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## Unparalleled wonders of Sistan and Baluchestan Province

## A journey along a breathtaking coastal road







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If you venture towards the southern region of Sistan and Baluchestan Province, you will behold breathtaking marvels and extraordinary sights that are not only unparalleled in Iran, but in the entire world, all within a 100-kilometer stretch of road.

The tourism capacities of Sistan and Baluchestan Province include various natural, historical, religious, and cultural attractions that have been more widely recognized through modern media. However, undoubtedly, there are still numerous unknown and unique tourism capacities in this province that require years of exploration, chtn.ir reported.

Sistan and Baluchestan Province has become a popular destination for travelers from across Iran, owing to its vast array of natural and historical wonders. Encompassing approximately 11.5% of Iran's total land area, this province has earned the nickname "Little India".

In this province, apart from its diverse nature, you will also come across two ancient ethnicities – Sistani and Baluch. These ethnic groups possess distinct and beautiful customs that add to the allure of the region, owing to their rich cultural heritage.

In addition to its remarkable climate diversity, Sistan and Baluchestan Province boast a range of agricultural products that thrive in both warm and cold climates. This includes a variety of tropical and subtropical crops like bananas, mangos, papayas, citrus fruits, apples, plums, pomegranates, grapes, and more. These diverse agricultural canabilities contribute to the province's reputation as a land with similarities to the fertile areas of India. In addition, the province boasts a multitude of captivating historical attractions, which bear testament to its rich ancient history. Notably, the renowned Burned City, known in Persian as Shahr-e Sukhteh, in the north, and the formidable Nasseri Castle in the south stand out as prominent landmarks. In this report, our focus is on a stunning coastal road stretching approximately 100 kilometers from Chabahar to Bandar-e Govater, which offers breathtaking views and attracts numerous tourists throughout the year. Despite its moderate climate across all four seasons, Chabahar remains a significant and enticing tourist destination.

for maritime activities.

On the other hand, Chabahar stands out as the sole oceanic port in the country, boasting a plethora of tourist and recreational spots. With its potential for water and beach sports, it certainly ranks among the most pristine coastal areas in the country.

The coastal road trip spanning from Chabahar to Bandar-e Govater is undoubtedly among the most unforgettable ones worldwide, for it presents an array of captivating sights. Throughout the journey you will be met with towering cliffs that reach heights exceeding 100 meters, picturesque sandy beaches, charming pink wetlands, fig trees, otherworldly Martian mountains, and an abundance of additional natural wonders to behold. Situated along the scenic coastal road of Chabahar-Bandar-e Govater, Ramin village stands out as one of the area's premier tourist destinations. Known for its pristine sandy beach and captivating clay sculptures, it offers a haven for diving enthusiasts and those passionate about creating mesmerizing sand art. As one of the prominent villages in Chabahar, Ramin is nestled within a picturesque district, adding to its allure and charm.

The fishing port of Ramin serves as a prominent fishing hub along the coast of Makran, bustling with numerous fishermen diligently unloading their bountiful catches from their vessels. Witnessing the arrival of these seafarers, who have embarked on lengthy expeditions spanning two to three months, unloading their offshore boats laden with a staggering 50 to 70 tons of fish, is indeed a delightful spectacle. Additionally, amidst the lively atmosphere, one can observe individuals engaging in activities like diving, running, and crafting unique sand sculptures on the shores of Ramin. Nestled on the right side of this scenic route lies a mesmerizing pink lake, a true gem and one of the exceptional natural wonders along the coast of the Sea of Oman. This enchanting lake, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, is an incredibly rare sight, with only four other similar examples known to exist across the entire globe. Lipar Lake is a captivating attraction that captures attention on the scenic coastal road. This lake, with its pinkhued water during certain months, is a result of the rich presence of organic and mineral substances, combined with sea currents triggered by monsoon storms. These conditions create an extraordinary growth of the plant plankton, ultimately causing a remarkable shift in the water's color. As we journey further along this path, our gaze is once more captivated by the breathtaking shores of the Sea of Oman. Slowly, we approach the mesmerizing mountains that resemble the mystical landscapes of Mars, standing proudly in the midst of the road. Now, you find yourself traversing a road enveloped by the Martian Mountains adorned with their ethereal hues. On one side, the enchanting panorama reveals the alluring sight of the beach, where the azure sea gently caresses the vibrant red sands adorned with desert shrubs.

The Martian Mountains exhibit a fascinating blend of beige and white hues, showcasing a remarkable ability to transform their appearance as the light conditions fluctuate during the course of a day. These ancient geological formations originated approximately four to five million years ago and stretch across vast distances, forming an expansive mountain range that extends several kilometers eastwards.

After venturing through the majestic Martian Mountain, we finally reach the captivating port of Bris. This enchanting harbor boasts extraordinary rugged peaks, and nestled beneath these heights, a bustling fishing dock filled with countless fishing boats and charming dinghies capture one's gaze.

Beris, a picturesque 200-year-old port, serves as the launching and concluding point for fishermen embarking on their journeys. The fishermen spread their nets alongside the port, catching fish and putting them in their baskets.

Not too far away, we arrive at the beautiful port of Pasabandar, which is the furthest point in the country's

land. Pasabandar is one of the villages and



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An overview of Chabahar



Bandar-e Govater



Martian Mountain orisitiran.ir



Pasabanda **IRNA**  Chabahar port benefits from its strategic location along the Indian Ocean and the Sea of Oman, which offers a favorable climate. The region experiences monsoon winds, particularly during the summer months, making it an ideal location ports of Chabahar, located in close proximity to the Pakistan border. The city of Gwadar in Pakistan is located opposite to Pasabandar, on the other side of the border. Near Pasabandar, there is an island called Marjan, which is a habitat for king crabs.

If you are interested in ecotourism, be sure to travel to the beautiful county of Dashtiari, which is a vast area located in the eastern part of Chabahar, on the outskirts of the two major rivers of Sistan and Baluchestan. It is the only habitat of the Iranian short-snouted crocodile.

And if you are into witnessing captivating dolphin shows and exploring the stunning Hara forests, a visit to Bandar-e Govater is highly recommended. Located 10 kilometers from Pasabandar, it boasts an unparalleled natural beauty that has been preserved in its traditional essence. Embarking on a boat ride and indulging in a refreshing swim along the powdery sands of the beaches will undoubtedly enrich your overall travel experience. Marjan Island IRNA



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