

IRAN

Freeride in the Alborz Mountains, surprising culture and the wealth of history

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The whiteness of snow-capped mountain peaks of the Alborz. A fantastic and somewhat old-school atmosphere of ski resorts combined with unlimited free-ride and ski-touring opportunities. The turquoise of Persian mosaic covering mosque vaults, the hustle and bustle of tea houses, and crowded markets filled with a myriad of smells and colours. The wealth of magnificent Persian history. Smiling, open-minded, hospitable, and chatty people. These are the things which make Iran so attractive.

When thinking of skiing and riding in fresh powder, Iran hardly comes to mind first. Well, hold your breath. You just need to trust us! It really is a must-see destination. It is a place that will remain in your memories for good!



Skiing programme

Our trip includes 6 days of skiing or snowboarding in 4 different ski resorts (Tochal, Dizin, Shemshak, Darbandsar). You can either enjoy the slopes for 6 days (ski pass included) or spend 2 days on the slopes to warm up and use the remaining 4 days on off-piste riding accompanied by the local guide and ski instructor Sina Shamyani.

Off-piste riding entails using the available lifts and sometimes a bit of walking, but there is no need to have the ski-touring equipment.

The skiing programme might require minor modifications due to weather and snow conditions. Everyone wishing to explore the backcountry must be equipped with avalanche safety gear (transceiver, snow shovel, and probe)



Accommodation

We provide accommodation (seven nights) in different hotels (in Dizin, Shemshak, Tochal, Teheran). We have selected the most special and unusual places. In Tochal ski resort, we spend the night in a mountain hotel 3550 m above sea level. It is the highest located hotel in the world.

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In Isfahan (extended programme), we are based in a historic 200-year-old palace, now used as a hotel. We spend one of the nights in a renovated caravanserai near Yazd. This is where a few hundred years ago merchants travelling on the Silk Route would stop to rest. Today it is a must-see tourist attraction in Iran.

Comfortable double rooms are available in both hotels. If you wish to book a single room, there is an extra charge.



Get to know Iran better

Besides the stunning Alborz Mountains and their incredible skiing opportunities, we will help you discover the best of Iran so that you can get the real feel of what Iran is really like.

Above all, it is a completely different culture, which makes our expedition even more attractive. Visiting the most interesting places in Iran offers ample opportunities to explore the history of the former Persian Empire. This country has countless stories to share.

Our extended programme includes visiting Teheran, Isfahan, and Yazd with their magnificent mosques, bustling markets and stunning arcade bridges with vibrant city life around. There is also a jeep safari followed by a night spent on the desert. With over 400 years of traditions, Zeinodin Caravanserai is an extraordinary place located on the ancient Silk Route. You will get to know Iranian history, culture, music, and local cuisine!

Price – basic programme EUR 1170.00

The price includes:

- Accommodation in a hotel (7 nights: in Dizin, Shemshak, Tochal, Teheran)
- 6 days of skiing/snowboarding in Dizin, Shemshak-Darbandsar, and Tochal – ski pass included
- 4 days of freeriding and backcountry accompanied by the best local guide
- A visit to and sightseeing in Teheran
- Full board: 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners – in many special places, e.g. many meals in local bars and traditional Iranian tea houses
- New Year's Eve with traditional Iranian cuisine and music
- Local transfers
- Ski insurance package
- Full care of Snow Plus Adventure Team and a local Iranian guide

Price – extended programme EUR 1590.00

The price includes:

- All attractions and services included in basic programme plus:
- Accommodation in a hotel (1 night in Isfahan, 1 night in Teheran)
- 1 night on a desert in Zeinodin
- A visit to and sightseeing in Isfahan
- Jeep safari and a night full of attractions in the middle of a desert
- Full board: 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners – in many special places, e.g. dinner in the Abbassi Hotel in Isfahan
- Local transfers
- Yazd – Teheran flight

The price does not include:

- Warsaw-Teheran-Warsaw flights

Additional possibilities:

- A single bedroom supplement

Flights

Different flights and airlines are available (Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Aeroflot, Emirates)

Recommended flight:

- Warsaw Chopin Airport – Teheran: Turkish Airlines (2.03 departure 2:50 PM – arrival 3.03 0:45 AM; 9/ 12.03 departure 7:45 AM – arrival 2:00 PM; stop-over in Istanbul)

All participants are obliged to obtain an Iranian Visa prior to the departure. This can be done in the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Warsaw. More info on pl.warsaw.mfa.ir

See you in Iran!

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