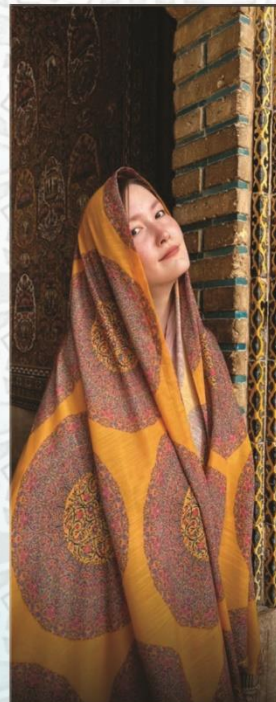




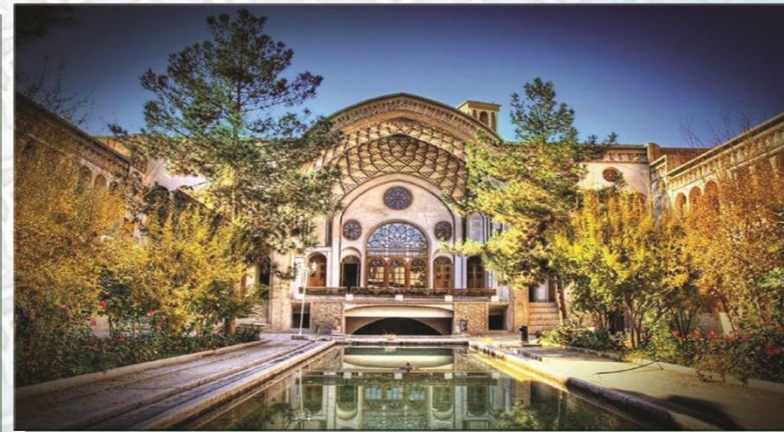
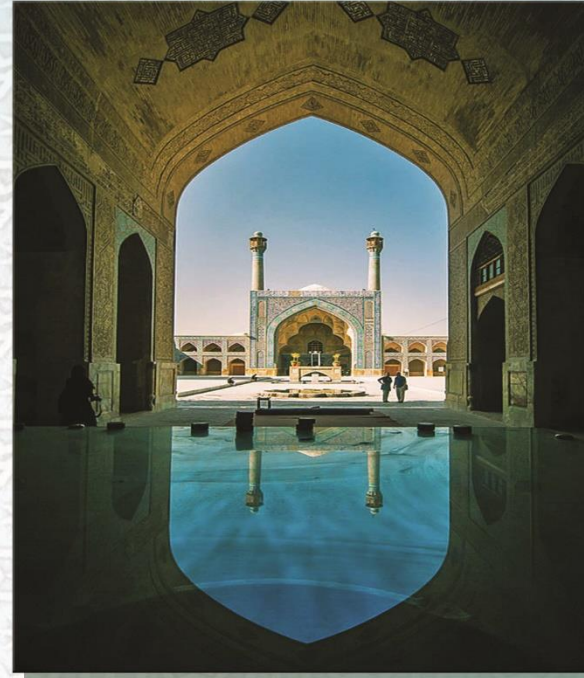
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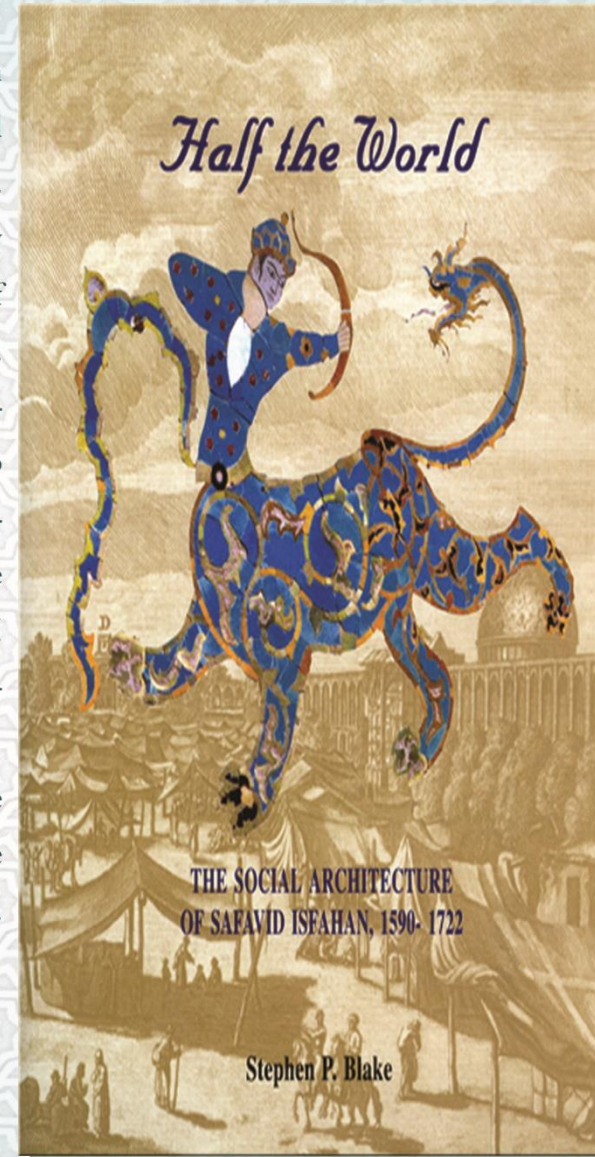
# Isfahan

