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Persia;

The cradle of civilisation



Tehrān; Tehrān
Mūze-ye Melli-ye Irān

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Tehrān; Tehrān

Majmue ye Kakh-e Sa'dābād

Sa'dabad Complex



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Tehrān; Tehrān
Kākh-e Golestān

Golestan Palace



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Tehrān; Tehrān
Kākh-e Golestān

Golestan Palace



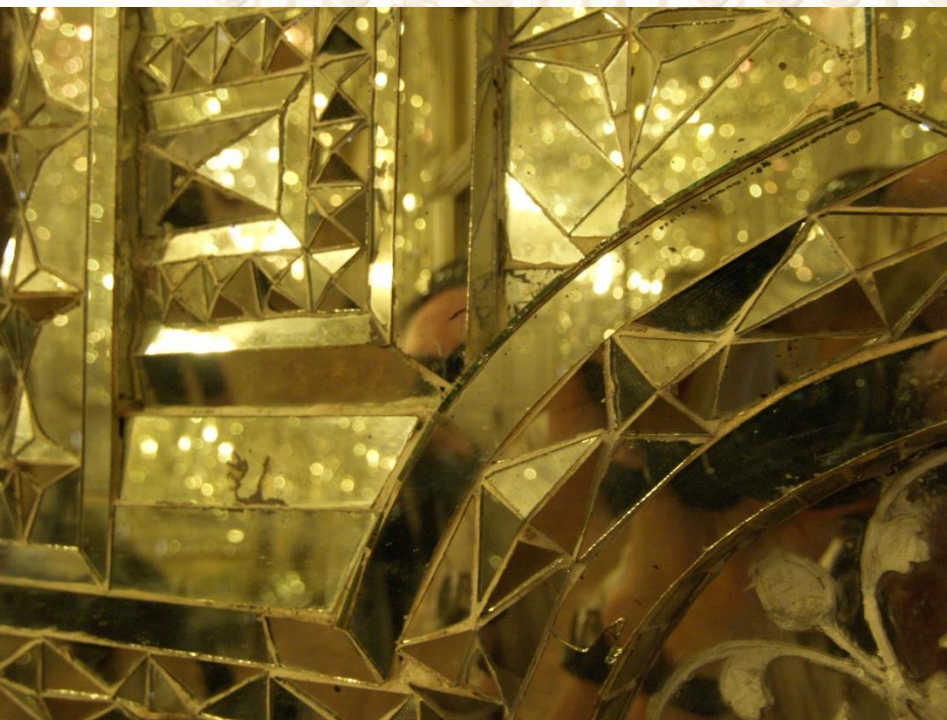
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Tehrān; Tehrān
Kākh-e Golestān

Golestan Palace



Tehrān; Tehrān
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Golestan Palace



Tehrān; Tehrān

Street life



Tehrān; Tehrān

Street life



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Tehrān; Tehrān
Borj-e Āzādi

Freedom Tower

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Hamadān; Hamadān
Meydān-e Emām Komeynī

Imam Khomeini square



Hamadān; Hamadān

Boqe-ye Ester wa Mordkhay

Tomb of Ester and Mordechai



Hamadān; Hamadān
Ārāmgāh-e Bū 'Alī Sīnā

Tomb of Avicenna, bust

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Hamadān; Hamadān

Street life



Hamadān; Hamadān
Emāmzādeh-ye 'Abdollāh

Shrine of Abdullah

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Kermānschāh; Bīsotūn

Behistun inscription by Darius I /~ the Great



Kermānschāh; Tāq-e Bostān

Investitures of Ardashir II and Shapur III

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Kermānschāh; Kermānschāh
Imam Shāfi'ī Masjid

Shafei Jameh Mosque



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**Kermānschāh;
*Reschte-Kuhha-ye Zāgros***

