

Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

IRAN

October 12 to 26, 2022

Few countries in the world spark the imagination of Americans like Iran—or create as many misconceptions in their minds. In the past 10 years, Stanford has led scores of travelers to this cultural and historical gem, and time and again, they return with stories of the country’s amazing sights and of the Iranian people’s incredible warmth and hospitality. “Eye-opening,” “extraordinary,” “humbling” and “not to be missed” are just some of the glowing descriptions Stanford travelers have used to describe this exceptional destination. Join us!

FACULTY LEADER

Allen S. Weiner

Allen S. Weiner, JD '89, is a senior lecturer in law at Stanford Law School, where he serves as director of the Stanford Program in International and Comparative Law and as co-director of the Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation. Allen is a scholar of international law, and his research and teaching focus on security issues (laws governing the use of force and the laws of war), international criminal law and international conflict resolution. His scholarship is deeply informed by experience: He practiced international law in the U.S. Department of State for more than a decade, advising government policy makers, negotiating international agreements and representing the United States in litigation before international courts and tribunals, including the Iran–United States Claims Tribunal, which was established after the Iranian revolution.

Much of Allen’s work on international security and conflict resolution issues is centered on the Middle East, where Iran plays a major role. “My interest in Iran began during my days working in the State Department and continues to inform my current academic work. Iran is the home of one of the world’s great civilizations and has been at the center of a number of pivotal events in world affairs in recent decades.” During this program, he looks forward to discussing U.S.–Iranian relations since the Iranian revolution, and contemporary foreign policy and international security issues in the Middle East.

ITINERARY

Please note that the exact order of the itinerary may vary.

Wednesday, October 12

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Upon arrival in Dubai, transfer to our hotel. RADISSON BLU DEIRA CREEK HOTEL

Thursday, October 13

DUBAI

Awaken among the skyscrapers of Dubai and board a traditional *abra* (taxi boat) to cross the Dubai Creek to the Bastakia neighborhood. This evening gather for an introductory lecture and briefing about Iran, followed by a welcome reception and dinner. RADISSON BLU DEIRA CREEK HOTEL (B,L,D)

Friday October 14

DUBAI / TEHRAN, IRAN

This morning board a commercial flight to Tehran. Upon arrival in Iran's vibrant capital city, transfer to our centrally located hotel, enjoying a coach tour of the city along the way. ESPINAS HOTEL (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 15

TEHRAN

Spend the day taking in the city of Tehran. Experience millennia of art history, beginning with a visit to the National Museum of Iran to see its artifacts from the 6th century. Then continue to the northern part of the city, where we visit the former home of the Ayatollah Khomeini and, close by and standing in stark contrast, the Niavaran Palace, the last home of Mohammad Reza Shah and his family. The complex boasts two palaces, a pavilion, Persian gardens and a museum. End the day with a special visit to the Aaran Gallery, one of Tehran's most important contemporary art galleries. Meet with the gallery owner and local artists for a discussion of Iran's modern art scene. ESPINAS HOTEL (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 16

TEHRAN / KASHAN

This morning visit the Golestan Palace, also known as the "Palace of Flowers," with its spectacular mirror work. A highlight today will be a visit to the Iranian crown jewels. This incredible collection of jewels, stored in the basement vault of the Bank Milli Iran, was closed to the public for many years but is now open on certain days. Admire the world's largest uncut diamond, as well as the jewel-studded Peacock Throne. After the visit, drive to Kashan and enjoy a chance to explore the Kashan Bazaar, the center of trade in Nushabad for almost 800 years. Enjoy a delightful Persian dinner at our hotel this evening. MANOUCHEHRI HOUSE (B,L,D)

Monday, October 17

KASHAN

Begin exploring Kashan with a visit to the Tabatabaei House, renowned for its mirror and stained-glass work. Continue to the 18th-century Abbasian House, which features six courtyards decorated with intricate plaster and mirrors. Next we head to the historical Fin Garden. Begun in the early 16th century, it is kept alive today with water from the Sulaimanieh Spring. After lunch visit an amazing underground metropolis that spreads under the city of Nushabad at a depth of 15 to 60 feet. MANOUCHEHRI HOUSE (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 18

KASHAN / ISFAHAN

After departing Kashan stop at Abyaneh, a beautiful historic village at the foot of Karkas Mountain, to learn about traditional architectural styles (all using the iconic local red clay) and other traditions of the ancient city. Continue to Hasht Behesht ("Eight Heavens"), located in the center of the Garden of Nightingales and one of Isfahan's two surviving Safavid pavilions. View the stunning interior, including remains of the elaborate mirrored mosaics that once covered the walls. ABBASI HOTEL (B,L,D)

