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Photo tours & tutorials

Iran

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“From the century old cities and towns rich in culture to the isolation of the deserts and some "out of this world" landscapes, Iran is a very unique place to visit”

A photography tour with about 60% landscape photography and 40% people photography, this 10-day tour will take us from Tehran to the deserts of the South and the breath taking Kurdistan.

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## Our philosophy

### Our Tours: The Right Angle

Not financially motivated, with small groups, some very special and exclusive itineraries, all focused on the workshops and knowledge sharing, my photo tours are among the best in the World because it all comes down to passion.

### Locations: Off The Tourist Trail

We devise an itinerary together based on the best photographic opportunities –be they seasonal or cultural. And we avoid the common tourist trails as much as possible. No 5 star hotel, but the raw culture and experience!

### Group size: Small is smart!

I limit the group size to a maximum of 6 people for tours I run alone and 8 for tours I run along with another photographer, because experience has taught me that more is less. Having a small group enables me to be more available to each member whilst on location.



### Workshops: Actively improving

We do not run photography tours but photography workshops. The tours are aimed at emerging people in the right environment and coaching them on location. All tours include at least two photo critiquing sessions as well as specific themed workshops.

### Portraits: People are our focus

While I love taking landscapes, people are my passion. Portrait shots engage viewers because they are emotive. And while we travel through stunning locations and have ample time to take landscape shots, my tours are also designed to maximize the time we spend with people in remote locations, and learn the best way to approach individuals when taking photos so that it is respectful of their values and traditions.

### Skills: Giving it your best shot

Developing your photo skills is an absolute must on my tours. While we are working a lot on camera settings, the tours are aimed at developing composition and storytelling skills.







## Tabriz

One of the oldest cultures on the planet can be found in the North of Iran. From one of the oldest bazaar in the world to an old city built on the side of a mountain, Tabriz offers a great start to the tour and allows us to work on our people and street photography skills from the beginning







## The Deserts

One of my favorite parts of this tour is the desert part. Allowing us to camp in a complete wild place, away from anybody, the most desert I have ever seen opens itself to us. In order to avoid the heat of the day we will be traveling there at full moon to allow us to spend countless hours walking the area and practicing our landscape photography skills. A unique experience in a unique place. We have arranged the tour dates so our time in the desert matches full moon, allowing us to avoid the heat of the day and spend hours walking during the night for some great photography.





## Yazd

The old city of Yazd really is like a movie set. Its old streets remaining unchanged for decades allow us to feel like we are walking into a movie set. Mostly at night, the street photography is quite brilliant. Yazd is also a place to rest and do more photo reviews, as well as enjoying the amazing traditional food.







## Kurdistan

Making us feel like we step into another country, the Iranian Kurdistan is very rich in landscape opportunities. From round hills looking like the North of Scotland, to ancient villages built in the mountains, we will be met every day by friendly locals who are very keen to be photographed.







## The people

The Iranians are very famous for their great hospitality and modernity. We regularly strike very interesting and deep conversations on the streets with very educated people, allowing us to understand more of the Persian culture. Islam being a little more strict there than other Muslim countries, it is not recommended to take photos of women on the streets. On the other hand it is much easier to approach men and take their pictures after a few sentences or smiles exchanged.



“Etienne is your passport  
to great photography...”  
—TripAdvisor



## your photo tour leader

### Etienne Bossot

Eleven years, countless S.E Asia photography tours and over 6,000 successful students ago, Etienne Bossot set up his camera in Hoi An, Central Vietnam and like many artists before him was seduced by the unique clarity of light, romantic scenery and charismatic characters and their customs.

The SE Asia Photography Tours were born of a combination of Etienne's passion to discover ways of studying authentic populations in their living environment, his wealth of local knowledge and his uncompromising integrity. He has a canny eye for scouting out unique settings, locations and photo opportunities and an uncanny way of getting subjects to engage.



# Iran 2018

## when

October 23rd until November 1st 2018

## starting-ending point

Tehran

## brief itinerary

- Day 1 Flying to Kerman
- Day 2 Night in the Lut desert
- Day 3 Night in the sand dunes
- Day 4 The lost city of Keshyt
- Day 5 Yazd
- Day 6 Yazd
- Day 7 Yazd
- Day 8 flying to Kurdistan
- Day 9 Kurdistan landscapes
- Day 10 Back to Tehran



“There is no such a thing  
as artistic photography.  
In photography, like in all things,  
there are people who can see  
and others who cannot even look.”  
—Nadar

## what's included

In all our tours we strive to make things easy so everyone can focus entirely on photography. This is the reason why our rates include everything during the tour: accommodation, transportation, all meals, and even tips to local people. What is not included is your international flight, Visa, travel insurance, and souvenir purchase.

## group size & workshops

Like in all our tours we limit the number of participants to 6, for a better and more personalized coaching. As it is the case in my tours, we will mostly focus on people and ways to take their photos but Iran is also very much about landscapes! Needless to say bring your tripod. As we are doing photo critiques and Lightroom tutorials, make sure to take your laptop / iPad.

## accommodation & transportation

We will be staying in 3- to 4-star hotels for most of the tour. We will camp for 2 nights in the desert in tents and will have access to bathrooms and showers during the day. All our transportation between cities will be made by plane and mini van.

## rates

6 pax	5 pax	4 pax
\$5250	\$5550	\$6150
Single supplement + \$400		

## what now

If you are interested in joining the tour, drop us an email at [info@picsofasia.com](mailto:info@picsofasia.com). We will let you know if there are still availabilities.

Find more information into our [FAQ](#) section.

## important notice

Iran is a fascinating country that will astonish you. The landscapes are completely astonishing and the people extremely friendly. Unlike the other tours we run, Iran photo tour will focus more on landscapes than people, but we will of course also be photographing people.

As Iran is quite a traditional Muslim country we will refrain from taking photos of women, but man are very keen to be photographed after a small talk.

Please note that women joining the tour will have to wear a light scarf on their hair when going outside, wear long sleeves and pants. Men should also wear long pants.

Visa is available on arrival for certain countries but please do check with the embassy in your country.

Iran is a very safe country to travel to but citizens from the US, Canada and the UK face some restrictions there and the rate of the tour will increase as they need to be picked up from and dropped off at the airport by a tour guide.



Start learning with our  
online photo tutorials.  
We are also  
regularly posting photos  
and thoughts about  
photography in  
our blog section.

## photo tour bookings and further information

We are adding a lot of information in the FAQ section of the website, make sure to check it out.

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