Among the cities of Iran, Isfahan is like a piece of jewelry that has still retained its luster and glory throughout the centuries. The city is so vibrant that it seems as if it has been born today and yet it is so original that it looks as though it has always existed. The city's rich culture and beautiful nature are in such perfect harmony that one seems to be a reflection of the other. Isfahan is an ultimate expression of the Iranian-Islamic Culture.



For years, Isfahan has been a very exciting destination for tourists. The city flourished during the Safavid dynasty and became the capital of the Persian Empire. Many of the famous historical monuments of the city date back to the Safavid era. Isfahan was then one of the largest and most populous cities of the world. However, the fame of Isfahan is not all about the Safavid era. Nasir Khusraw, the famous globetrotter who visited pre-Safavid Isfahan about a millennium ago, described the city in his epic *Safarnāmē* (literally the Book of Travels) as : “In all Persian speakers’ lands, I have not seen a more beautiful, comprehensive and developed city than Isfahan”.

The immense and glorious beauty of Isfahan made the French symbolist poet, Henri de Régnier, echo the famous Persian proverb “Isfahan is half of the world”.



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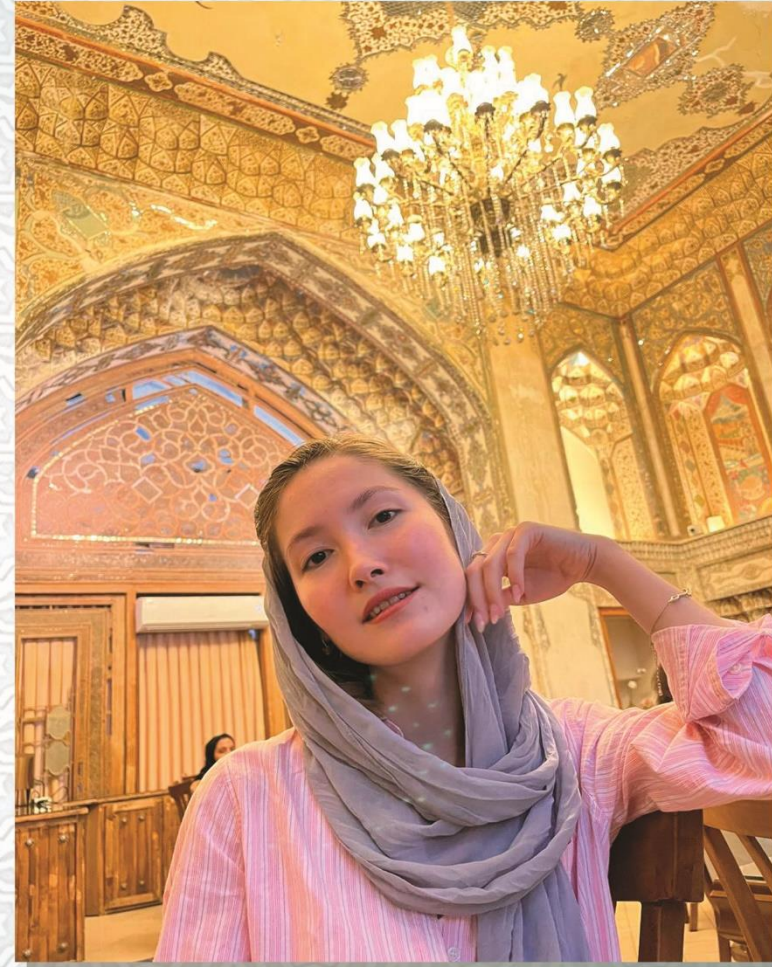
# Isfahan for All



The city has so far signed sisterhood agreements with 17 big cities from all around the globe; among the most famous are Freiburg, Barcelona, Florence, St. Petersburg, Baalbek, Shiyan and Kyoto. In 2006, Isfahan was elected as the capital