

Taste Paradise

A Workshop and Tour on Persian Gardens



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Iran, an ancient country, one of the cradles of civilization in the world is a land of 7000 years history of people dwelling in it. Due to these historic records, this country is overfilled with historic heritage and cultural landscapes. The Cultural Landscape Organization in Iran is conducting workshops and specialized tours to celebrate and share these Persian assets globally with experts and professionals to enjoy and exchange views. After three months of hard work and planning, our first tour and workshop “Taste Paradise” with the theme of introducing Persian gardens and Persian style was held on 4-11th May 2013 with 12 professionals accompanying us from Germany, Austria, Denmark, Czech Republic, Portugal, Spain and Lebanon. First day started with the “Persian Garden Workshop” in Tehran with lectures about Persian Garden and its influence on fine arts like Persian paintings and miniatures and carpets.



After visiting Ferdows Garden, Jamshidie Garden and Golestan Palace in Tehran, we continued our journey to city of Kashan. In Kashan we went on to see Fin Garden and Abbasian Historical House, which is one of the masterpieces in Persian architecture. Isfahan was scheduled for 3rd, 4th and 5th day and it has amazed our guests with its spectacular sceneries and rich history. An abundant collection of bridges, palaces, mosques and urban spaces living along historic gardens and new parks is a beautiful sight, an eye opener to Iranian culture and art which gives a different perspective of Iran; our unknown glorious land.





And then we took off with an unforgettable memory of Isfahan, to the city of flowers and poems “Shiraz”. When it comes to national pride, Shiraz plays a major role with “Persepolis” ancient complex and many other historic gardens to parade the beauty and wealth of Iranian Empire.

Poetry on “Hafez-e-Shirazi”'s tomb(one of our most infamous poets of all times) was an unusual, heavenly experience for our friends. The ambiance and serenity around the place infused us with mere peace and more appreciation for love.





And of course “Persian cuisine” adds extra flavor to the plate. Staying in four or five star hotels, cruising through traditional Bazars, enjoying the Persian music and last but not least, hospitality of Tehrani, Kashani, Isfahani and Shirazi people have created a reminiscent memory for our guests which “is going to stay with them for life” according to every one of them. And it made it so hard to say goodbyes after spending an incredible week with them in “Paradise”. Getting to know them and learn from them and sharing the charming beauty of our country with them was unforgettable for us as well. It was a great journey.

A journey of different and new perspectives about “IRAN” and its beauty and culture.





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