



**Geo Spatial
Conference**
Oct. 12-14, 2019
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Post-conference Tour

Visit Qeshm Island, The Global Geopark of Iran

October 15-17th 2019

The tour itinerary:

Date	Travel	Activity	Overnight
Oct 14 th	Fly to Qeshm island (1.5 hours)	Transferring to Mehrabad airport after the conference finished.	Arta Hotel Qeshm
Oct 15 th	Sightseeing in Qeshm	Visiting Hara mangrove trees, Namakdan salty dome and cave, Chahkooh gorge.	Arta Hotel Qeshm
Oct 16 th	An excursion to Hormoz island	Visiting Hormoz island	Arta Hotel Qeshm
Oct 17 th	Sightseeing in Qeshm Fly back to Tehran or Dubai	Visiting Stars valley, Kharbes caves Fly back to Tehran and transfer to IKA airport for the departure flight (direct flight from Qeshm island to Dubai is available.)	

The tour price:

- ***SNG 540 Euro***
- ***DBL 460 Euro***

Included in the Tour:

- *Invitation letter and reference number for visa*
- *Domestic flights*
- *3 nights accommodation*
- *Transportation by private car, van, minibus or bus according to the group size*
- *Professional English speaking tour guide*
- *All entrance fees as the itinerary*
- *Lunches*
- *Transfer from conference place and to the airports at the end*

Not included:

- *Extra costs like room services, phone . . .*
- *Entrance fees for extra visits*
- *Dinners*



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Briefly introducing the visiting sights

Hara Mangrove Trees



Qeshm Island, in southern part of Iran, owns many magnificent natural attractions. The island will surely amuse every visitors. Avicenna Marina forest is one of these attractions. This jungle which is also famous as the green gold is the home to many trees having roots in water. These types of jungles are rare natural phenomenon and are strongly protected. The trees of this jungle are green all over the year so expect an eye catching lunch scenery. Avicenna Marina Forest of Qeshm Island is also habitat for many migratory birds so add this to the other beauties of this wonderful piece of land. Imagine yourself taking a boat and moving through green mass of water listening to and looking at many fabulous birds.

Namakdan Salty Dome and Cave





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The biggest island of magnificent Persian Gulf is Qeshm Island. This unique island is famous for its wonderful natural attractions. Kuh-e Namakdan is a fabulous natural phenomenon and has covered many caves which the longest one is 6.4 kilometers. It has the record of being the longest salt cave of the world. Dome shaped Kuh-e Namakdan is as high as 237 meters and is the tallest part of Qeshm Island. Many deep and surface dissolutions could be seen in this mountain which add to the glory of it. To reach this cave and mountain, there is a 2 kilometer way which could be passed either on foot or car. To enjoy more, it is suggested to take a walk so you come across many beauties. Although the name represents a white place for you, you would get surprised by a delightful rainbow of colors. In the interior part, there is a current of water that shapes a natural pool out of the cave. The ceiling of the cave is covered with crystal clear icicles and is lovely to watch.

Chahkooh Gorge



The eastern part of Qeshm Island is home to an amazing valley known as Chahkooh Canyon and astonishes many of the visitors with its special effects. All natural elements have come together to form this phenomenon over the years and present the artist nature. A valley at a depth of 100 meters that will give you a new world as if you are invited to another land. It is enough to make a fortune with you and the rain starts to fall, then you will see one of the most beautiful images of Iran's nature. You will see a natural statue that is known as Se Sar Negahban of the canyon as soon as you enter the valley. Then you will see four wells that were dug by the residents in the valley to store fresh water. Chahkooh Canyon will enchant you with its beauties and you will have to go a little further to discover more beauties. This natural phenomenon will surprise you with a new look by every step you take and give you a new image of it. The spectacular views of this valley are fantastic subjects for photography, so you can keep the memories of the journey alive by recording them. Do not forget to take the proper hiking shoes, water flasks, sunscreen Sand snacks.



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Stars Valley



After the Strait of Chahkuh, Stars Valley can be considered as one of Qeshm's sights that attracts tourists and visitors from all around Iran and the world. This valley is located 20 km from the city of Qeshm and is considered as unique geological phenomenon of Iran and the world as well. You will be immersed in the Stars Valley, and get acquainted with the mysterious and wonderful world of the valley. The Star Valley is located in the village of Khalaf in Qeshm Island, dating back to 2 million years ago(the Cenozoic period), and its beautiful statues have been created due to the erosion of sand, earth and stone. In this valley, you can enjoy a variety of activities such as walking and photography and you will see numerous statues in the form of an elephant, a crocodile, an eagle, and so on. You can also see this different canyon from above the roof of the Stars Valley and discover more statues with incredibly beautiful shapes. Each of the sights of the Stars Valley is a good excuse to take the camera and hunt the dreamy and glorious moments of the island and record beautiful images in the treasure of your memories.



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Kharbes Caves



Qeshm Island is one of the most historical island of Iran. Kharbas cave is located about 15 kilometers south of Qeshm Island. It is believed that the cave dates back to Medes Era. There are many mysterious shapes and figures both in and out of the cave. Many different stories about Kharbas Cave are the sign depicting its religious application. This cave which has a stunning architecture is located in the following of Zagros Mountain range. It is surrounded by tall and short coral hills. The height of the rocky walls of the cave is as tall as 20 to 30 meters and through ages, it shapes like a mountain with holes inside. There also are some man made figures in Kharbas Cave which were created in ancient times. The entrance of the cave includes nine holes and behind them is a big hall which has two shelves for holding lights. Inside the cave, there are several halls, corridors, rooms, springs and openings that are connected to each other. On the bottom of the openings that are a small pond that is full of water during rainy seasons. Some historians say that Kharbas Cave in Qeshm Island was the sanctuary for worshipping the goddess of Mithra.



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Hormoz Island



There are several islands in the province of Hormozgan and Qeshm, among which Hormuz Island with its beautiful and amazing beach has a worldwide reputation and welcomes thousands of tourists and travelers from all over the world annually. Hormuz Island is known to most people by its red soil, but red soil is not what you just see on this island. Sightseeing and strolling on the silver, golden, white and red sand of the island is a strange pleasure which you cannot experience anywhere in the world. Due to the location of Hormuz Island on the entrance of Persian Gulf, it is also known as Strait of Hormuz. The depth of the sea on the Hormuz Island is enough for massive oil tankers to easily exit from the Persian Gulf. The Salty Island of Hormuz is like an oyster in the blue waters of the Persian Gulf. A beautiful coastal road surrounds the island so you will see many natural attractions such as colorful sandy road while you are walking or biking on this road. In addition to the natural attractions in the old texture of the island, there are many historical monuments such as the Portuguese Castle, the Khezr-e Nabi, Bazaar and house of saffron, the school and remnants of Palace of Bibigol and Bibisurat. By walking and laying on the shores of the Hormuz Island you will see the crabs, sharks, native and migratory birds, and turtles that give you special excitement and pleasure.