Wednesday & Thursday, October 19 & 20

ISFAHAN

Take two full days to explore Isfahan, Iran's capital city from 1598 to 1722. Begin in the Maydan-e Shah, or Royal Square, which never failed to inspire and awe European merchants and ambassadors to the Safavid court. Admire the exquisitely adorned Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, whose domed ceiling has the finest faience tile work of 17th century Persia. Close by are the Ali Qapu Palace and the towering portal

of the Shah Mosque. Visit Isfahan's bazaar and view three of the five bridges that cross the Zayanderud River, including the beautiful two-story Khaju Bridge. Explore the narrow streets of the city's Armenian quarter, a Christian enclave that is home to 14 operating churches, on a walking tour that begins at historic Bethlehem Church. ABBASI HOTEL (B,L,D—BOTH DAYS)

Friday, October 21

ISFAHAN / YAZD

This morning depart for the drive to Yazd, stopping for lunch in Na'in, an important trade hub and geographical center of Iran. It is well known for its carpet making and for its fine mosque, which dates from the early Islamic period. DAD HOTEL (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 22

YAZD

Today tour Yazd, once a major stop on the caravan routes to Central Asia and India. Learn about a unique style of residential desert architecture when we visit the Dowlat-Abad Garden. Continue to the site's Water Museum, located in a restored mansion, and discover the history of qanats, underground water channels that Persians have used for more than 2,000 years. After lunch visit the Friday Mosque, with its tiled *iwans* (halls) and vaulted ceilings, showcasing spectacular Persian architecture that spans from the 11th to the 18th century. We will have a chance to learn more about the Zoroastrian religion—there are about 60,000 Zoroastrians living in and around Yazd. DAD HOTEL (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 23

YAZD / PERSEPOLIS / SHIRAZ

Depart Yazd and travel by road to Persepolis, the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid Empire and perhaps one of the most beautiful archaeological sites in the country today. Despite the ravages of foreign invaders and time, its unmatched splendor is still very much evident in the buildings, where superb bas-reliefs depict the ritual processions that once passed through the palaces and audience halls of the Achaemenian kings. After lunch at a local restaurant, end our extraordinary day amid the ancient ruins at nearby Naqsh-e Rostam, with its elaborately carved tombs and sculptures portray scenes of imperial conquests, before traveling on to Shiraz. ZANDIYEH HOTEL (B,L,D)

Monday, October 24

SHIRAZ

Spend today viewing Shiraz, including the ornately tiled Nasir-ol-Molk, the oldest mosque in Shiraz and one of the most elegant in southern Iran. The mosque is known as the "Pink Mosque," for the beautiful pink tiles and colored glass used in its design. In the afternoon visit the tombs of two well-known Persian poets. Stop first at the tomb of Saadi, known not only in the Arabic world but also in the West. He addressed deep social and moral thoughts in his writings and is widely recognized as one of the greatest poets of the classical literary tradition. End the day at the tomb of the celebrated poet Hafez, located in a small garden. His marble tombstone is engraved with a long verse from the poet's works. ZANDIYEH HOTEL (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 25

SHIRAZ / DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Depart Shiraz this morning on a flight to Dubai. This afternoon is at leisure before we gather for a wrap-up lecture and discussion followed by a festive farewell reception and dinner. RADISSON BLU DEIRA CREEK HOTEL (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 26

DUBAI / HOME

Depart this morning for flights home. (B)

INFORMATION

Covid-19 and Travel

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit <https://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/travel-study/overview>.

Size

This trip is limited to 34 travelers. Single accommodations are limited.

Cost*

\$10,795 per person, double occupancy

\$12,795 per person, single occupancy

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

Included

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- 14 nights of best-available hotel accommodations
- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 13 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Visa fees (expedited fees are not included) for Iran for U.S. citizens
- Internal flights from Dubai to Tehran on 10/14 and Shiraz to Dubai on 10/26
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance

Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport fees
- Visa fees for non-U.S. citizens
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

Travel in Iran

Past travelers say that Iranians are extremely welcoming of American tourists. Travel in Iran requires an open mind and a sense of adventure, and all participants are expected to adhere to local customs and laws, details of which will be sent to registered travelers. All women in Iran, for instance, must wear a headscarf and loose-fitting clothing that fully covers the arms and legs. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited. In accordance with our group visa, travelers on this program must participate in all scheduled activities as outlined in our itinerary. Due to current politics and local restrictions, the faculty leader will be giving lectures exclusively before and after the program, in Dubai. In Iran, our local guide, who is extremely knowledgeable in history, archaeology and local customs, will provide insight at every stop on our itinerary but will not discuss current politics and other sensitive matters. Visa authorizations are at the discretion of the Iranian government, and it is possible for anyone to be denied entry into Iran. Travelers who do not have a U.S. passport may have a different visa process. If you are traveling as an unmarried couple and/or are Iranian American, please call our office for more information. For any concerns about travel to Iran, please contact our office to speak with an experienced staff member.

What to Expect

We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy, with some long travel days. Drive times range from five to eight hours, including rest stops. Daily excursions may involve one to three miles of walking, often on uneven terrain, such as at large archaeological sites or in older city quarters with uneven or unpaved streets. In many instances, stairs lack handrails, and most buildings do not have elevators. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership.

Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with general medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption

and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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