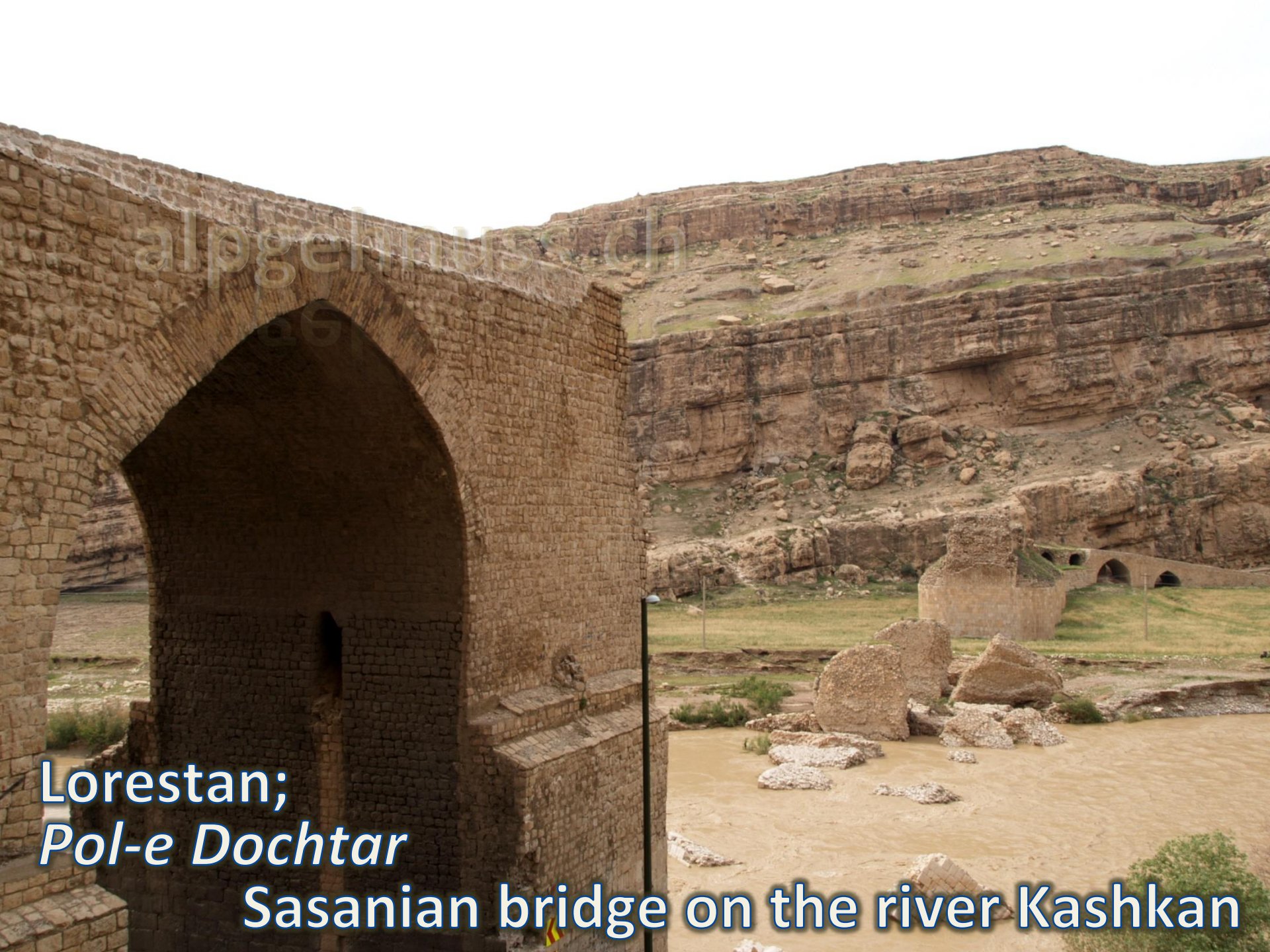
Zagros mountain range



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Šiš kabāb

skewered cubes of meat



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Lorestan;
Pol-e Dohtar

Sasanian bridge on the river Kashkan

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Khūzestān; Dezfūl
Āb-e Dez

Dez River



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Khūzestān; Šuš
Shush-e Daniyal

