower is an outstanding technological example of Islamic architecture that influenced Iran, Anatolia and Central Asia. Built of unglazed fired bricks, the monument's intricate geometric forms constitute a tapering cylinder with a diameter of 17–15.5 m, topped by a conical brick roof.



- Visit to the Turkmen carpet museum to see hand-woven carpets, illustrating more than 800 designs and symbols dating back six thousand years. Turkmen carpets are mostly woven on horizontal looms; its main motifs and flowers include: Marigol, Nabgol, Ghafasegol, Oghangol, etc.

- Travel to Gorgan for lunch
- Visit to Alangdareh forest park, located inside the Hyracani forests by electric cars
- Travel to Shamooshak village for overnight stay in Mirzaabedin ecolodge and experience of the traditional lifestyle and eat organic and delicious fruits and foods





Bandare Turkmen

Different climates make different lifestyles. Now we visit the Turkmen plain along the Caspian sea and enjoy the natural beauty of the Ashouradeh island and other Turkmen tribes, influenced by Russians.



- After eating a delicious organic breakfast, fishing in Shamooshak lake
- Walk in Shamooshak forest
- Travel to Bandare Turkmen for lunch in a local restaurant with sea food
- Travel to Turkmen traditional bazaar near the port where you can see local shops and buy souvenirs

- Travel to Ashouradeh, the only island of the Caspian sea on the Iran side, and Miankaleh wetland by local boats to watch the migratory birds of Siberia
- Travel to Gomishan to stay at Es'hagh traditional house built in wood in Russian architectural style, remnant of the times of Russian residents of Gomishan.
- Dinner with Turkmen musician and dancers and traditional foods





Gomishan

Gomishan is the last point of the Silk Road and the gateway to the maritime Silk Road. The ships coming from the other side of the Caspian with the purpose of trade, brought the lifestyle and architecture of Russians. And now Gomishan, influenced by three cultures of Russian, Turkmen, and Iranian, is our host to see its different atmosphere and architecture.



- Visit to Gomishan to experience Turkmen lifestyles, drink Turkmen tea and snacks in colorful homes and visit to Gomishan anthropological museum of Turkmen.

- Return to Gorgan for lunch in a traditional restaurant where Chekdermeh (Turkmen famous traditional food) is served.
- Visit to a hill named Hezarpich, close to Gorgan, where you have a birds'-eye view of the city and drink tea in a local cafe
- Transfer to Gorgan airport





Best Rates 2023-2024

Rates	Summer & Winter	spring & Autumn
Price per person	From 408 €	From 473 €
Group booking	From 387 €	From 430 €
Children under 12	From 387 €	From 430 €

What is included:

- Transfers to/from airports, railway stations, hotels, etc.
- Domestic flights
- Train tickets
- All transportation with driver and fuel
- English speaking guide
- Interpreter
- Accommodations
- All breakfasts, lunches & dinners
- All entry fees and rentals
- Best hotels, eco-lodges and restaurants

What is not included:

- Visa fee
- Personal travel insurance
- Tips and other gratuities
- Personal expenses
- International flights





Booking and cancellation conditions

To book this fascinating tour, you can email us at mptresponsibletourism@gmail.com and put in your request. We will respond with a formal proposal through which you can book the package by simply filling out a contract form including prices, payment schedule and booking conditions. Normally, we confirm the availability of the tour within a 24-48-hour period. Later, vouchers, details of services and invoice will be sent to you via email one week prior to the first date of your trip.

Please note that our tour is sold as a package, so we cannot refund you for the services that you do not want to use.



In case of cancellation, the rates are as follows:

- More than 60 days: only 45 Euro administrative fees per person
- From 60 to 30 days: 20% of the total cost
- From 29 to 15 days: 30% of the total cost
- From 15 to 7 days: 50% of the total cost
- Less than 7 days or no show: 100% non-refundable

Important information to know before visit:

- This is a group tour package
- You may have shared rooms at the eco-lodges
- You can get Iran visa on your arrival at the airport
- Your passport must be valid for at least six months
- This package includes slight walking, so bring appropriate stuff like shoes and etc.
- You should have your money in cash
- Our destination manager is in Iran preparing this tour, so you can enjoy your trip.

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