of the Islamic Culture by the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers. However, Isfahan has always practiced cultural and religious diversity. For nearly four centuries, Jolfa neighborhood in Isfahan has hosted Armenian compatriots who follow the Christian faith. Zoroastrians and Jews have also lived in the city since ancient times.

**“Isfahan [is] among those rarer places, like Athens or Rome, which are the common refreshment of humanity.”**

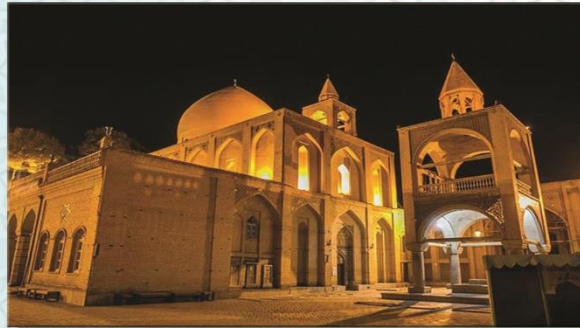
**Robert Byron in his famous travelogue “The Road to Oxiana”**



## Isfahan: Historical Moment and Tourist Attraction



In addition to Zayanderud River, Isfahan has won its reputation for the city's longstanding and rich historical background. Given its countless historical monuments, Isfahan has gained a reputation as "The Museum of Iranian History". In the 16th century, when the Safavid dynasty came to power and Isfahan was selected as the capital of the kingdom, the city experienced explosive growth and tremendous expansions.



Isfahan is well-known for its beautiful architecture that steals visitors' hearts away. Such artistic excellence is reflected in the city's historic mosques, churches, bridges, and palaces. A number of Isfahan's historical monuments were enlisted by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. Among the most famous are Naqsh-e Jahan Square and Masjed-e Jāmē of Isfahan (Friday Mosque).



The Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, Vank Cathedral, Chehel Sotoun Palace and Chaharbagh Avenue are among other cultural, architectural and artistic masterpieces of our city.

