



Rug Tour of Iran 2016

October 29–November 12



Optional Tour of Istanbul lead by Robert Mann.



Oct. 26 Wednesday arrive Istanbul – rest day, dinner with the group. Note US\$20.00 visa payment is collected at the airport before receiving a Turkish visitors visa (have cash).

Oct. 27 Thursday & 28 Friday – tour of Grand Bazaar, Spice Bazaar, Center for Anatolian Textile Studies, Turk ve Islam Museum and rug shops. (Possible day trip to Izmir visiting a rug repair/restoration facility if we have enough interest).

Oct. 28 Friday – arrive Istanbul for those not doing optional tour. Overnight near airport or arrive Oct. 29 for departure to Shiraz, Iran at 8:20 pm. If you miss the Turkish Airlines you could be denied entrance to Iran. We need to travel as a group.

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Oct 29 Saturday – day free in Istanbul – depart for Shiraz, Iran on Turkish Airlines Flight TK884 at 8:20 pm arrive midnight as a group. Ground transport to hotel.

Oct 30 Sunday – depart Shiraz by bus to visit Persepolis after lunch return to Shiraz. Visit Quran Gate and tomb of Hafiz– dinner at a tea house.



Oct 31 Monday – visit the dye, weaving and wash-house of Zollanvari. Visit the Grand Bazaar.

Nov 1 Tuesday – Drive south and visit Qashqai nomads.



Nov 2 Wednesday – Depart Shiraz by bus to Kerman. Visiting the rug weaving villages of Niriz and Sirjan on the way.

Nov 3 Thursday – Day in Kerman visiting bazaar and various weaving locations.

Nov 4 Friday – Depart Kerman by bus to Yazd an ancient silk road desert town and a center of Zoroastrian and rug weaving.



Nov 5 Saturday – morning exploring bazaar and old town, lunch then depart for Isfahan arriving in time for dinner.

Nov 6 Sunday – visit Imam Square, handicraft and weaving factories, and the bazaar.

Nov 7 Monday – Chehel Sotoun Palace, Vank Church, and The Isfahan University of Art

Nov 8 Tuesday – depart Isfahan by bus for Kashan to visit rug shops and weaving facilities.

Nov 9 Wednesday – depart Kashan for Tehran via Qom to see silk weaving. Dinner in Tehran.



Nov 10 Thursday - visit Zollanvari Tehran facility. Afternoon visit to the Grand Bazaar. Dinner in Tehran.

Nov 11 Friday - visit the Carpet Museum, Saad Abad Palace. Dinner in Darake Mountain area at SPU Restaurant. If museums are closed we will spend the afternoon in the Darake Mountain area north of Tehran.

Nov 12 Saturday - Depart 7:40 am flight to Istanbul - connecting flights to the US depart in the afternoon.

14 nights in Iran and 3 (or 1) in Istanbul.