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ESFAHAN — THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN THE WORLD



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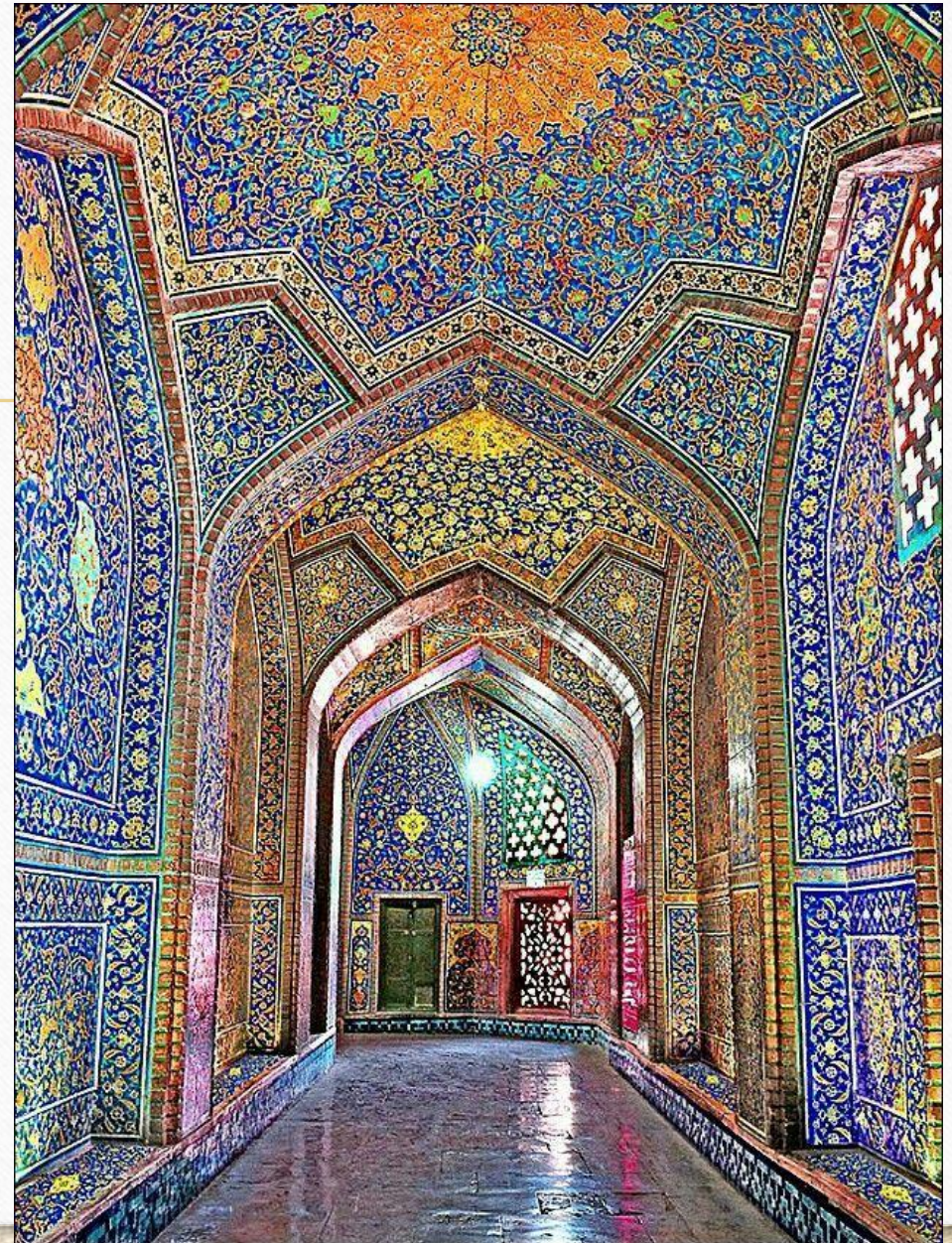
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- IT'S NOT POPULAR, BUT ESFAHAN IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY.
LOCATED IN IRAN, ESFAHAN IS THE UNKNOWN PEARL OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN THE WORLD.