# Some of many tourist attractions in Isahan

## Naqsh-e Jahan Square



'Naqsh-e Jahan Square' or 'Meidan Imam' was Built by 'Shah Abbas I the Great' at the beginning of the 17th century, and bordered on all sides by monumental buildings. Known as the second largest square of the world, the site houses four essential elements of the social and cultural structures of the Safavid era; Science & Civilization, Religion, Policy, Culture and Economy. The square is bordered by two-storey arcades and anchored on each side by four magnificent buildings: to the east, the 'Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque'; to the west, the pavilion of 'Ali Qapu'; to the north, the portico of 'Qeyssariyeh'; and to the south, the celebrated 'Royal Mosque'. A homogenous urban ensemble built according to a unique, coherent, and harmonious plan. The 'Naqsh-e Jahan Square' was the heart of the Safavid capital and is deemed as an exceptional urban realization.

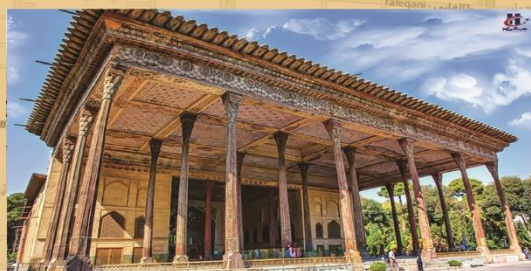
## Masjed-e Jame



"Masjed-e Jame" is the oldest Friday mosque in Iran, located in the center of Isfahan. The monument illustrates a sequence of architectural construction and decorative styles of different periods in Iranian Islamic architecture, covering 12 centuries. The complex is the first Islamic building that adapted the four-courtyard layout of the Sassanid palaces to the Islamic religious architecture. Its double-shelled ribbed domes represent an architectural innovation that inspired builders throughout the region. The site also features remarkable decorative details representing stylistic developments over more than a thousand years of Islamic art.

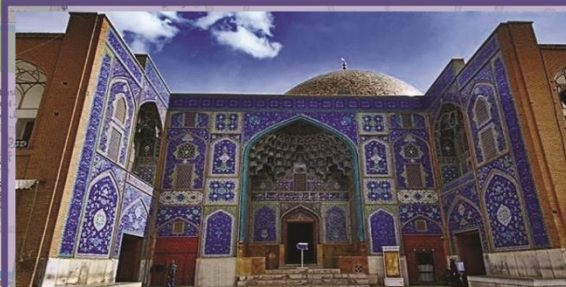
# Some of many tourist attractions in Isfahan

## Chehel Sotoun Palace



'Chehel Sotoun Palace' is a pavilion which was constructed in the middle of a royal garden during the reign of 'Shah Abbas I the Great'. It was used for diplomatic purposes, particularly to host state visits. The name, literally means "Forty Columns" in Persian, was inspired by the twenty slender wooden columns supporting the entrance pavilion, which, when reflected in the waters of the fountain, are said to appear to be forty. The throne hall of this Palace and the flanking rooms are ornamented with superb mural paintings as the product and endeavor of the artists of the Safavid School of Art with different motifs like royal banquets for the neighboring heads of states and the famous battle scenes of the Safavid kings.

## Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque



On the eastern side of the 'Naqsh -e Jahan Square', there stands a unique architectural masterpiece which was built in the Safavid era too, under the supervision of the chief architect, one of the most renowned scientists of the time, 'Sheikh Bahai'. The portal is constructed symmetrical to the longitudinal axis of the square so that a visitor has to pass an unnoticeable angle to enter the glorious corridor leading to the amazing and exquisite main dome chamber, ornamented with beautiful inlaid and polychrome mosaics, along with the marvellous art of calligraphy. One of the unique specifications of this mosque is that it has no minarets.



