

Kish Island - Iran

Kish is a 91.5 square kilometer (35.3 sq. mi) resort island in the Persian Gulf. It is part of the Hormozgan Province. Due to its free trade zone status it is advertised as a consumer's paradise, with numerous malls, shopping centers, tourist attractions, and resort hotels. It has an estimated population of 20,000 residents and about 1 million people visit the island annually. Kish Island was ranked among the **world's 10 most beautiful islands** by The New York Times in **2010**, and is the **fourth most visited vacation destination in Southwest Asia after Dubai, U.A.E.**



Parks and Recreational Centers in Kish Island

1. Dolphin Park Complex :

Dolphin Park Complex is located in the southeast of the island with an area of 100 hectares. This complex consists of different plant species, Birds Garden, and the first and the only Dolphinarium in Iran. Different species of marine mammals, including dolphins, northern sea lions, southern sea lions, northern sea cat, walrus and Penguins are held in this Dolphinarium. These animals have been trained by Couche. And visitors visit and enjoy their performance.



2. Birds Garden:

Flamingos, pelicans, crowned crane, Ibis, swans and a variety of storks are held in a pond in the middle of the garden. Another species of birds held in the garden include peacock, A variety of green parrots, Jaco, Kakadu Alba, Macau, goose, Chinese pheasant, Black foot penguins and Guinea fowl and so on.



3. Hengam Beach:

Hengam Beach Park is one of the broadest and the most accessible parks on Kish Island located opposite the Pardis Market and so it is a suitable place for refreshment after shopping. Green areas next to the blue sea have A specify beauty and contribute to air elegance. Most of the plants planted in this park are species potential for growth.



4. Marjan (Coral) Beach Park :

This park has a beautiful view of the beach, Away from the hubbub of the market. Coral Beach Park, enjoying the benefits of coral in clearing water of the sea is one of the best places to experience the beauty of the island's coast. Pavilions and landscaping of this charming seaside park creates an Opportunity for tourists to meet the sea and Beautiful surrounding Landscapes free from the noise of the market.



5. Recreational Quay:

Tourists can enjoy diverse landscapes and colorful fish and coral beaches of the island by tripping on this Beautiful quay. The recreational quay is close

To Maryam Bowling, 4-Dimensional Cinema, and Marine Leisure Club. There are many cafes And restaurants on the quay and the path is busy And safe all hours of day and night. The quay includes recreational facilities such as Jet Ski,

Pedal boats, fishing boats, rowboat, water tricycle, Diving facilities, and glass-bottom boats. This quay is the best place for walking and fishing.



6. Glass-bottom Boats:

Glass-bottom boats will pass a distance to reach the area where include more fish and coral. Tourists can see corals and other sea creatures of the sea floor while passing through different areas of the beach. Many travelers come to attend this unique tour that could happen to any man only 1 time in his/her .



7. Aquarium and Reptiles' Exhibition:

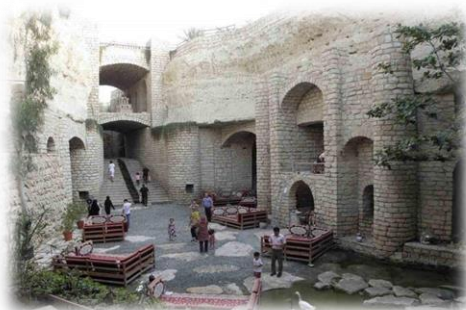
Persian Gulf has a variety of aquatic life. Tourists can see a variety of fish, and other Aquatic animals, that some of them are really Odd. In Kish aquarium, which is located in art Center building, beautiful and amazing variety Of Persian Gulf's fish are kept. For those, Who are not able to dive under water and See beautiful and colorful fish in their natural Environment, visiting this aquarium can be memorable.



Historic Sites In Kish Island

8. Harire Ancient City:

Harire Ancient City is related to the 5th to 10th Century A.H. and is located in the north of the Kish Island. This historic monument has been Registered As a National Heritage. The city is now Next to Olympic Sports Complex. Today, there are only some ruins that are relics of this ancient city. The area of Harire Ancient City is 120 acres. According to Archaeological excavations, the ancient site of The city consists of aristocratic houses, bath, and mosque and old aqueducts.



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9. Kariz Underground City:

An amazing underground city, with an area of 10000 Square meters. Its experienced advocates took on the Painstaking design work and have tried to keep its Historic fabric while providing new techniques during its renovation. It is now called Kariz-e Kish. In its first Phase, Kariz underground city will be functional with its handi-crafts origin from Iran and the world, Traditional and modern restaurants, amphitheater, conference hall, And art galleries. The city is located 16 meters underground. Its ceilings are eight metres high and mostly covered by fossils, shells, and corals estimated to be 270 to 570 million years old.



10. Greek Ship:

In the west of the island, a massive ship has landed In the azure waters on the shores of Kish which is Known as the 'Greek ship'. On a hot summer's day, Kish natives saw a massive ship which had run aground near Baqou village with great astonishment. Watching the sun set slowly behind the Greek Ship in the azure waters of the Persian Gulf is an unforgettable and lasting memory.



11. Kish Green Tree:

One of the major specifications attracting tourists' attention to Kish Island, is the Green Tree's fabulous dignity. Green Tree seems to be the oldest tree in the

Island, approximately 500-600 years old. The colorful strings and pieces of cotton, tied to the trees' branches turn it to a holy tree. Some people believe it brings good luck to them and makes their dream come true.



More things to visit in Kish Island:

- Handicrafts and souvenirs of Kish Island

1. Passementerie on clothes (Golabetoon Duzi).
2. Pottery.
3. Mat weaving.
4. Sea crafts.

- Shopping Centers in Kish Island

1. Zeytoon Mall.
2. Venus Mall.
3. Pardis 01 Mall.
4. Pardis 02 Mall.
5. Paniz Mall.
6. Morvarid Mall.
7. Damoom Mall.
8. Marjan Mall.

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