For everyone going to Iran, Esfahan is a certain stop, and it's one of the places that you will remember for a long time. Forget Paris, Esfahan is the most beautiful city in the world. The Persians called it "Nesf-e-Jahan", meaning "Half World". From 1592 to 1722, Esfahan was the Capital of Persia. Esfahan got so much to offer so you can easily spend a week if not more there.

The city covered with beautiful hand-painted tiling and magnificent public square.



This mosque is dating back to 1629. It is regarded as one of the masterpieces of Persian architecture and an excellent example of Islamic era architecture of Iran. The Shah Mosque of Isfahan is one of the everlasting masterpieces of architecture in Iran and become one of UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Construction of the mosque started in 1603 and finished in 1619. The mosque is an architectural masterpiece from the Safavid era. This mosque also considered to be the most beautiful in Iran.





One of the highlights of Iran is the food and Isfahan is no exception. You absolutely must try Biryani when here, minced lamb served with bread and Faloodeh which is a cold dessert of corn vermicelli noodles in rosewater syrup. I also particularly liked the Dizi stew here (lamb with assorted vegetables in a stew) but for the most comprehensive food guide to Isfahan you really need to click through to this incredib lengthy Food guide by The City Lanely.

A town named Gabae (later called Gay in Middle Persian and Jayy in Arabic) at the site of modern Eṣfahān can be traced back to at least the Achaemenid era (559–330 BCE), but little is known about the area before the rule of the Sāsānian dynasty (c. 224–c. 651 CE). In the 5th century Queen Shushan-Dukht, the Jewish consort of Yazdegerd I (reigned 399–420), is said to have settled a colony of Jews nearby in Yahūdiyyeh (literally “town of the Jews”). (The establishment of the colony has also been attributed to Nebuchadrezzar, but that seems less likely.) The Shahrestān Bridge, which spans the Zāyandeh River a short distance southeast of the city, dates from the Sāsānian era; the piers are, however, all that remain of the original structure, the upper part having often been rebuilt. After the Arab conquest in 642, the city came to be known by the regional name Eṣfahān.







Esfahān's rich history and cultural heritage make it an attractive tourist destination. The city is famous for its handicrafts, such as silverware, copper work, woodwork, brass work, and pottery. The old art of tile making has been successfully revived in order to repair the ancient monuments. Carpet weaving was revived in Esfahān in the second quarter of the 20th century, and it expanded rapidly in production of exports of excellent quality and design for the European market. Many of the patterns are created by professional designers and beautifully drawn with swirling vines or arabesques, usually on a cream ground and with a hard brick-red border. The city is also well known for its *qalamkārs*, cotton fabrics hand printed with various designs.

Isfahan is Iran's top tourist destination and it's easy to see why. Ancient Islamic architecture, Three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Gorgeous Bridges and Plenty of Hidden Locations and Food To Discover. Hook'd Right?





At one stage Isfahan was the biggest city on Earth but now it is a relevantly quiet town known around the world for its beautiful architecture and breathtaking public spaces. With three UNESCO World Heritage sites, a myriad of food options to explore, some of the biggest and most beautiful mosques in the world and relatively little tourism – Isfahan should be top of every travellers list in Iran. This really is a city for those in the know, and you don't want to miss any of its hidden treasures so read on to discover the 20 best things to do in Isfahan in this ultimate guide!



Isfahan is endowed with no less than 11 bridges criss-crossing the dried out Zayandeh River – five of which are protected historic monuments and are popular places for locals to gather at any time of day, but especially in the evening as the bridges are perfectly lit up. The Si-o-Seh Pol bridge is a perennial favourite – and the longest, though Pol-e Khaju may well be the finest bridge in Iran. Don't miss Pol-e Shahrestan which is the oldest dating back to the 12th century or Pol-e Chubi with its interior parlours used by the shah and his concubines.