# Some of many tourist attractions in Isfahan

## Vank Cathedral



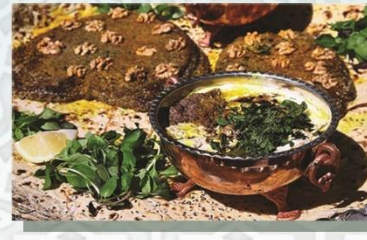
The 'Holy Savior Cathedral', commonly referred to as the 'Vank Church', is a sign of Isfahan's multicultural and diverse society. It was built after the migration of the Armenians from Aras, Julfa to Isfahan. The site consists of different sections including: a prayer hall, library and the museum. The praying hall, as the main part, is an amalgamation of the Isfahan Architectural and Painting School and the Armenian art decorated with exquisite frescos based on motifs from the Holy Bible about humans and the day of resurrection. The Museum located on the northern side of the Cathedral is one of the largest Armenian museums in the world. Some precious objects including different versions of the Bible and exquisite paintings are on the show to the public. The 'Vank Cathedral' is now located in the Armenian's neighborhood called 'Jolfa', which was named after the Armenian's original home. The 'Jolfa' neighborhood is now one the fashionable areas of modern Isfahan.

## Chaharbagh Avenue



The grand 'Chaharbagh' precinct was constructed contemporaneously with the 'Naqsh-e Jahan Square' in 1592 AD. The name 'Chaharbagh' (literally means 'Four Gardens') is a reminder of the Persian Royal Gardens and a paradigm of Iranian Gardens. This Avenue, as a main excursion and connecting axis, divides Isfahan into two eastern and western parts. It begins from the northern part of the city, bypasses through the famous 'Allah Verdikhan' or 'Si-o-Se-Pol Bridge' (33 Sluices Bridge) and continues its way up to the south. Nowadays, this grand axis over 13 km long, which is believed to be the most famous of its kind in the whole Persian World. It is also considered as one of the main excursion sites and shopping centers of Isfahan.

## Isfahan: Foods and Sweets



Food is the last thing to worry about when you come to Isfahan. Restaurants in the city serve amazing range of food for absolutely every taste.

To begin with Isfahan's traditional dishes, there are a lot to offer such as Beryani, Abgoosht or Dizi, various kebabs, various types of Khoresh (stews of Iranian cuisine), Tah Chin, etc.

Khoresh Mast is also a very delicious Isfahan-specific dessert which is so famous and quite hard to resist!

You should add tasty sweets of Isfahan to the list. If you are a tourist and you are visiting Isfahan, you are not recommended to miss out the opportunity to test these delicious sweets. Gaz and Polaki are very popular and are nationally and internationally considered as the delicious souvenirs of Isfahan.

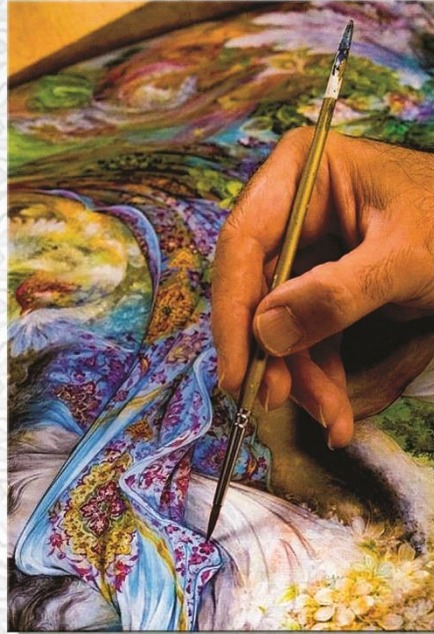
## Some of many tourist attractions in Isfahan

However, Isfahan is not only about traditional foods or Iranian-specific cuisine. Fast food restaurants are available all around the city serving more global foods such as Pizzas, Burgers, Sandwiches, French fries, etc. There are restaurants in the city that especially and exclusively serve international foods or those of a particular country or region. Arab, Turkish, Italian, French, Russian, American, Mexican, Chinese, Korean and Japanese cuisines are among the very options available for visitors and tourists.

Moreover, there are many restaurants in the city that provide special menus for guests with specific dietary requirements such as vegetarians. Diet foods are so common in the restaurants too. The Cafés and coffee shops in the city provide the visitors with a homely relaxed atmosphere. Tea, herbal tea, coffee, juice along with sweets, desserts and snacks are also served in the Cafés.

