

Iran



Iran is a country in the Middle East that is bordered by Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan. Its capital is Tehran and it has a population of 84,923,314. It has a mostly arid climate that is subtropical along the coast.

Languages

Persian Farsi is the official language of Iran. Other widely spoken languages are Azeri Turkic, Kurdish, Gilaki, Balochi and Arabic.

Nationality

Iranian

Currency

Iranian Rial



Ethnic Groups

Persians are the ethnic majority in Iran, making up 61% of the population. Ethnic minorities include Azeris, Lur, Baluch, Arabs, Turkmen and other Turkic tribes. The Kurds are an indigenous group that make up approximately 10% of the population. Clashes between the Iranian government and the Kurdish people have existed for many years due to governmental neglect of Kurdish identity, education and land rights.

Major Sites

- Naqsh-e Jahan Square
- Aali Qapu Palace
- Khajoo Bridge
- Valley of the Stars
- Shushtar Historic Hydarulic System
- Choga Zanbil
- Bridges of Esfahan
- Pigeon Towers

Republic Day

April 1

Iran's national symbol is a lion.

Iran's national colors are red, white and green.

