



Transportation in Isfahan



Intracity Travel:

Here you will find all information you need to get around in Isfahan and reach your destination smoothly whether with public transportation, by car, bike or on foot.



Isfahan Card

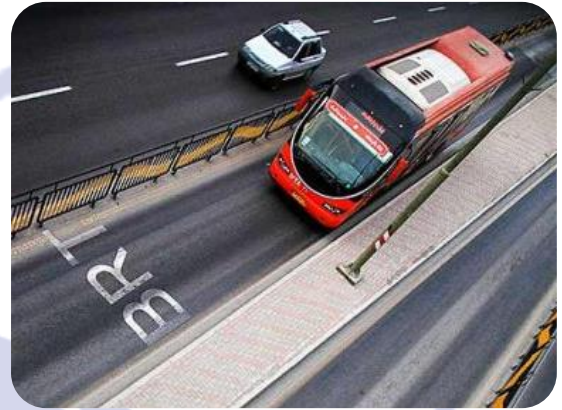
To pay for public transportation, you must use an electronic card called *Isfahan Card*, which can be purchased and used at all subway stations and bus stop booths as many times and for as many people as you want.





Bus & BRT

You can use either normal buses or BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) system. BRT's are usually red while normal buses come in many colors. Most locals would pay by tapping their rechargeable Isfahan card on the reader. For using the bus, it is better to have Isfahan card, but it is occasionally possible to pass cash to the driver instead. Using Isfahan card, you pay less than in cash. In all buses, the female section is at the back and the male section is at the front.



Subway

There is currently one subway line stretching from North to the South of Isfahan that runs for 11 km. It passes under Isfahan's most important streets such as Charbagh St., and most touristic areas are within walking reach of subway stations. Subway starts from 6:30 to 21:00 during the week. A chart on the wall of every station, alongside the track, lists the time of departure for the first and last train serving that station.





Taxi

In Isfahan, there are different ways you can call a taxi. Taxis come in two colors: green and yellow. You can take a taxi on the streets in two ways:



Shared taxi: Departure point and destination are fixed for shared taxis but you can hail for them anywhere on their route. Passenger limit for shared taxis is 4 people. Passengers might get in or off the car at different points on the route before or after you. These taxis usually wait for you at main junctions and squares.

Private taxi: You can hail for any taxi anywhere in the city by shouting “Darbast /dærbæst/” which literally means “doors closed” in Farsi. It takes you anywhere you want. The fair tends to be much higher than shared taxis and you are advised to negotiate with the driver before you begin your trip.



Internet-based taxi

There are a couple of internet-based taxi applications operating in Iran (Iranian Uber). You need to install smartphone applications such as Snapp or Tap30. You can download the application from Google play or App Store or <https://snapp.ir/> or <https://tapsi.ir/>. The applications (Web App. and Mobile App.) are available on Persian language, English and French.



With these applications you can easily choose “where you are” and “where you want to go” using GPS, city map or simply by typing the name of your destination. The application will send you the name and phone number of the driver as well as the type and plate number of the car. For extra safety, you can share your trip online to let your friends know where you are any time during your trip.



Public Bikes

Several bike stations are available in the City of Isfahan. You can get a bike with your Isfahan Card.



Intercity Travel:

One of the most interesting activities you can do in your leisure time is to have a safe and enjoyable trip to another city in Iran. This country with various historical, cultural and natural attractions offer you a wide variety of options to choose. Services on most forms of public transport are frequent, fairly punctual and very cheap.

You can provide your request ticket by travel agencies in the city such as the followings:

No.	Name	Address
1	Atighasht	Atigh Gasht building, north sheikh sadogh Ave, ferdowsi bridge, Isfahan
2	Isfahangasht	Unit175, next to the alnabi mosque , Aynehkhaneh Blvd
3	Donyae Parvaz	Unit8, in front of kowsar building, Chaharbaghe Bala Ave

There are numerous websites for selling tickets such as Alibaba.ir or eligasht.com. Both of them have an application for installation on the phone. Eligasht has added English language as one of its feature but it can just sell train and airplane tickets. Via Alibaba, you can also buy bus tickets.

Bus

You can get almost anywhere by bus. Speed checks have dramatically improved safety because speeds are recorded and drivers must stop and show this log to highway police every 100km or so. Except on very short trips, standing is not allowed. Although there are various bus companies, most travelers do not bother seeking out a specific company and just take whichever is the next bus going their way.



There are two main types of bus:

- 1) **Ma'mooly:** Meaning 'normal'. These are Volvo, Scania or similar intercity coaches. One or two attendants, who hand out packaged food and handle luggage, accompany the driver.
- 2) **VIP:** More luxurious. They have seats that recline almost fully and more service. They operate on major routes, such as Tehran to Esfahan or Mashhad, and cost about 50% more than type one.

You can buy tickets up to a week in advance from bus company ticket offices online or at the terminal. A useful resource for bus information is the Farsi-only www.payaneha.com. Tickets are usually in Farsi, so learn the Arabic numbers to check the day of departure, time of departure, bus number, seat number, platform number and fare, or ask a local.

Bus Terminals

If you would like to use the bus for travel in Iran and buy the ticket directly, bus terminals give you a variety of choices. Useful facilities, comfortable space and buy ticket safely is a part of these choices. Buses leave at least every hour between about 6am and midnight.

Bus terminals are filled with the offices of individual bus companies, though timetables are rarely in English. Just ask 'Shiraz?', 'Esfahan?' or wherever and you'll be directed to the right desk, or listen for your destination being screamed out when a bus is about to leave. Terminals always have somewhere selling food, and larger terminals might have a police station, left-luggage facility and even a hotel.

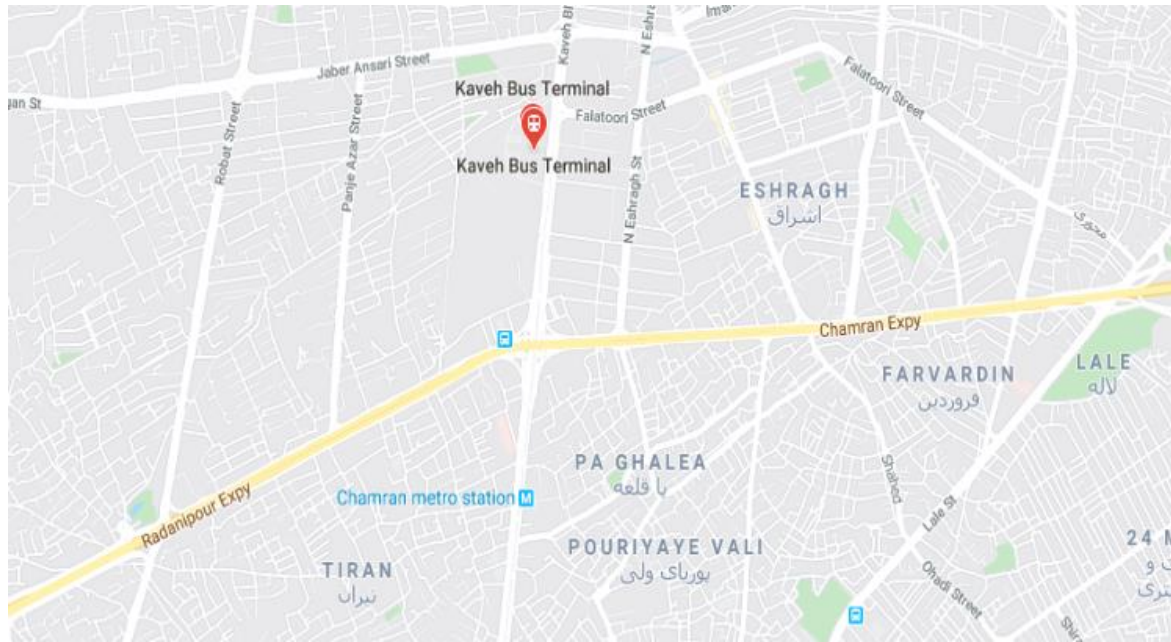
In Isfahan, Kaveh and Soffeh terminal are more famous and important between other terminals. Access to the terminals is conveniently possible by public bus, subway and taxi. You can buy your bus ticket from different companies located in these terminals.

Kaveh Bus Terminal

Kaveh is the largest passenger terminal which is located in north of Isfahan. If you want to travel to the northern city of Iran, it is better for you to use this terminal.



Address: Isfahan, Kaveh Blvd



Soffeh Bus Terminal

Soffeh bus terminal is in the south of Isfahan. You had better use this terminal, if you want to travel to the southern city of Iran.

Address: Isfahan Province, Isfahan, Soffeh Expy





Air

An extensive network of generally reliable domestic flights is a great way to avoid some long drives. Domestic airfares in Iran are low and flights on most routes are frequent. You can check out www.parvazyab.com for possibilities, which is provided in four languages.

Airlines are often delayed. Book ahead if you are travelling on a weekend or, especially, any public holiday. When making a booking, check the aircraft type. Mahan Air, Iran Air and Iran Aseman are the largest among a growing roster of domestic airlines and have the most routes. Whichever airline you choose you will find delays are common. Despite this, get to the airport at least an hour ahead of departures. For tickets, it is best to use one of the many travel agencies, where you will get all the options, rather than an airline office.

Iran's Domestic Airlines:

- ◆ ATA (www.ataair.ir)
- ◆ Atrak (www.atrakair.com)
- ◆ Caspian Airlines (www.caspian.aero)
- ◆ Iran Air (www.iranair.com)
- ◆ Iran Airtours (www.iat.aero)
- ◆ Iran Aseman (www.iaa.ir)
- ◆ Kish Air (www.kishairline.com)
- ◆ Meraj Airlines (www.merajairlines.ir)
- ◆ Mahan Air (www.mahan.aero)
- ◆ Qeshm Air (www.qeshm-air.com)
- ◆ Taban Air (www.taban.aero)

Isfahan International Airport

Isfahan International Airport or Isfahan Shahid Beheshti Airport handles international flights as well as domestic flights to different cities in Iran, providing a safe, convenient and memorable trip. Airport taxi services are provided at the airport affiliated to the Isfahan Taxi Management and supervision organization. Taxis are ready 24 hours a day to serve you.



You can take private taxis to the airport or also Snapp or Tapsi services for cheaper commute than private ones.

Address: Jey Industrial zone Highway



Train

Trains link most major cities but departures are much less frequent. Travelling by train is an inexpensive way to get around Iran rather than by airplanes. In addition, trains usually depart on time.

Train ticketing is on an integrated system and tickets can be booked online or at railway stations up to a month in advance. Especially for trains leaving on Thursday, Friday and public holidays, it is recommended you book ahead. Different companies transfer passengers with special and ordinary train in which ticket price is determined by train type.

Isfahan railway station as one of the oldest stations in Iran provides suitable facilities for traveling to different parts of Iran. If you want to move directly from Isfahan to the station, which is located to the south of Isfahan, at first you have to get to Azadi Square.



Address: Azadi square, Hezar jarib Avenue, 5 km of Shiraz, in front of Sepahan shahr