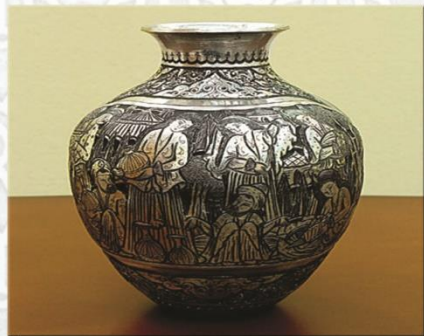


## Some of many tourist attractions in Isahan



The word 'Handicraft' refers to a branch of industries, representing the specifications and particularities of the traditional art heritage of the people made by hand, either fully or partially. Handicraft has a special and unique position in Iranian culture and economy. Isfahan has long been the cradle of fine arts and handicrafts. They are mostly used for decorative purposes.

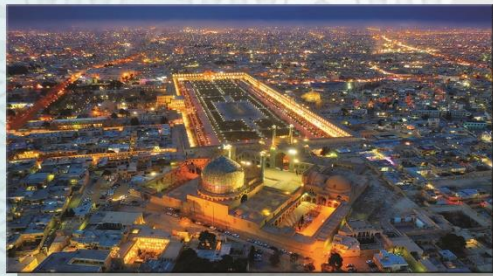
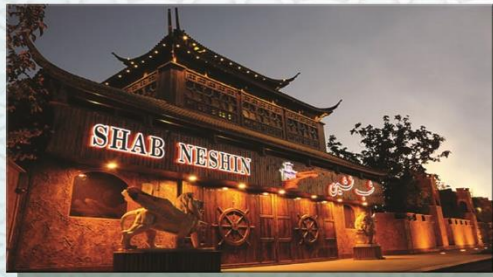




Brick decoration, tiling, plaster and all types of calligraphy have decorated the historical monuments of the city, particularly the mosques' minarets and domes. Carpet weaving, Minakari (or Enamelling), Khatam (or Inlay), Qalam Zani (Engraving), miniature and Tile work are only a number of Isfahan's valuable artistic heritage. These works of art comprise a major portion of Iran's exports, particularly to Europe.



## Modern Isfahan



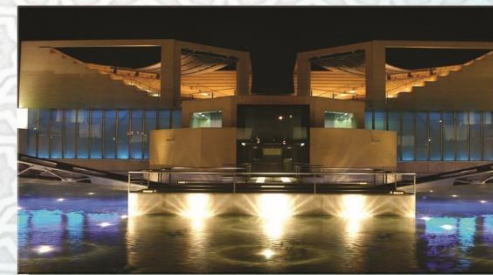
Isfahan has achieved a significant growth and development in the past decades. It has turned into a modern city following an increase in its population, development of its urban area and formation of new streets as well as the rise in the number of buildings and plants. Isfahan has witnessed a dramatic growth after the Islamic Revolution, however; it has never lost any of its character. Therefore, despite its historical nature, Isfahan is also benefiting from highly modern urban amenities.

The city has a pretty good transportation system with subway, B.R.T, buses and taxis covering almost every destination you may want, which makes it convenient for you to visit different places and explore Isfahan. There are several active transportation network companies (TNC) in Isfahan too, helping you to get a vehicle for your in-town trips easily via their websites or mobile apps.

In 2016, Isfahan was selected as the ‘Smart City of Iran’. In modern Isfahan, technology is everywhere. You can book your tickets, reserve hotels and rooms, order foods, get different services , etc. all with your mobile.

There are many modern tourist attractions in the city for visitors that cannot be overlooked. Art galleries, planetariums, amusement parks, aquarium, cinemas and theaters and modern shopping centers are only a number of options available for tourists.

