



Shiraz University

# Eram Botanical Garden

World Heritage



Based on historical evidence, Eram Garden was established during Saljughid Dynasty era (429-590 H) (1037-1193 AC). Accordingly, it is of about a 900 year-old history. Hafiz, the great poet from Shiraz points to this garden in some of his poems. During Zandye Dynasty (1163-1209 H) (1749-1793 AC), the garden was inhabited by the local rulers of the time.

After Zandye, the chiefs of Ghashghaei tribe used the garden as their private residence, and one of heads of the tribe named Jaani Khan and his son built an edifice in the garden.

During the rule of Nasereddin Shah Ghajar (1263 -1313 H), (1845-1894 AC), Haj Naser -al -Molk, one of Shirazi dignitaries, bought the garden from the chiefs of Ghashghaei tribe and built the present beautiful edifice in it.

Before 1342 H (1963 AC) when Shiraz University was appointed in charge of the garden by government, it used to be run by different institutions. Since then, Shiraz University has transformed the garden into a botanical garden in which various plant species and cultivars are grown. In 1387 (2008 AC), the garden was recognized as a research center for botanical studies by the ministry of Higher Education and thus was named "Eram Botanical Garden Research Center". In 2011 (B.C.) this garden was registered by UNESCO as the symbol of Iranian gardens and found a World Wide Fame. At the present, the garden attracts people from all walks of life not only for its historical identity but also as a botanical research center.

The garden old building which is situated on the west facing the east is a complete example of archetype of mid Qajar era buildings. The building is regarded as a masterpiece of Qajar era with regard to its architecture, painting, chiseling, tiling, lithography and tori. The building itself has been built during Nasereddin-Shah rule using the architectural styles of Zand and Safavid eras. The construction of this building was ordered by Hasan -Ali Khan Haj Nasser - almolk shirazi after demolishing the old building and replacing it by the present one. It is a three storey building with a metal roof. There is portico in front with two columns supporting a flat roof. The tiling used throughout the building known as "seven color tiling" by which sceneries representing the Iranian national stories and religion are displayed. The main front columns of the building are covered by single piece "Gandomak" slabs of more than two meters high on which poems by famous Iranian literary figures, Hafiz, Saadi and Shooride Shirazi are carved. The garden panoramic views, the aroma of flowers, the splendid statures of old cypress trees and the grandeur of ancient buildings attract visitors from all over the world every year.

The garden special attributes have provided a favorable environment for a wide variety of plants to be grown. Over 450 plants species and many cultivars have been identified and labeled accordingly. Considering the long history of the garden, a vast area has been allocated to various fruit trees including pomegranates, sour oranges, persimmons, olives and walnuts. In the rock garden section, a wide range of beautiful sub-tropical plants, are on display.

The beautiful 200 year-old cypress tree (sarv-e -naz) known globally attracts plant lovers to the garden. In the rose garden, over 300 rose plant cultivars create a panoramic view during the month of Ordibehesht (April).



Services:

Book store

Artifacts on sale

Coffee shop

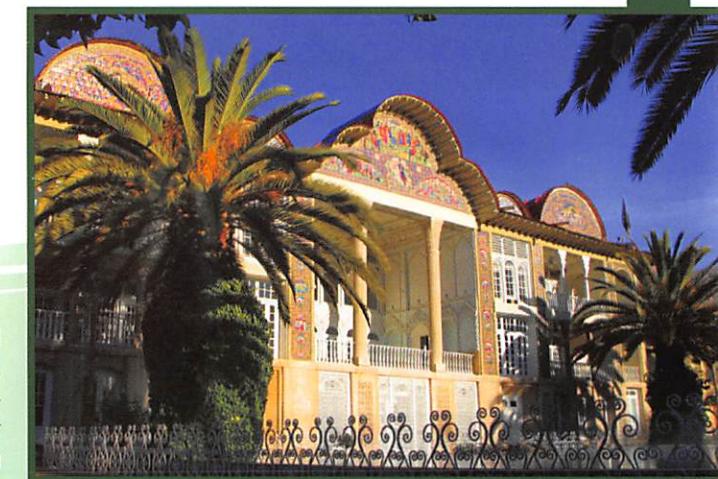
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Directions to the garden:

City bus: line 73 and 74

City taxi services

Note: during Norooz holidays, the Shiraz University parkade located on "Eram Pardis" west of Eram square can be used by the visitors.



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Eram botanical garden with an area of 12.5 hectares is located on north-west of Shiraz at the Eram and Danehjoo Blvds. Junction and on the slope of Asiyab Setaei mountain. The garden is called "eram" for according to legend it has been built in competition with paradise.

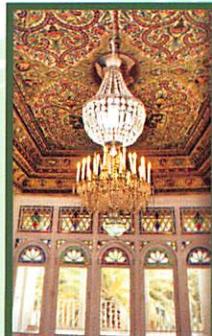
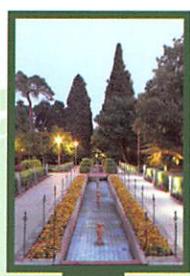
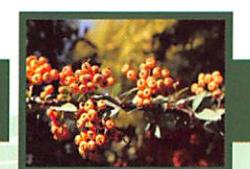


Map legends and directory (visiting routes)

- 1-main entrance
- 2-Rose garden
- 3-Helipad
- 4-Pool and fountain
- 5-Office building #1
- 6-Shopping services
- 7-Garden central building
- 8-Inner courtyard
- 9-Inner building
- 10-Garden of colors
- 11-Entrance #4
- 12-Rock garden
- 13-Aquatic plants pond
- 14-Pomegranate garden
- 15-Bulbous plants
- 16-Medicinal plants
- 17-Washrooms
- 18-Praying room
- 19-Gardeners room
- 20-Loquat garden
- 21-Site for special gatherings
- 22-Hedges
- 23-Plant Topiary
- 24-Sitting area
- 25-Sour orange garden
- 26-Plant collection #1
- 27-Greenhouse for indoor plants
- 28-Entrance #2
- 29-Office building #2
- 30-Sarv – e – naz st.
- 31-Seasonal flowers
- 32-Plant propagation site
- 33-Nursery
- 34-Greenhouse
- 35-Private parking
- 36-Entrance #3
- 37-Plant collection #2
- 38-Daneshjoo Blvd.
- 39-Eram square
- 40-Eram Blvd

Please observe the followings while visiting the garden:

- 1-Chairs and paths are to be used for sitting and walking in the garden
- 2-Refrain from picking flowers and walking on lawns.
- 3-Picnicking gadgets such as tents, rugs and flammable materials are strictly prohibited
- 4-Bicycle riding and other sporting activities are not allowed.



Opening hours

Spring and summer (march. 21-Sept. 22):  
8am-12 noon and 15 pm-19 pm  
During Nowruz holidays: 8 am – 21 pm  
Fall and Winter(Sept. 23-March. 20):  
8 am-11 am and 14pm-16:30 pm

The garden is open to visitors throughout the year Except on religious mourning holidays

Farvardin 13 (April2): Nature day / Khordad 14(June 4): Death of Imam Khomeini / Khordad 15(June 5): Movement of Khordad 15 / Muharram 9 & 10: Husseini's Tasoo'a & Ashura / Safar 20 : Arbaeen / Safar 28 : Death of the Prophet / Safar 29 : Death of Imam Reza / Ramazan 21: Death of Imam Ali / Shawwal 27 : Death of Imam Sadiq