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Keshit waterfall: An oasis in Kerman's scorching desert

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Prepare to be astounded the longer you stay in Kerman Province, which is a treasure trove of awe-inspiring sights at every turn. Kerman unveils striking vistas that will leave an indelible mark on your memory. We want to invite you to discover a magnificent waterfall nestled in the heart of the scorching Lut Desert — Keshit waterfall. Situated in the city of Golbaf, this natural wonder is a must-see tourist attraction in Kerman Province.

An oasis in the desert

Keshit waterfall is a unique marvel amidst a desert landscape, offering sights reminiscent of paradise. With a height of 12 meters, this waterfall is surrounded by lush valleys, majestic palm groves, and numerous other waterfalls originating in Keshit. The result is a picturesque panorama that fills visitors with sheer amazement.

The presence of this geographical marvel creates an environment conducive to the growth of trees and crops. Grape trees, figs, walnuts, as well as wheat and barley thrive in this unexpected oasis.

Flowing throughout the year, Keshit waterfall impressively covers an area of 600 square meters and features natural pools. Among these pools is a well-known one called "Darya," which literally means 'sea'. Locals frequently take dips in this splendid pond, while tourists are also welcome to partake in the thrilling experience of swimming in its inviting waters.

This natural marvel stands as the sole waterfall in the vicinity of Lut, making it one of the region's many stunning wonders. Keshit village itself boasts a rich

historical texture, antique structures, and ancient castles that should not be missed. Satellite images reveal that Keshit village and its waterfall bear a striking resemblance to the roots of a tree. Continue reading to delve deeper into the beauty of this heavenly natural destination.

Activities

The presence of a pond at the foot of this unique waterfall gives fearless and adventurous tourists the opportunity to dive from its heights. However, caution must be exercised due to the varying depths of the natural pool. Before taking the plunge, make sure to assess the depth of your intended diving spot.

Swimming is another delightful activity to indulge in. There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in nature's embrace. If you are fond of this invigorating hobby, take the plunge and enjoy a refreshing swim in the pond of Keshit waterfall.

The pond also houses a particular species of therapeutic fish that feed on dry and dead skin, offering a unique spa-like experience. However, the sensation may not be pleasant for everyone, despite the therapeutic properties of these fish. Keep this in mind before venturing into the waters.

For photography enthusiasts, Keshit waterfall's pristine surroundings and captivating landscapes provide a treasure trove of beautiful and astonishing shots to enhance your photo album.

Facilities and considerations

Adjacent to Keshit waterfall, tourist amenities are scarce, which can be seen as both a fortunate and unfortunate circumstance. It is fortunate as the area has maintained its purity and remains

unspoiled, a haven for nature lovers. However, the lack of facilities emphasizes the need for visitors to come prepared with essential equipment when journeying to this pristine natural haven. To access more amenities, travelers can visit Keshit village, which is conveniently located near the waterfall. For overnight stays, Keshit village offers traditional hostels or the opportunity to camp under the stars, depending on personal preference.

Best time to visit

Given the arid climate of the desert, the best time to visit the waterfall and the village is from early autumn to mid-spring.

Important tips

Due to the absence of mobile reception, the risk of falling from precipices, the presence of poisonous insects and nocturnal animals, it is advisable to leave the area before sunset.

While camping in the area is not highly recommended, if you do plan to spend the night, it is essential to travel in a group and have a guide accompanying you in this pristine and enchanting location.

Keep in mind that the road leading to Keshit waterfall is a bumpy and uneven desert path, which may pose challenges during the drive. Therefore, ensure you have adequate and secure equipment before embarking on the journey.

Previously plagued by smugglers and drug dealers, this area is now safe enough for tourists, offering peace of mind while exploring the surrounds.

If you have set your sights on visiting Keshit waterfall, make sure to pass by the nearby Keshit Castle during your journey. It is an opportunity not to be



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missed, as it promises to be a worthwhile visit.

Nature has much to offer us, but it is crucial to approach it with caution. Once again, we urge you to heed the provided tips and prioritize your safety.

Timeless charm of the historical bazaar of Urmia

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The traditional bazaar of Urmia, the capital of the northwestern province of Urmia, with a rich history spanning several centuries and bearing witness to numerous events, holds the distinction of being one of the country's historical and significant markets.

This bazaar, located in the old section of the city, has its origins in the Safavid era. It exhibits a charming blend of simplicity and elegance in its architectural

style. It proudly displays a multitude of arches and domes, creating a visually captivating atmosphere. Within this bustling market, you will discover historical gems such as caravanserais, bathhouses, splendid mansions, and exquisite mosques dating back to the Zand and Qajar eras.

This old bazaar, spanning five hectares, encompasses over 1,000 shops. It also features seven covered lanes and grand caravanserais, along with five ancient bathhouses and a majestic mosque.

The Urmia Bazaar boasts multiple caravanserais (*saras*), including the famous Haj Ibrahim's Sara, and a caravanserai situated north of the majestic Jaame (Grand) Mosque. Another prominent establishment is the Shuja' al-Dawlah Sara, which serves as a vital source for various essential materials in different trades.

The bazaar also has several *rastehs* (covered alleys with shops and workshops of a particular trade) including knife makers, goldsmiths, carpet sell-

ers, seed vendors, crystal merchants, cobblers, and herbalists.

These alleys, which help preserve the traditional form of the bazaar, are connected to each other through several intersections. This not only enhances the visual beauty of the market but also makes it easier for visitors to move around and explore different sections. As mentioned earlier, one of the captivating aspects of this remarkable complex is its architectural simplicity, which adds a touch of elegance and au-

thenticity. Each pathway and section of the bazaar follows a distinctive style and form, representative of its respective period. The remaining remnants vividly showcase the architectural preferences of the people who lived in this lush region during various periods.

In fact, despite the diverse arches and domes, the market complex shines with its unique simplicity. The corridors and intersections are primarily constructed with bricks, mostly without intricate gypsum embellishments.



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