One of the most famous modern tourist attractions of Isfahan is the 'City Center' (known as the 'Heart of the City') that is a magnificent shopping mall and entertainment complex. It is the largest of its kind in the country and the fourth largest mall in the world. It consists of 7 floors which include: parking, a 5-star Hotel, more than 750 retail outlets, a hypermarket, restaurants, airline offices, a museum, art galleries, an indoor theme park with a roller coaster and bumper cars and an entertainment center with seven cinema screens and a fair complex.





# THE UNIVERSITY OF ISFAHAN

## Academic Excellence

Built in 1946, the University of Isfahan has been one of the major universities in virtually all fields of research and inquiry including Engineering and Social sciences. The University of Isfahan is now recognized among the top 10 “A Level” universities of Iran by the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology. It is also among the top 5 international universities of the country and has cooperation agreements with more than 100 top universities worldwide. The University of Isfahan is a member of international academic organizations such as the International Association of Universities (IAU) and the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW).

The University of Isfahan is internationally well-known for its academic excellence. It has always claimed top ranks in credible university rankings. The research excellence of the university is also well reflected in the number of publications and citations per year according to related databases. The central library of the university is one of the largest in the country, full of Persian, Arabic, English, German, French, etc. books and reference works. The students here also have access to the world’s largest online academic databases and libraries.

**+ 13 Faculties**

**+ 58 Departments**

**+ 71 Undergraduate programs**

**+ 8600 Undergraduate students**

**+ 300 Postgraduate and doctoral programs**

**+ 6000 Postgraduate and PhD students**

**+ 500 International students**

**+ 650 Full-time faculty members**

**+ 1000 Part-time faculty members**

along with many exchange students, joint-degree programs, adjunct professors, and visiting scholars



# THE UNIVERSITY OF ISFAHAN



Persian Learning Center



Museum of the University of Isfahan



Scenic Study Spots on Campus



Central Library of the University of Isfahan

## Campus

The campus of the university is arguably one of a kind in the country. It is located in the best area of Isfahan and within walking distance to high-quality city amenities such as subway and shopping areas. The campus is like a city itself and you can find anything you want on it. The facilities on the campus of the University of Isfahan could hardly be summarized in the following list:

- ✓ Accommodation and Hotel
- ✓ The Central Library and Specialized Libraries for each Faculty
- ✓ Free Transportation service, i.e. buses within the campus
- ✓ Theaters and Lecture Halls
- ✓ Sports Facilities including fully equipped Fitness Center and different sports fields and courts
- ✓ Health Center
- ✓ Restaurants
- ✓ Cafés and Coffee shops
- ✓ Banks
- ✓ Hypermarkets and Fruit Shops
- ✓ Laundry

# Campus



## International Center Of Teaching Persian to Non-Persian Speakers

### Our center at a glance



- ✓ It is located in the best area of Isfahan and in the vicinity of high quality urban amenities. .
- ✓ It is located in the heart of the University of Isfahan. The University's campus is full of beautiful gardens and view spots. In this regard, the campus is one of a kind in the country.
- ✓ Thirty years of experience in providing high-quality Persian language courses in a friendly learning atmosphere to groups and individuals from all around the world.
- ✓ Communicative teaching methods, experienced and qualified instructors, small classes and authentic materials.
- ✓ International and multicultural environment.
- ✓ Extracurricular cultural activities.
- ✓ High quality accommodation and facilities.
- ✓ The most reasonable fees one can ever imagine.

## Why choose this center? A choice that makes difference

### Dynamic Education:

Our center has a broad range of courses on offer. We offer intensive, progressive, and customized courses for both young and adult learners at all levels of proficiency. We make language learning effective and enjoyable through the use of communicative teaching methods, experienced and qualified teachers, small classes, and variety of materials and teaching resources such as news, media, movies, and songs. We also offer supplementary and art classes.

