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PROVISIONAL ITINERARY & GENERAL INFORMATION

Thursday, 18th – Thursday, 25th May, 2017



Our first ever aviation tour to the Islamic Republic of Iran! However, our itinerary has been organised by well-known aviation photographer Sam Chui who has arranged similar – and very successful and popular trips – over the last two year or so: we are in very capable hands.

During our 8 days in Iran we will travel extensively around the country flying in various airliners and visiting a number of aviation sites.

The itinerary also includes several sightseeing attractions and free time in Tehran.

Please note airlines in Iran only release their domestic schedules one month in advance, so it is not possible to include actual domestic flight details now. However, as everything worked out fine with Sam's earlier groups, we are very confident that we will do all the internal flights as listed below.

Tour highlights - including 10 DOMESTIC FLIGHTS - are:

- Fly from/to London's Heathrow Airport on the scheduled A300-600 services of Iran Air
- Fly with Pouya Air on an Antonov An-74
- Visit Saha Air (Iran Air Force) Simulator Flight Facility: optional 'sim flights' on B707, B747 & F27
- Fly with Iran Aseman on the **last B727-200 in passenger service** – *pictured above*
- Fly to Shiraz with either Iran Air or Mahan Air MD-80 or A300
- Fly to Isfahan by either Qeshem Air or Iran Air Avro RJ or Fokker-100
- Fly to Ramzar on the coast of Caspian Sea by Aseman Airlines ATR-72:
- Optional light aircraft flights from Ramzar over the Caspian Sea
- Optional flight in VIP Falcon-20
- Complimentary guided tour of Tehran
- Sightseeing/free time in Shiraz, Persepolis, Isfahan and Tehran

We fly from London's Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of Iran Air and internally on various airlines as stated; stay in a 3* hotel located at Tehran Mehrabad Airport on a bed and breakfast basis; ground transfers are by de-luxe coach; the tour is accompanied by tour manager in addition to Sam Chui and local English-speaking guides.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL FLIGHTS AROUND IRAN ARE INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE.

You may be aware that Iran has placed large orders for new aircraft with both Airbus and Boeing and will start to replace the older types, operating on international and domestic services, as soon as possible. As of 16th October we are not aware that any of the above-stated aircraft will have been replaced.

Due to the lengthy process for obtaining a tourist visa, please book your place on this tour as soon as possible and for UK citizens certainly no later than **1st April 2017**.

No flights to/from Tehran can be booked until you have received your visa – see page 5.

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PROVISIONAL ITINERARY



DAY 1: THURSDAY, 18th MAY

Between 13:00 and 15:00 please arrive in "Departures" in Terminal 3 of London's Heathrow Airport and check-in with Iran Air for the overnight flight to Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKA).

Then meet your Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts, who will be gathering in the adjacent area.

Latest check in time is 15:00.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3

Flight: IR 710

Departs: 17:00

➔ Tehran Imam Khomeini International (IKA) Airport

Arrives: 02:30

After Passport Control, Baggage Reclaim and Customs we enter the Arrivals Hall and meet Sam Chui and our local guide. We then transfer by chartered coach to Mehrabad Airport staying 7 nights at the 3* Mehrabad Airport Hotel (or similar) on a bed and breakfast basis.

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 19th MAY

Today we visit Saha Air (Iran Air Force) Flight Facility where they have original Boeing 707, 747 and Fokker-27 simulators. Optional 'flights' on these 'sims' are possible: prices to be advised. If interested please annotate your booking form.

We fly with Pouya Air on an Antonov An-74 to/from Ilam, southwest of Tehran near the Iran/Iraq border.



Also available today is an optional flight in an Iranian VIP biz-jet, a Falcon-20!

DAY 3: SATURDAY, 20th MAY

We take our seats aboard the very last Boeing 727-200 in passenger operation! Destination Mashhad.

Our group is invited to visit the Holy Imam Reza Shrine in Mashhad, the largest Mosque complex in Iran with 40-50 million pilgrims annually. We return from Mashhad to Tehran in the evening with Aseman Airlines B727 or Mahan Air A300/B747-300.



DAY 4: SUNDAY, 21st MAY

This morning we fly to Shiraz in either an MD-80 or Airbus A300/310 with Iran Air or Mahan Air.

