

- Population: 1,001,000

*Note: The name is also written as Esfahan and Isphahan.*

Isfahan is one of the oldest cities in Iran, dating back about 2,500 years. It is located in west central Iran, at the edge of the Zagros Mountains.

Every year, tens of thousands of Iranians and international tourists visit Isfahan. They come to admire the beautiful Safavid period architecture and old gardens. Isfahan is famous for the early 16th-century bridges which span the Zayandeh River. The Imam Mosque on the Imam Khomeini Square is a magnificent example of Islamic architecture at its finest.

Today, there are small numbers of Christians from a Muslim background in almost all major Iranian cities, including Isfahan. However, the overwhelming majority of the Iranian population is still Shiite Muslim. Few believers reveal their true thoughts about Christ publicly because of potential and actual persecution.

Recommended websites:

[www.iranchamber.com](http://www.iranchamber.com)  
[www.iranpix.com](http://www.iranpix.com)  
[www.farsinet.com](http://www.farsinet.com)  
[www.persianwo.org](http://www.persianwo.org)



## ► Pray

- ▶ There are hundreds and probably thousands of people in Isfahan with the names listed below:

**Men:** Mohammed • Hassan • Ali • Hussein • Rasheed

**Women:** Fatima • Roxanne • Soraya • Jasmine • Khadija

- ▶ Name these groups of people before the Lord, asking Him to bring them to salvation. Ask the Lord "to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in the Messiah." Acts 26:18
- ▶ Pray also that the city of Isfahan will be a haven from persecution of believers.