Mausoleum of prophet Daniel



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**Khūzestān;
*Choghā Zanbīl***

Ziggurat



Khūzestān; Šuštār
Qanāh / Kārīz

Water-supply system 'Qanat'

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Khūzestān; Behbahān
Darvāzeh Qur'ān

Quran gate



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Fars; Kāzerūn
Bishâpûr

Ruins of Shapour Palace

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Fars; Kāzerūn
Bishâpûr

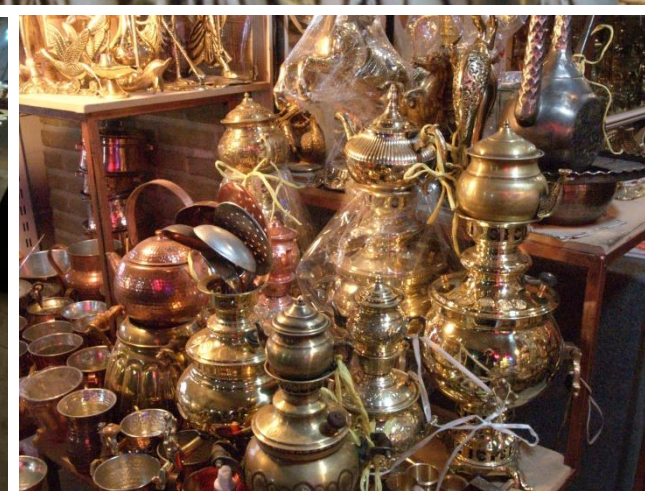
Tange Chogan relief II, Shapurs Triumph

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Fars; Kāzerūn
Masjid-i Alzahra