The mission of the center is not only teaching the four main Persian learning skills but also familiarizing learners with Iranian rich literature, history, art, and culture. In affiliation with the Office of Scientific and International Cooperation, this center has also tried to forge close ties with universities and academic centers around the world to expand its borders and boost its services. So far, many students from different countries such as Australia, the UK, the USA, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, Poland, Italy, Japan, China, Syria, Iraq,



## Our Courses

We offer Persian course to students at all levels of proficiency at any time of the year. We also offer Seasonal Schools at an unbelievably competitive price. You can find all necessary information about our courses, seasonal schools, tuition fees, etc. at our English website ([pll.c.ui.ac.ir](http://pll.c.ui.ac.ir) - please click on the EN tab to get the English version).

### Co-Curricular Activities

General Persian Classes

Persian literature, history and culture classes

Persian Films, documentaries and songs

Season schools

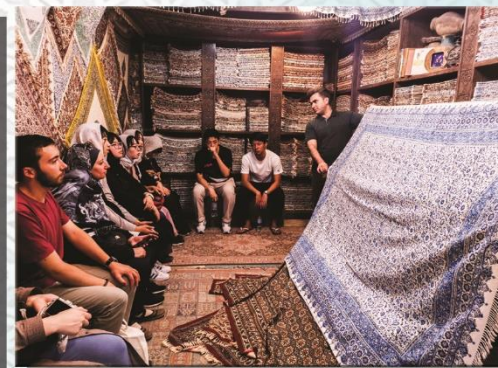


### Extracurricular Activities

Art, Calligraphy and Minakari (Vitreous enamel) Workshops

Iranian musical instruments (e.g. Daf, Tonbak, Sitar) Workshops

Isfahan tours



## How to Apply?

If you are interested to apply for our Persian courses and programs; to improve your Persian skills in a natural environment; to get familiar with the Persian literature, culture, and history; to attend Persian for specific purposes courses; to attend our seasonal schools; and to visit Iran and Isfahan, you are kindly requested to do the following steps:

1. Follow the link, [www.saorg.ir](http://www.saorg.ir), to the online registration system of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT), and complete the related form.

Note: The forms will require you to insert the code of the center you are applying for. Our code is “305”.

After you complete your registration, the system gives you a reference code. Do not forget to send us the code in your email.

2. Fill in the visa application form available on our website and send it (in a word format) along with the following documents to our visa desk at:

[int-office@ui.ac.ir](mailto:int-office@ui.ac.ir):

The color scan of the front page of your passport.

Your color personal photo.

Notes:

The photo must be recent, in a JPEG format and less than 500 KB and more than 10 KB  
(Females are kindly asked to take their photos with hijab)

Your CV

Notes:

The visa application form has some fields that ask for information such as your acceptance type. Please leave them blank if they are not applicable to you.

Visa application process usually takes up about two months. To avoid any delays, you'd better send us the required documents at least two months before your arrival.

A reference number will be assigned to you upon the completion of the visa application process. We will send you the number as soon as we receive it. You should have that number to get your visa from the Iranian embassy in your country.

Please inform us about the exact date of your arrival and your selected accommodation type for the reservation and arrangement purposes.





## Accommodation

After academic matters, the most important thing for international students is accommodation. International students and language learners are offered accommodation inside the campus of the University of Isfahan, one of the biggest and most beautiful university campuses in Iran, in the best area of Isfahan and in the vicinity of high quality urban amenities; within walking distance of the classes, library, computer rooms, university sport facilities, restaurants, shopping centers, and subway, taxi, and bus stations.

Accommodation Offers

- ✓ **Nikan Student Hotel**
- ✓ **Shams Student Hotel**
- ✓ **Payambar Azam Student Hotel**
- ✓ **University of Isfahan Hotel**
- ✓ **Student dorms**

You can find detailed descriptions of our offered accommodation options including types of rooms, fees, facilities, photos, etc. at our English website ([pll.c.ui.ac.ir](http://pll.c.ui.ac.ir) - please click on the EN tab to get the English version) under the tabs “Accommodation Description & Accommodation Fees”



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If you need further information about any of our programs,  
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