Adventure awaits you at Kish Dolphin Park



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Kish Dolphin Park, Iran's first dolphinarium, sprawls over an impressive 100 hectares along the southeastern shore of Kish Island. It offers much more than just dolphin shows; the park features a vibrant bird garden that is home to over 50 species of birds, including vivid macaws, exotic toucans, and towering ostriches from around the globe. Additionally, the reptile tunnel provides a fascinating glimpse into the world of marsh crocodiles and other intriguing reptiles. As visitors stroll through the lush green areas, they are greeted by a variety of plants, including temple fig trees, cacti, and eucalyptus, all contributing to a serene backdrop for a day filled with adventure and exploration.

The excitement at Dolphin Park extends beyond its natural beauty; the park is brimming with activities designed to keep everyone entertained. A crowd favorite is the fun and classic show, which features stand-up comedy, mesmerizing light displays, and live music. The saltwater aquarium invites guests to marvel at the diverse sea life, while the dolphin show highlights the intelligence and playfulness of these beloved marine creatures. With amenities such as souvenir shops, restaurants, and an amphitheater, the park ensures a delightful experience for all its visitors. Whether captivated by the dolphins' acrobatics or wandering through the enchanting butterfly gardens, Kish Dolphin Park promises an unforgettable adventure in the heart of the Persian Gulf.



Bird Garden

Within the expansive Dolphin Park complex lies the Kish Bird Garden, a haven for bird lovers and nature enthusiasts alike. Opened in 2001, this green sanctuary spans three hectares and is home to over 57 species of birds from around the world. Visitors can enjoy the sight of beautiful flamingos, elegant swans, and colorful parrots, all residing in environments that resemble their natural habitats. The garden's lush greenery and thoughtfully designed landscapes create a peaceful atmosphere for leisurely strolls, with the enchanting sounds of various birds enhancing the magical ambiance.

The Kish Bird Garden is not merely a place to visit; it also plays a vital role in bird conservation. Dolphin Park is divided into two main areas: one for caged birds and another for those that can fly freely. The caged section houses wild birds that cannot be released back into the wild, with each enclosure providing information about the species, their habitats, and their behaviors. The free-flying area allows visitors to observe birds



in conditions that closely resemble their natural environments, secured by high nets to ensure their safety. This thoughtful setup enhances the visitor experience while supporting the garden's mission to protect bird species and educate the public about the importance of avian conservation.

Aquarium

Kish Aquarium, located next to Dolphin Park, offers a captivating glimpse into the colorful underwater world of the Persian Gulf. This expansive aquarium is perfect for families and marine life enthusiasts who wish to explore the beauty of sea creatures

without the need for diving. Housed in a building designed to resemble a ship on Ferdowsi Street, the aquarium features two main sections: one with a 50,000-liter tank showcasing sharks, crocodiles, and large fish, and another with a 20,000-liter tank exhibiting 70 varieties of rare and vibrant fish. Visitors can marvel at incredible marine life, including a two-meter-long turtle, and explore a section displaying taxidermied animals such as crocodiles, snakes, various mammals, and birds. Kish Aquarium offers more than just fish; it also showcases a variety of reptiles and birds, providing a comprehensive wildlife experience. The smaller aquarium section features decorative fish and reptiles like the boa constrictor, the flying snake from Thailand, and the black African scorpion. The design and architecture of the aquarium are as intriguing as the marine life within, creating a calming and educational experience for all who visit. Whether observing the graceful movements of tropical fish or the formidable presence of sharks, Kish Aquarium promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of the ocean's wonders.

Getting there

By Car: If you're staying on the east side of Kish Island, where most hotels are located, getting to the Kish Dolphin Park is incredibly convenient. A short 10-minute car ride will take you to this amazing destination filled with marine life. You can easily catch a taxi or rent a car, and before you know it, you'll arrive at the park, ready to embark on a fun-filled day.

The park's prime location makes it accessible for both planned visits and spontaneous trips, making it an ideal spot for a family day out or a quick excursion to see the dolphins.

Best time to visit

The ideal time to visit Kish Dolphin Park is during the fall and winter months. During this period, the weather on Kish Island is much more pleasant, avoiding the intense heat of summer. This makes it an excellent time to explore the park comfortably, allowing visitors to fully enjoy all the attractions without the discomfort of high temperatures.

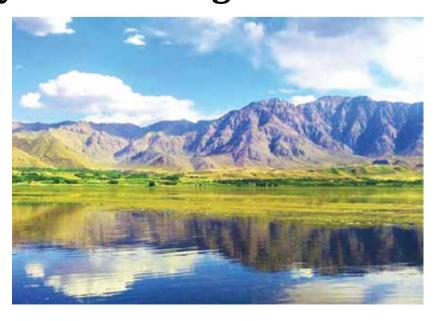
Unique ecosystem of Choghakhor Wetland in Borujen

Choghakhor Wetland, an internationally recognized and stunning natural site, is situated in Borujen, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province, near the city of Boldaji and approximately sixty-five kilometers from Shahrekord. This expansive wetland covers an area of about 2,300 square kilometers and lies at an elevation of 2,100 meters above sea level, nestled in the foothills of Kuh-e Klar (Klar Mountain).

The wetland's depth is less than three meters, and its waters originate from various springs, with rainwater and adjacent springs on Klar Mountain supplying the majority of its water resources

Choghakhor Wetland offers a range of recreational activities, including climbing, birdwatching, fishing, boating, biking, and photography. Close to the wetland, in the village of Avardgan within the Gandoman District of Borujen, there are cultural and residential facilities that accommodate tourists and visitors.

The wetland is home to a diverse array of wildlife, including species such as boar, jackals, beech martens, foxes, wolves, rabbits, and various fish



species like zebra cichlids, barbel, Medusafish, common carp, redmouth grouper, silver carp, and narrow-barred Spanish mackerel. Additionally, reptiles including snakes, sea turtles, monitor lizards, and frogs inhabit the area. Unique to the region is the Gambusia, or tooth carp.

Choghakhor enjoys a temperate climate with cold winters, contributing to its appeal as a rural area in Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari Province. From autumn to spring, thousands of native and migratory birds, including geese, ducks, ruddy shelducks, white storks, coots, herons, grebes, cormorants, fla-



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mingos, rails, ibises, plovers, and large white-headed gulls, nest and thrive in the wetland, making it a favored destination for birdwatching.

In terms of flora, approximately twenty-three plant species from sixteen families have been identified in Choghakhor Wetland, with the willow tree being one notable species. Access to the wetland is facilitated by asphalted roads from Borujen, Naghan, and Shahrekord. The east and northwest sides are served by these paved roads, while the southeast side can be reached via the unpaved roads of surrounding villages.