Al-Zahra Mosque





Fars; Šīrāz

Takht-e Ğamšīd

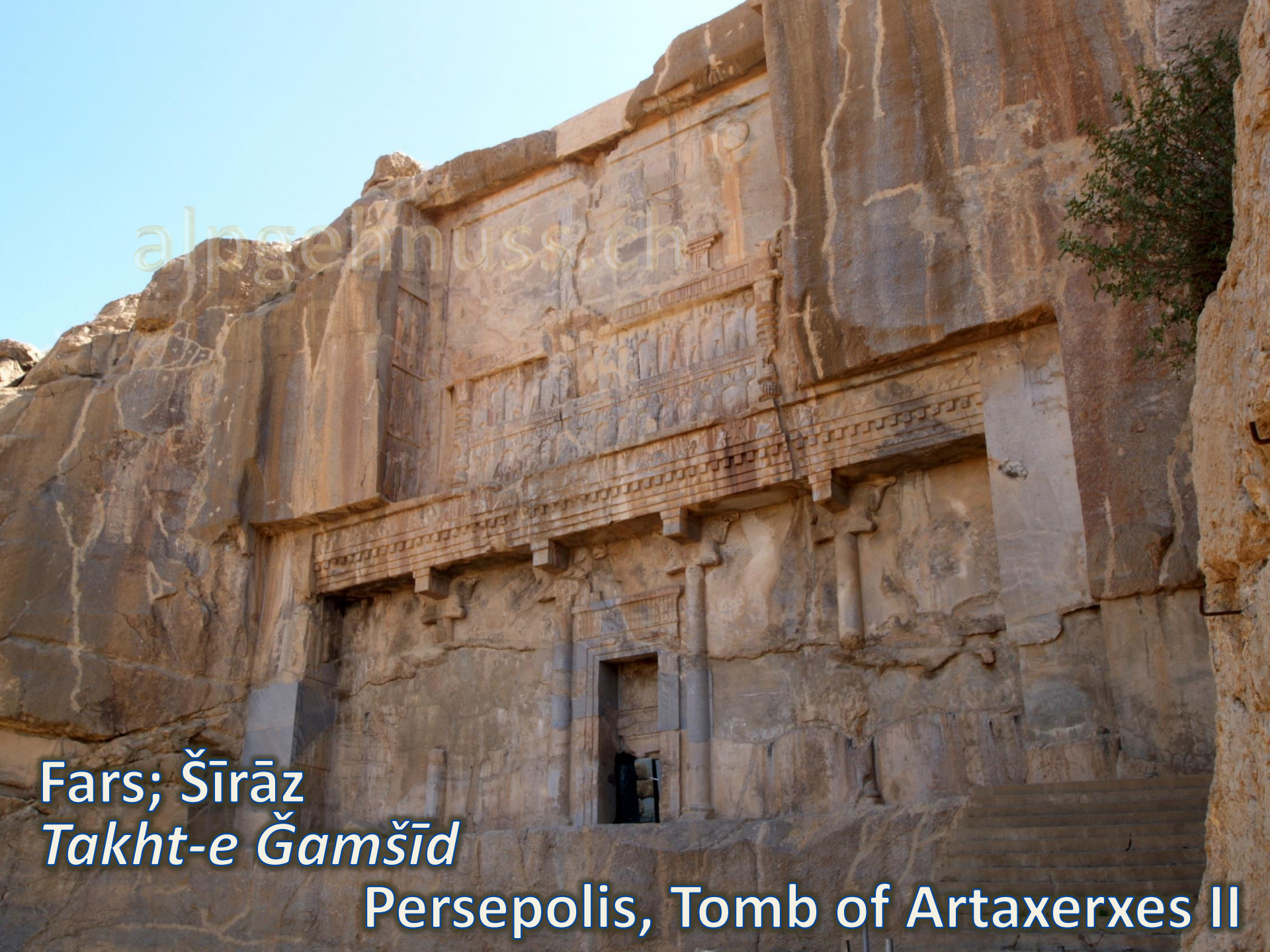
Persepolis, Gate of All Nations / ~ Xerxes

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Fars; Šīrāz
Takht-e Ğamšīd

Persepolis, Columns of Apadana



Fars; Šīrāz
Takht-e Ğamšīd

Persepolis, Tomb of Artaxerxes II



Fars; Šīrāz
Takht-e Ğamšīd

Persepolis, Stairs of the Tachara





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Fars; Pāsārgād

Ārāmgāh-e Kurosch-e Bozorg

Tomb of Cyrus the Great / ~ Cyrus II



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Fars; Naschq-e Rostam

Investiture of Ardashir I

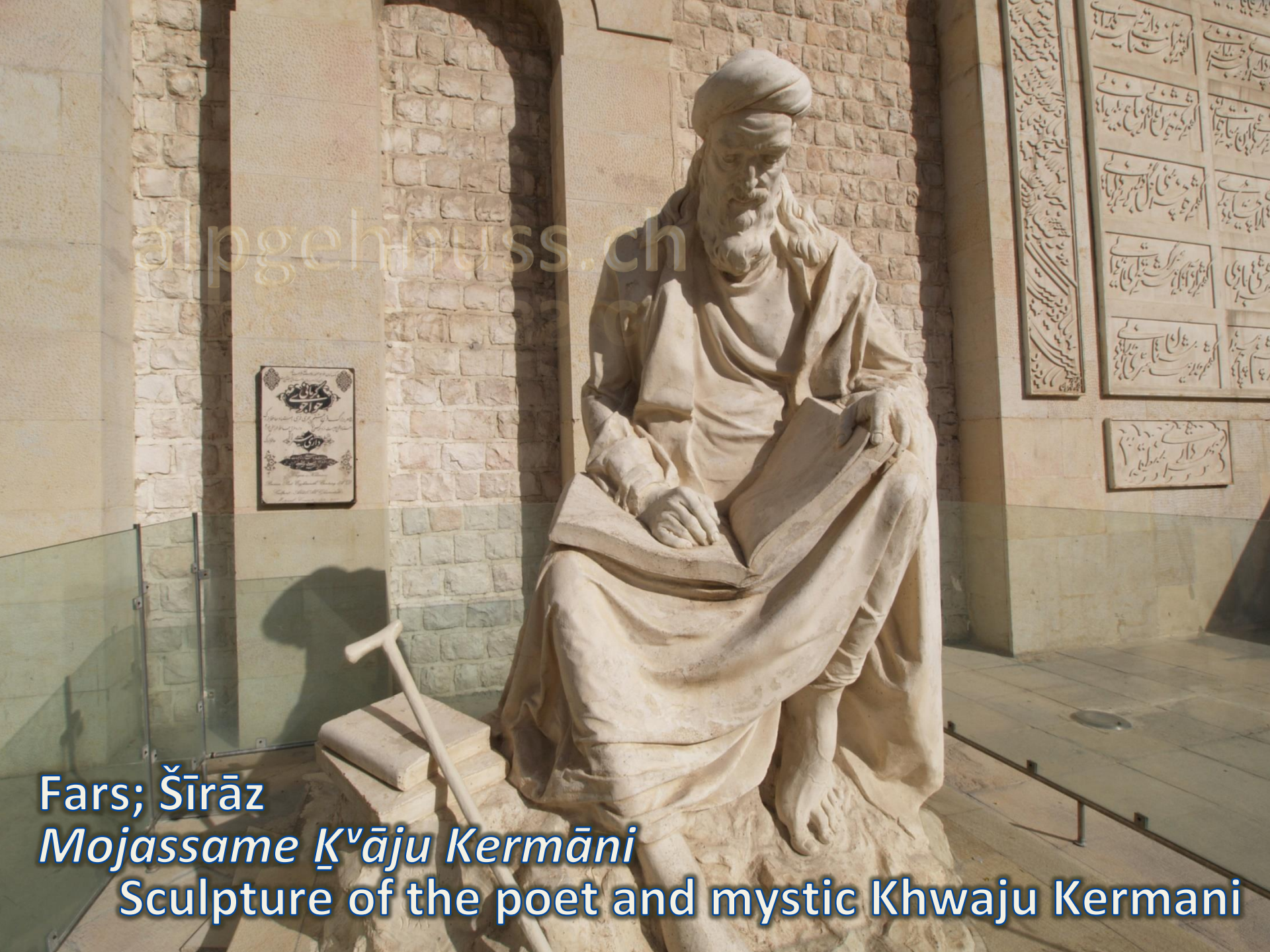


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Fars; Naschq-e Rostam
Ka'be-ye Zartuscht

'Cube of Zoroaster'





Fars; Širāz

Mojassame K̲v̲āju Kermāni

Sculpture of the poet and mystic Khwaju Kermāni



Fars; Šīrāz
Bāgh-e Eram

Qajar palace

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Punica granatum

Pomegranate; blossom



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Amorpha fruticosa

Bastard Indigobush

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Fars; Šīrāz
Bāgh-e Eram

Qajar palace; detail





Fars; Šīrāz
Bāgh-e Musalla

Musalla gardens

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Fars; Šīrāz

Ārāmgāh-e Ḥāfez

Tomb of the poet Hafez Shirazi

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Fars; Šīrāz
Masjed-e Vakil

Vakil Mosque



Fars; Šīrāz
Masjed-e Jame'-ye Atigh

Atigh Jame' Mosque



Fars; Šīrāz
Bāzār-e Vakīl

Vakil Bazaar; garden



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Bāzār-e Vakīl

Vakil Bazaar; carpets shop



Pistacia vera

Pistachio

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Kermān; Rāyen
Arg-e Rāyen

Rayen castle

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**Kermān; Māhān
Bāgh-e Shāzdeh**

