



Tour Name

Mountains and Nomads: Iranian Village Visit

Tour City

Shiraz

Tour Snapshot

If hospitality and good conversation is what you crave, you've come to the right place! The village we visit may remote, but that just makes the experience even better. Come dine with a local family, chat with local children who are learning English, and find out about the traditional nomadic lifestyle in the hills of Iran.

Highlights

- Experience that famous, wonderful Persian hospitality
- Dine on a delicious home cooked meal in a village outside the city
- Learn about traditional nomadic life in Iran
- Spend some time with local children who are learning English
- Take in the breathtaking view of the mountains beyond Shiraz

Inclusions: Local, English-speaking guide, transportation, lunch with a local family.

Exclusions: Souvenirs and items of a personal nature, tips/gratuities for your tour guide and driver, gift(s) for the local family (sweets or small souvenirs from your country, etc.), gifts for the students (pens, notebooks, etc.).

Schedule details

- Duration: 8 hours
- Meeting point:
In front of the main entrance to the Tomb of Hafez. Your tour guide will be holding a sign with the Urban Adventures logo.
View on [Google Maps](#)
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///backs.nappy.geology](http://backs.nappy.geology)
- Starting time: 9.00 AM
- Ending point:
Tomb of Hafez

Full Itinerary

Your Shiraz tour will begin in front of the main entrance of Hafez's tomb — the memorial site for one of Iran's most revered poets, whose words are still honoured today. After some brief introductions and a chance to get to know each other a bit, we'll head to our car and set off on our journey beyond the city!

We'll ride two hours westward, approximately 100 kilometres from Shiraz. We'll drive through spectacular mountains, eventually arriving at Kahkar?n, a mountain village some 2,100 metres above sea level. This elevation makes the location cool and pleasant during the hot summers that the region normally experiences; however, it also makes for bitterly cold winters for the locals. The views will be spectacular, and there will definitely be some photo stops along the way — after all we can't let you take in the scenery without the chance to snap some Instagram-worthy pictures (hashtag #localsknow, remember!).

On route to Kahkar?n, we'll also travel through the Qashqai territory — home of the Persian nomadic peoples. These populations still maintain their nomadic lifestyles and migrate to this region from March through to September. If possible, we'll

stop to meet a nomadic family in their Bedouin-like tents and learn about their traditions.

Upon arrival in Kahkar, we'll be welcomed into the home of a local family, where we'll enjoy chai and herbal drinks. Our hosts are former nomadic people who have adopted the village as their home. They will show us how they make Persian carpets, as well as some specific local designs and the meanings behind them.

Following a delicious lunch of local, traditional fare, we'll tour the village and attend an English class held in a tent. Here, we'll sit in on the class and get the chance to talk with the children. This won't only be a rewarding experience for the children who get to practice their English, but for you, too, as you get to find out about their local life in the mountains.

Following afternoon tea, we'll say goodbye to our new friends and head back to Shiraz, exhausted and exhilarated from exploring this area not typically seen by tourists.

Please note that it is Iranian custom to bring a small token of thanks when you are a guest in someone's home or community, and it will be greatly appreciated by the hosting family and the class we visit. (If it's possible, bring something small from your country – the more personal the better!)

Additional information

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Dress standard: Please wear proper walking shoes and bring some warm clothing, as the village is often much cooler than in the city. Both men and women should avoid wearing shorts; women must wear long-sleeved shirts (no t-shirts or tank tops/singlets!).

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventures tour, you will be placed in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Additional Information: We will be sitting on the floor, as is custom typical Iranian villages.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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