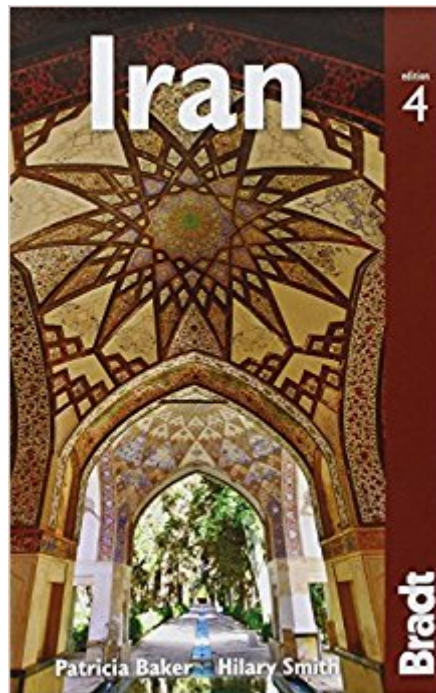




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# Iran, 4th (Bradt Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Known as the jewel of Central Asia, Iran's cities are packed with gilded mosques and blue-mosaic shrines built in honour of the country's greatest leaders. Its people are generous and its terrain ranges from the sands of the Persian Gulf to the Alburz Mountains in the north. The expert authors give first-hand descriptions of attractions ranging from the exquisite mosques of Isfahan and the museums and palaces of Tehran to remote, spectacular mountain hikes. New maps and up-to-date information on all the basics - hotels, restaurants, businesses and shops - help you to uncover the mysteries of ancient Persepolis, to enjoy a soak and scrub in a local hamam, or to pick up a pair of giveh slippers or a Persian rug in Kirman's bazaar.

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Buy a carpet at Esfahan's bazaar  
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Iran may not be at the top of your wish-list of destinations, but it's worth thinking again. The country offers plenty to interest the discerning traveller: jewel-like gardens of the Bagh-e Eram in Shiraz, the troglodyte village of Kandovan and, perhaps surprisingly, ski slopes in the Alborz Mountains. Take time to explore the bazaars, visit museums and mosques, or take a break in a lively caf   and

enjoy the friendliness and warmth of the Iranian people.~ ~ With expanded hotel and restaurant listings, and improved mapping, this fourth edition reveals the real Iran.~ ~

I bought this guide because it just came out, even though I never had used it before and I bought also the Lonely Planet, just in case. I ended up liking the Bradt format quite a lot, relying heavily on it and opening the Lonely Planet just once or twice without finding anything new or interesting. I found the Bradt guide reliable and concise and I found also that it does not always lists the same hotels listed by the Lonely Planet and this makes it easier to beat the crowds.

Don't buy the Kindle Version. I purchased the kindle version and am disappointed. I can't read the writing on the maps - even when I enlarge the maps to as large as they can go on my PC - I can't read the writing. I will now have to buy another guide book with maps - not happy. I constantly have to adjust the size of the fonts etc to be able to see pictures with the descriptive text on the same page or to read the text. The book has some pictures at the start and then is just text without any colour which I find lacks structure. I found the "getting around" information in the book lacking. For example a quick look at the Tabriz chapter - it just says to catch a taxi around the town. No information about options to get to and from the train station, airport etc or even the location of those. No information about how to get to sites around Tabriz (such as Kandovan 62km away) using public transport or directions in own car etc. No listings for day tour companies. A quick look at some other towns had a similar lack of information. For the major cities the information was a bit more detailed. If you are looking for some useful information for getting around Iran and some maps of towns and Iran, the Kindle Edition is to be avoided. It seems reasonably descriptive with the sight information - so if you're travelling on a tour it may be useful.

Terrific Country, terrific people... exchange money in town (May 2014 at Airport 25,000rials=US\$1, in Tehran US\$1 - 32-34,000rials). For trip May 2014 Book was accurate in hotel/sights/general info and prices (Inflation can be a problem). This book is very thorough in historical info on different destinations/sights. I preferred this book over the LP book. LP is WAY out of date.

I am old-school and have always liked the Bradt guides, so I was thrilled that they had a new Iran book for my trip May 2015. My entire trip was pre-planned by a tour agency, unfortunately, so I did not need much logistical help and I found the book to be very valuable for both historical and contemporary information. I used the maps when wandering on my own and to find interesting

things to do during my "free time." The country has wi-fi in all the major cities but I would highly recommend taking this guide on a trip to Iran.

Excellent book. Right on the money and current. Probably the best guide book about Iran at this time.

This is a most likely the best Iran travel guide available in English. Iran Tourism is changing so fast, so there is some incorrect information on hotels.

There aren't many travel guide books out there on Iran, and as usual the Bradt Travel guide has included a significant amount of information that will help me to plan a trip there.

Compared to the Bradt guide to Ethiopia this is a shallow once over that is difficult to navigate. It may be the kindle format that makes it more difficult than conventional guides. The regional journeys do however provide some good detail of the history, urban scenes and sites of local towns.

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