Prince Mahan's Garden



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Kermān; Māhān
Aramgah-e Shāh Ni'matullāh-i Valī
Mausoleum of Shah Nimatullah Wali



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Kermān; Kermān
Masġed-e ġāme'

Jame Mosque



Kermān; Kermān
Majmou-e-yeh Ganj-'Alī Khan
Ganjali Khan Complex / Caravansary



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Kermān; Kermān
Serai Ganj-'Alī Khan

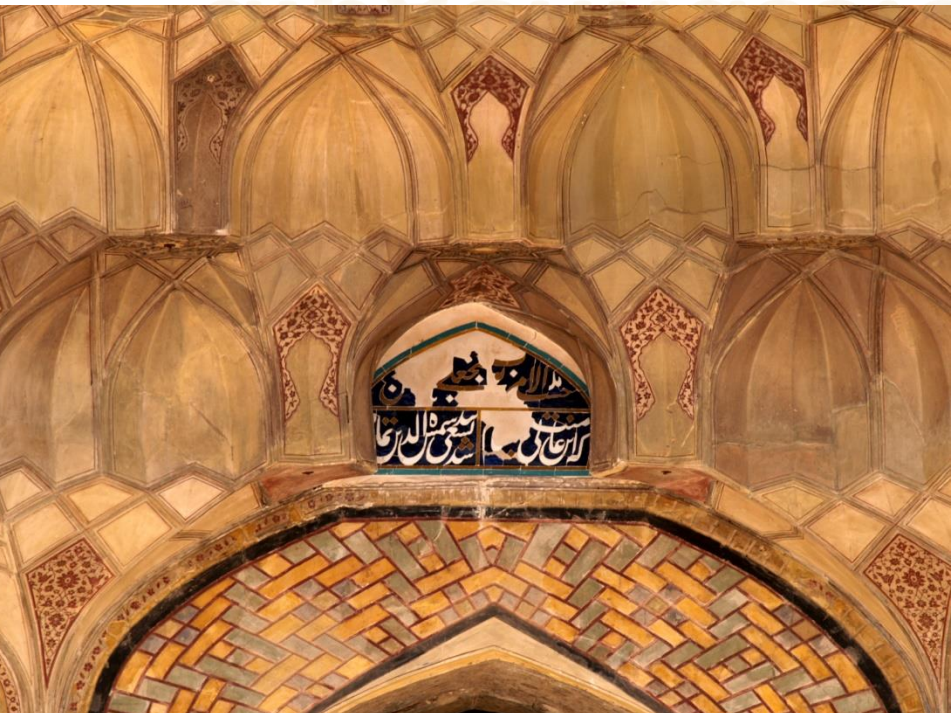
Ganjali Khan bath-house



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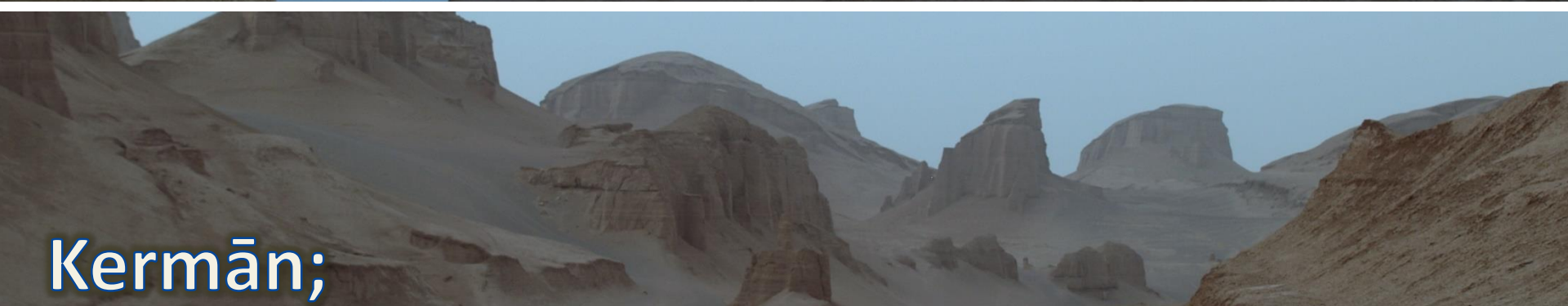
Yazd; Mehriz, Bahandoran
Masjid Hazarat Abū ol Fazl