Boarding our chartered coach we visit the 2 famous ancient sites of the "Pink Mosque" and Persepolis.

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In the evening we fly back to Tehran.



DAY 5: MONDAY, 22nd MAY

Today we fly to Isfahan with either Qeshm Air or Iran Air on an Avro RJ (*pictured right*) or Fokker-100.

We spend time sightseeing in the ancient capital of Persia before flying back to Tehran in the late evening.

DAY 6: TUESDAY, 23rd MAY

We will fly onboard an Aseman Airlines ATR-72 to Ramzar near the Caspian Sea where we will visit several sights and include a visit to the airport with General Aviation.

Optional flights over the Caspian Sea in Cessna, Piper, ultralights – even a glider – are available.

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY, 24th MAY

A free day in Tehran to enjoy as you wish.

Alternatively there will be a free guided tour of Tehran visiting the Azadi Tower (Freedom Tower), Milad Tower, a Persian tea house and North Tehran.

DAY 8: THURSDAY, 25th MAY

This morning we transfer to Tehran's IKA Airport and check-in with Iran Air for our flight back to London and bid Khodâ hâfez to our Iranian friends and hosts.

→ Tehran (IKA) Airport

Flight: IR 711

Departs: 07:55

→ London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3

Arrives: 11:45

Whilst waiting for our luggage in Baggage Reclaim, we take the opportunity to bid each other "farewell" – until the next time.

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COST PER PERSON	
From: £2,298.00	Based on sharing a twin bedded room with private facilities on a bed and breakfast basis
From £220.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land only (<i>please contact/speak with one of our consultants before booking</i>)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Return scheduled flights with Iran Air from London's Heathrow Airport
- ✓ UK and Iranian airport taxes and UK Passenger Service Charge
- ✓ 10 domestic sectors around Iran, as stated
- ✓ 7 nights accommodation in rooms with en-suite facilities
- ✓ Breakfast each morning
- ✓ All coach transfers and transportation, as stated
- ✓ Fee for Visa Approval Code Confirmation issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tehran (but NOT the actual cost of the visa)
- ✓ Services of Sam Chui
- ✓ Services of local English-speaking guides
- ✓ Gratuity for local guides
- ✓ Gratuity for coach drivers

NOT INCLUDED

- × Meals, other than those stated above
- × Visa – see General Information, page 5
- × Travel insurance – see General Information, page 7
- × Mandatory Iranian Travel Insurance: only issued on arrival in Tehran (€14.00)
- × Any optional simulator 'flights'
- × Any optional pleasure flights
- × Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- × Other tips and gratuities

GENERAL INFORMATION

Payment

A deposit of £300.00 per person should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance due 1st April.

Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/Unplanned Circumstances

In an ever-changing world, events may occur immediately before or during a tour that result in cancellations or changes to the tour itinerary. For example, an increase in security may result in an approved visit being cancelled by the host, etc. Sam Chui Aviation & Travel cannot be held responsible for any tour being cancelled, or itineraries affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control.

Meals

Meals are not normally included in the price of our tours unless they are included within the room rate as we realise that not everyone wants three meals a day. On this tour breakfast each morning in Tehran is included.

Health Requirements

There are currently no known mandatory or recommended precautions required for travel to Iran. However, we strongly recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

Climate

The month of May is characterised by rapidly rising daily high temperatures, increasing from 25°C to 31°C over the course of the month. We therefore recommend items of summer clothing – see next paragraph.

Dress

Please bear in mind that this is a Muslim country and some items of Western dress will cause offence to their religion and also to females. Therefore, out of respect to our hosts, shorts are not to be worn nor any decorated items, e.g. t-shirts, which have a provocative design. Short or long sleeved shirts, long trousers including jeans and trainers are fine.

Local Currency – Money Matters

Debit and credit cards won't work in Iran; there are no cash machines (ATMs) that accept UK bank cards; and it is usually not possible to change travellers' cheques. Therefore you should bring enough hard currency with you (Euros). Please note that it is illegal to change money on the street if approached (the person could be working the black market – or a secret policeman!).

Flexible Itinerary

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests during multi-day stays in the same place, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure.