



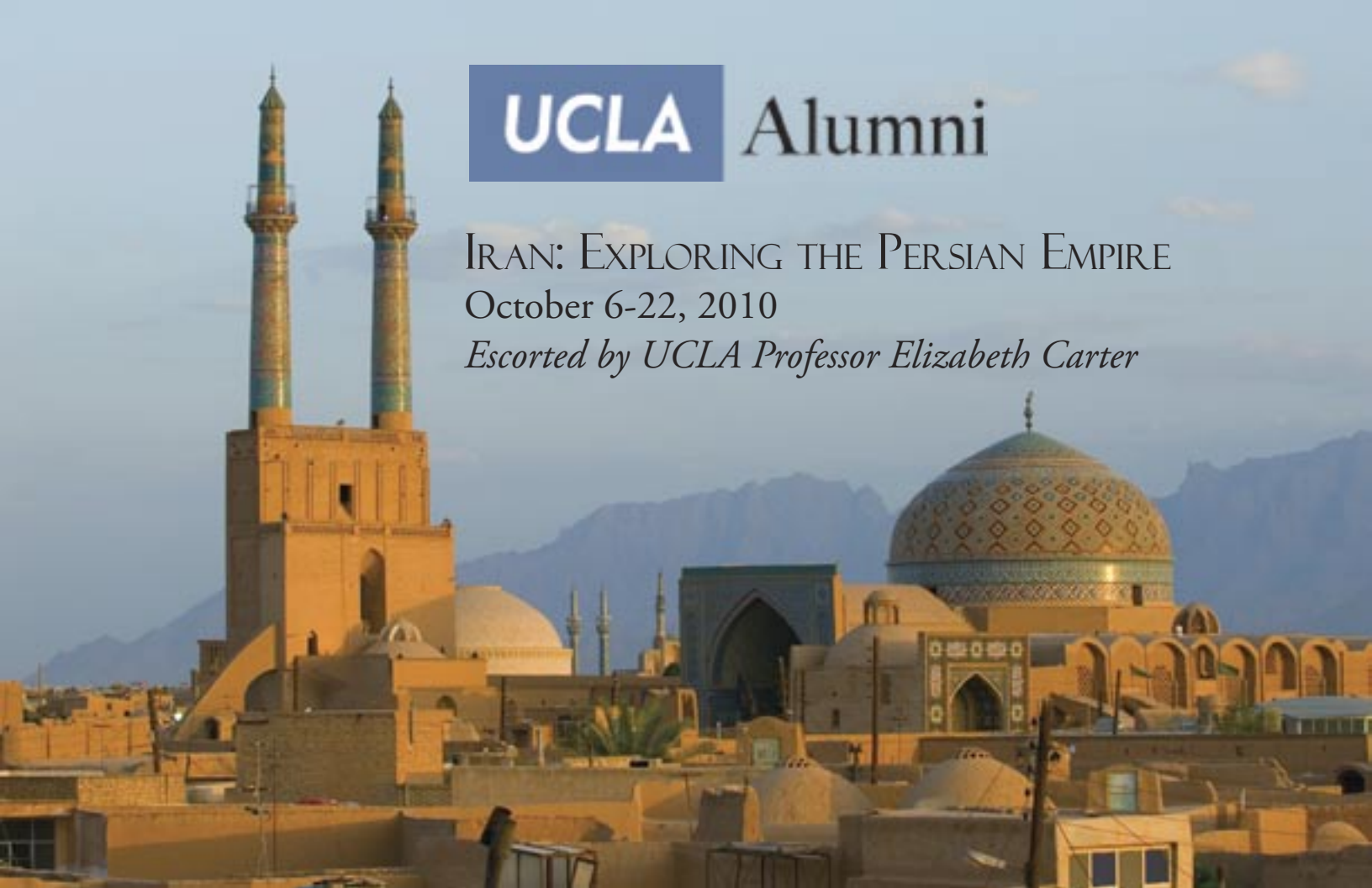
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TOUR LECTURER

UCLA PROFESSOR ELIZABETH CARTER

Elizabeth Carter received her bachelor of arts and doctorate in ancient Near Eastern civilizations from the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. She is currently a professor of Near Eastern archaeology and the chair of the Near Eastern languages and cultures department at UCLA. She is interested in the social and cultural history of ancient Elam (southwestern and south central Iran) and carried out excavations at two of its major cities, Anshan and Susa. Her most recent publications include "Resisting Empire: Elam in the First Millennium B.C." in *Settlement and Society: Essays Dedicated to Robert McCormick Adams*, edited by Elizabeth Stone and "Landscapes of Death in Susiana during the Last Half of the Second Millennium B.C." in *Elam and Persia*, edited by Mark Garrison and Javier Mons-Alvarez.



U.S. to TEHRAN
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Depart the U.S.

TEHRAN
Thursday, Oct. 7
Arrive very late at night. Upon arrival, transfer to the former Intercontinental Hotel, now the *Laleb Hotel*.

TEHRAN
Friday, Oct. 8
Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Tehran concentrating on its excellent museums. The first stop will be at the Archaeological Museum with its fine collection including an audience hall relief of Darius the Great from the Treasury at Persepolis. After lunch visit the Glass and Ceramics Museum before ending the day at the Carpet Museum, which has a small number of excellent Iranian carpets. Return to the hotel driving by the former U.S. Embassy. **B,L,D**

TEHRAN
Saturday, Oct. 9
Begin the day with a visit to the Reza Abbasi Museum which is home to a superior collection of Persian miniatures. Enjoy lunch at the Nederi Restaurant, well-known for attracting Tehran's intelligentsia. After lunch, view the Iranian crown jewels stored in the basement vault of the Bank Milli Iran. Admire the world's largest uncut diamond as well as the Peacock Throne. **B,L,D**

MASHHAD
Sunday, Oct. 10
Travel by plane on an early morning flight to Mashhad, the provincial capital of Khorassan, Iran's largest province. Our morning sightseeing will include as much as possible and we will try to enter the Imam Reza Shrine Complex which houses a rich library of manuscripts and handwritten books. (Please note that this entrance is NOT guaranteed). Visit the mosque of Gowhar Shah, which stands to the south of the city with an entrance portal to the old court also built by Shah Abbas. Nearby is a small pavilion called the Naghareh Khaneh or Drum Tower where daily drums and trumpets salute the rising and setting sun. *Homa Hotel Mashhad*. **B,L,D**

MASHHAD
Monday, Oct. 11
Morning drive to Rebat-E Sharaf, one of the oldest and most elaborate caravanserai in Iran and a masterpiece of Seljuk architecture built about 1120 A.D. The caravanserai was divided into two four-ivan courtyards, each housing mosques with incised stucco mehrabs. The walls here display excellent brickwork and the complexity of the architecture here suggests that it may also have been used as a temporary residence for Seljuk rulers. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. **B,L,D**

KERMAN
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Fly through Tehran to Kerman arriving late afternoon. En route to the hotel enjoy an orientation tour of Kerman whose livelihood for many centuries depended on its position on the Asian trade routes. Dinner and overnight at the *Pars Hotel*. **B,L,D**

KERMAN
Wednesday, Oct. 13
Visit Gombad-E Jabaliye, meaning "Mountain of Stone," one of the most majestic monuments of southern Iran before continuing on to Rayen, a well-preserved medieval city molded from the red clay of the surrounding desert. After a local lunch drive to the beautiful town of Mahan, well-known as the final home of the Sufi saint and poet, Shah Nematollah Vali. Return to Kerman for dinner and overnight. **B,L,D**

YAZD
Thursday, Oct. 14
This morning continue exploring Kerman. The bazaar itself is noteworthy and is constructed of beautiful and well-preserved brick. Stop at the former public baths which have now been turned into a museum. The principal doorway is adorned with murals depicting animal scenes. After lunch in a local restaurant drive to Yazd passing through many acres of pistachios, and the town of Rafsanjani, home of the former President of Iran, whose family owns a pistachio estate here. Upon arrival in Yazd transfer to the *Moshir Garden Hotel* for dinner and overnight. **B,L,D**

YAZD

Friday, Oct. 15

Visit the Friday Mosque where the tiled portal is crowned by twin minarets. Enjoy a walking tour through the covered streets of the old quarter. Spend an afternoon concentrating on the Zoroastrian religion. Explore a small village called Taft where a large number of Zoroastrians still live. The final stop for the day will be at one of the two Zoroastrian abandoned Towers of Silence where, until forty years ago, the dead were left at the tops of the towers. **B,L,D**

SHIRAZ

Saturday, Oct. 16

Morning drive to Shiraz stopping en route at Pasargadae. It was here that Cyrus the Great decided to build the first Achaemenian capital to commemorate a victory over Astyages the Mede. Upon arrival in Shiraz transfer to the *Homa Shiraz Hotel*. **B,L,D**

SHIRAZ

Sunday, Oct. 17

Today we experience Persepolis the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenian Empire and one of the world's most beautiful and spectacular archaeological sites. This palace city was built by craftsmen from around Darius' vast empire. After a lunch sitting in the shade of grape vines, visit Naghsh-E Rostam which contains the carved tombs of four Achaemenian kings. **B,L,D**

ISFAHAN

Monday, Oct. 18

Drive this morning to Na'in, an important trade center at the geographical center of Iran. Continue on to a private house that has some superb 17th-century stucco carvings. After lunch in a charming restaurant drive to Ardestan which has a large Suljuk mosque dating from the

10th century. Upon arrival in Isfahan transfer to the *Abbasi Hotel*, a converted caravanserai. **B,L,D**

ISFAHAN

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Isfahan is perhaps the most beautiful of all Iranian cities. The central focus of this fascinating city, which never failed to inspire and awe European merchants and ambassadors to the Safavid court, is the immense Maydan-e Shah, or Royal Square. After lunch, spend the afternoon exploring the bazaar of Isfahan and learning more about traditional crafts in Iran. **B,L,D**

ISFAHAN

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Admire some of the five bridges crossing the Zayendehrud River and wander through the city's fascinating Armenian quarter. In the afternoon view the Friday Mosque and the Palace of Forty Columns, a charming pavilion used to receive dignitaries and ambassadors. **B,L,D**

TEHRAN

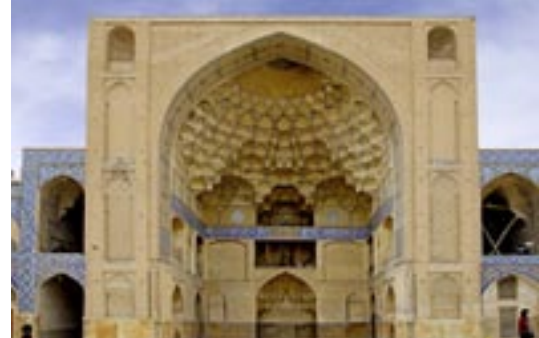
Thursday, Oct. 21

Morning drive back to Tehran making some wonderful stops en route. Stop first at Natanz, well-known in Iran for its bracing climate and locally-produced fruit. Continue on to a small village called Abyaneh. Stop for lunch at the oasis town of Kashan – the epitome of everything that is typically Persian. Continue on to the site of Sialk. Return to Tehran driving through the town of Qum. Arrive in Tehran where rooms have been reserved at the *Laleh Hotel* until departure past midnight this evening. **B,L,D**

TEHRAN to U.S.

Friday, Oct. 22

Depart Tehran in the early morning, arriving back in the United States today.



TOUR PRICE PER PERSON: \$5,640

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,090

Tour price includes:

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- All meals while on tour
- Bottled water on the bus
- All sightseeing in a deluxe, air-conditioned coach
- Internal flights
- All entrance fees and special events listed
- Pre-departure materials and reading list
- The services of a local Iranian escort
- Local Iranian guides in Shiraz and Isfahan
- Gratuities

Does not include:

- Roundtrip airfare between the US and Tehran
- Passport fees
- Visa fees for Iran
- Excess luggage charges
- Medical expenses
- Trip Insurance
- Items of a purely personal nature

Please Note: This tour should be considered moderately strenuous. It requires walking over rough, uneven terrain, step climbing and some long driving days. All participants are expected to be physically active and able to walk independently throughout our full touring days.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

Reservations, deposits and final payment

To reserve your space on this program, a \$500 deposit is required per person. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Your final payment is due **July 8, 2010**.

Cancellation and refunds

If you must cancel the trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification.

Refund for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

- Notice on or before July 7, 2010:
a refund less a \$250 cancellation charge.
- Notice between July 8 & August 7:
a refund less 50% of trip price.
- No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received after August 7.
- No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced.
- No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.

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Please note the State Department has had a Travel Warning for Iran since 1979.

You can read this Travel Warning at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_920.html

Our tour operator has operated many trips to Iran. Both the UCLA Alumni Association and our tour operator are closely monitoring the situation in Iran and will not operate the trip if the situation within the country becomes hostile or unsafe.

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DEPOSIT A \$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON IS REQUIRED.

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I/WE HAVE READ THE TOUR CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE AND AGREE TO ALL THEREIN. (ALL TRAVELERS MUST SIGN.)

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