Abolfazl Mosque





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**Kermān;
*Dasht-e Lut***



Lut Desert

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Yazd; Yazd
Dakhmeh-ye Zartoshtiyun
Zoroastrian Towers of Silence



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Yazd; Yazd

Zoroastrian cemetery

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Yazd; Yazd
Masġed-e ġāme'

Jame Mosque

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Yazd; Yazd

Sky line





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Yazd; Yazd

'Chahâr Badgiri' Āb ānbar

Water reservoir with 4 windcatchers



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ترمه سنتی یزد

کافه

Coffee
tea
juice
ice cream
leccia

Yazd; Yazd
Maghbarah-ye Davazdah Imam
Shrine of the twelve Imams



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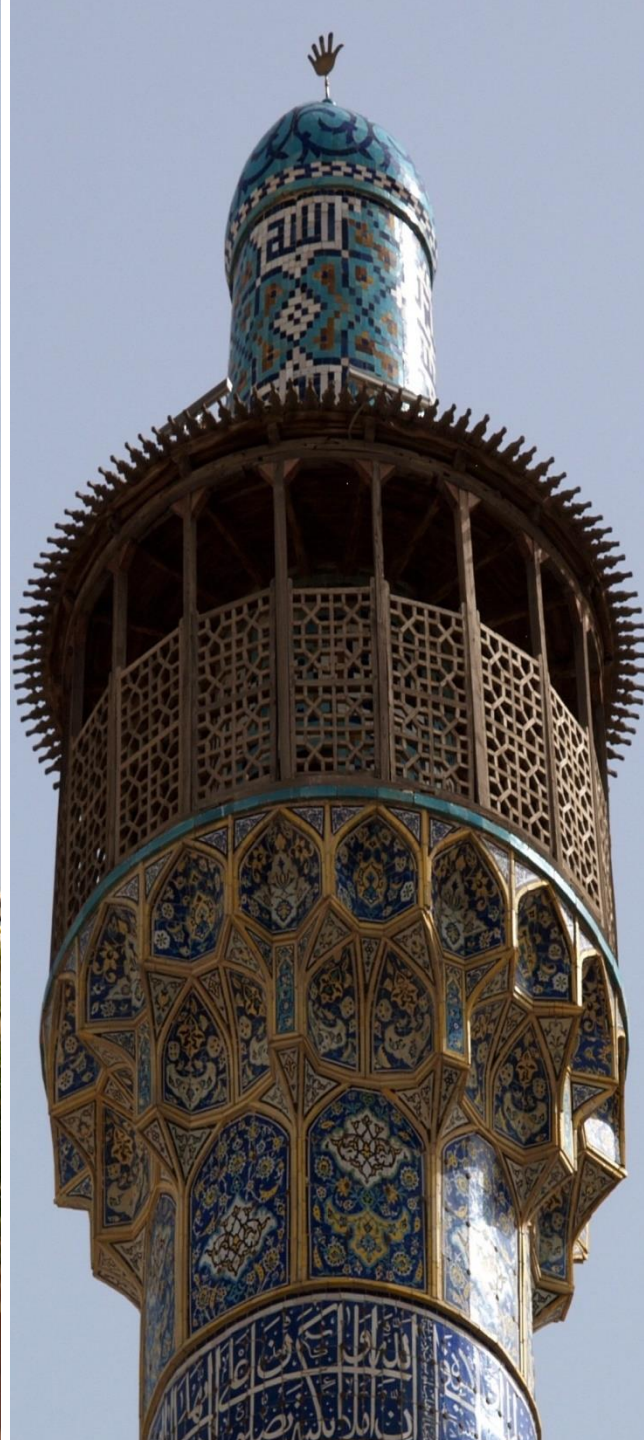
Yazd; Yazd
Majmū'a Meydân Amir Čaqmaq
Amir Chakhmaq Complex

