

# Kashan, an alluring destination with fascinating architecture



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Kashan, a city in the central province of Isfahan, is one of the most alluring destinations in Iran, as it offers numerous historical houses and structures with fascinating architecture, such as the beautiful Fin Garden and the historical bazaar of Kashan. Kashan is internationally famous for producing carpets, silk and other textiles. Years ago, Kashan was a significant center of pottery and tile production, and even the name "Kashan" is derived from "kashi," which means 'tile' in Persian, vipemo.com wrote.

## Fin Garden

Fin Garden is a unique combination of natural and man-made elements. The fascinating gardening method, the complicated irrigation system, and the beautiful stained glass windows are only parts of the beauties of the internationally known garden located in the heart of the



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central arid lands of Iran.

Fin Garden was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2012, as one of nine Persian gardens that have been bestowed the same title.

## Agha Bozorg Mosque

The historical Agha Bozorg

Mosque, with its sunken courtyard, is a fine example of Islamic architecture in Kashan. This mosque was constructed for praying, teaching and preaching in the late 18th century CE. The selection of tiles, its precise and symmetric architecture, as well as its lighting give this complex



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a surreal atmosphere.

## Historical houses of Kashan

The city of Kashan is famous for its numerous historical houses representing Islamic-Iranian architecture. The Ameri House, the Manuchehri

House, the Borujerdi House, the Tabatabaei House, and the Abbasi House are the most visited historical houses in Kashan. Today, some of these houses serve as traditional hotels which welcome tourists from throughout the world.

## Abyaneh

Known as the Red Village, the ancient village of Abyaneh, dating back to 1,500 years ago, is located 87km from Kashan. The idea behind the title is the red clay used in almost all buildings of the village. Abyaneh is a living village, where the traditional clothing of its residents is among the first things that draws the attention of visitors.

## Maranjab Desert

Maranjab Desert is a top tourist attraction and a mesmerizing desert near the city of Kashan. There are lots of adventurous activities in which you can engage like trekking up the golden sand dunes, visiting salt polygons of "Namak (Salt) Lake," camel riding, night gatherings around a fire and watching the stunning starry sky in the desert. There is an ancient caravan-serai in Maranjab Desert, which dates back to the Safavid era.

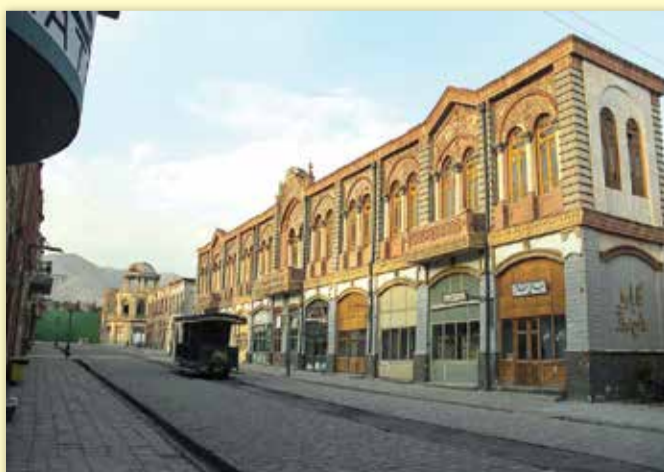
## Ghazali Town attractive for cinema lovers and tourists

For people who are eager to get acquainted with the cinema of the world in different styles, Ghazali cinema town, in western Tehran, is a wonderful place for spending a day. Ghazali Cinema Town, established in 1971 as the hub of Iranian cinema, covers a wide area, about 10 hectares. Some of the old districts, streets and buildings of Tehran are beautifully simulated in this area, and they were used as locations for making historical, religious and social films, irantourtravel.com reported.

Like a magical time machine, Ghazali Cinema Town take you to Old Tehran. As the home of Iranian cinema, Ghazali has seen the production of many old Iranian films. "Hezar Dastan," a very popular Iranian TV series, directed by Ali Hatami in 1978, is about Iran's social and political situation during the rules of the kings, Ahmad Shah and Reza Shah, with fabulous music, a professional cast, and beautiful locations like nostalgic cafés, shops, the Grand Hotel

and cobblestone streets. It is considered to be the first project filmed in the cinema town. The very famous and popular Iranian movie, Saint Mary (1997), is another project done in Ghazali Cinema Town. Several movies about the Iran-Iraq war, the Imam Ali TV series, Joseph the Prophet, and many more Iranian movies were also filmed in the town. Great efforts have been made to bring forth the replica of famous historical buildings

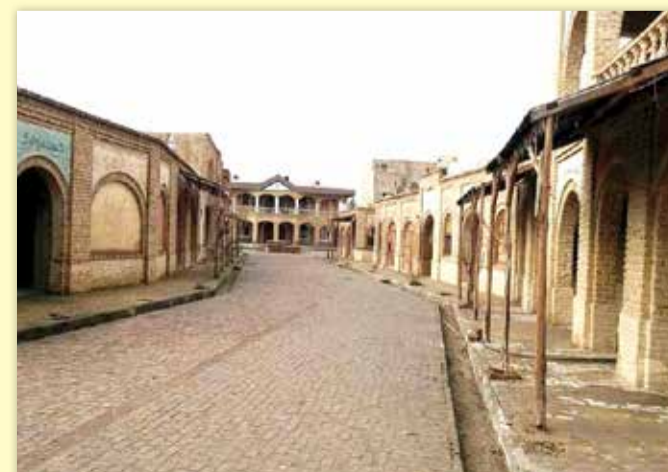
which, through the passage of time, have been witness to various incidents. The most exciting thing about visiting this place was meeting some of the happy puppets that played TV shows for children in the past. In general, Ghazali Cinema Town of Tehran has always been a popular place for Iranians and foreign tourists. A parking lot is available for visitors, and there is a guide for a group of more than ten members, explaining all the attractions.



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