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Yazd
Shir Kuh

Lion mountain, 4055 masl





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**Esfahān; Esfahān
*Borj-e-Kabutar***

Pigeon tower



Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Kelīsā-ye Wānk / -ye Āmenāperkič
Vank ~ / Armenian cathedral

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Eṣfahān; Eṣfahān
Pol-e Allāhverdī Khan / Si-o-se Pol
Bridge of Allah Verdi Khan / ~of 33 spans

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**Esfahān; Esfahān
Masjid-e-Jāmeḥ**

Jame Mosque



**Esfahān; Esfahān
Masjid-e-Jāmeḥ**

Jame Mosque

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Masjid-e-Jāmeḥ

Jame Mosque; winter prayer room



**Esfahān; Esfahān
Masjid-e-Jāmeḥ; Mihrāb, Qibla
Jame Mosque; prayer niche with qibla**

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Bagh-e Chehel Sotun

Chehel Sotoun Palace



Esfahān; Esfahān
Bagh-e Chehel Sotun

Chehel Sotoun Palace

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Masjid-i 'Ali-o-Minār

Ali mosque and minaret





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Esfahān; Esfahān
Masdsched-e Emām

Imam mosque



Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Bazār-*Qeisarieh* / -*e-Bosorg*



Royal ~ / Grand bazaar

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Masdsched-e Scheich Lotfollāh
Sheikh Lotfollah mosque

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān

Meidān-e Naqsch-e Dschahān / ~ Emām

'Image of the World' / Imam Square



Esfahān; Esfahān
Masdsched-e Emām

Imam mosque



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Esfahān; Esfahān

Masdsched-e Scheich Lotfollāh

Sheikh Lotfollah mosque

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Masdsched-e Scheich Lotfollāh
Sheikh Lotfollah mosque

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān

Meidān-e Naqsch-e Dschahān / ~ Emām

'Image of the World' / Imam Square



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Esfahān; Esfahān
Ālī Qāpū

Great gate (palace)

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Eşfahān; Eşfahān
Pol-e Chādschu

Khaju Bridge

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Eşfahān; Nā'īn
Narenj Qal'e

Narin castle





Morus alba
white Mulberry



Morus nigra
black Mulberry



Punica granatum
Pomegranate, seeds



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Esfahān; Nā'īn
Masjid-e-Jāmeḥ

Jame mosque, Minbar

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Eşfahān; Anārak

Watch towers



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**Esfahān;
Dasht-e Kavir**

Cold storage house



**Esfahān; Mesr
Dasht-e Kavir**

Farm buildings

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**Esfahān;
Dasht-e Kavir**

Oasis

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Camelus dromedarius

Dromedary, black

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**Eşfahān;
*Dasht-e Kavir***

Impression

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**Esfahān;
*Dasht-e Kavir***

Farm buildings

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**Eşfahān;
*Dasht-e Kavir***

Impression



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Semnān; Dāmghān
Tārīḩāne, Riwak

Tarikhaneh Temple, portico



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Semnān; Dāmghān
Gunbad-i Pir-i Alamdar

Tomb of Pir-i Alamdar



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Semnān; Dāmghān
Imāmzādeh-ye Ja'far

Aggregate of Imamzadeh Ja'far

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Semnān; Dāmghān
Imāmzādeh-ye Ja'far

Aggregate of Imamzadeh Ja'far, shrine

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Semnān; Garmsār
Deh Namak Kārwānsarā

Dehnamak caravansary

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