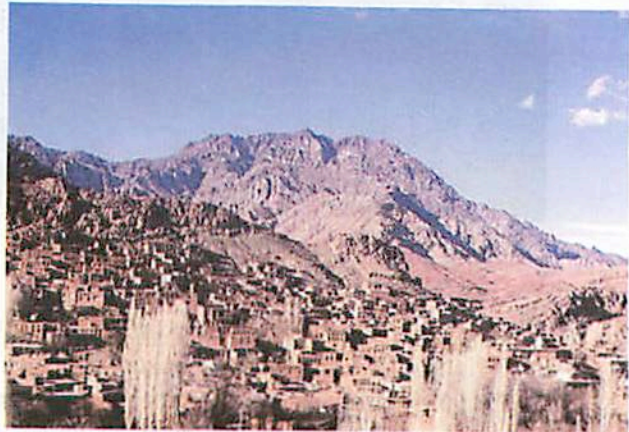


# Historical Villages of Iran

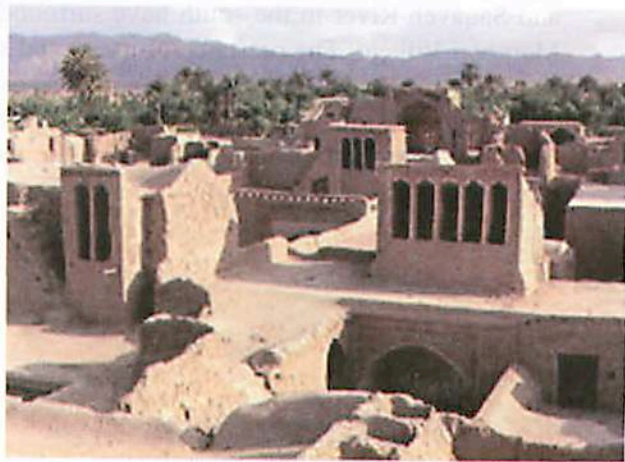
## Abyaneh Village, Kashan

This village is one of the well known villages in Esfahan province, it enjoys a pleasant climate and is located in the northwestern slopes of the Karkas Mountains at a distance of 28 km. from the city of Natanz, another city of Esfahan province, near Kashan. The architectural facet of this village along with the rituals and apparel of its inhabitants are so worthy of attention. The Jame' mosque of this village with its historical wooden altar dating back to 776 A.H. and its wooden pulpit dating back to 466 A.H. and an inscription in the 'kufi' script are greatly valued from the historical and religious point of view.



## Jandaq Village, Naeen

This ancient village has a desert type climate and is warm and dry. An ancient castle is a historical relic of this village.



## Oshtobin Village, Kalibar

This village is located on the borderline of Iran and the Republic of Azarbaijan, 14 km. from the Aras River. With its pleasant climate and natural beauty it has the same importance of the Kandowan village in this province. A few ancient engravings can be observed here and the people converse in Tati language.

## Kandowan Village, Tabriz

This village lies 62 km. southwest of Tabriz and 22 km. south of Oskoo. From the architectural point of view this village is really interesting, as the settlements are rocky dating back to the 7th century A.H. or even the pre-Islamic period. These 'houses' resemble caves, being 'dug out' in the mountains and therefore are reputed worldwide. Mineral water in this area is also used for treatment of diseases. There are various other interesting villages in the province having specific architectural features.



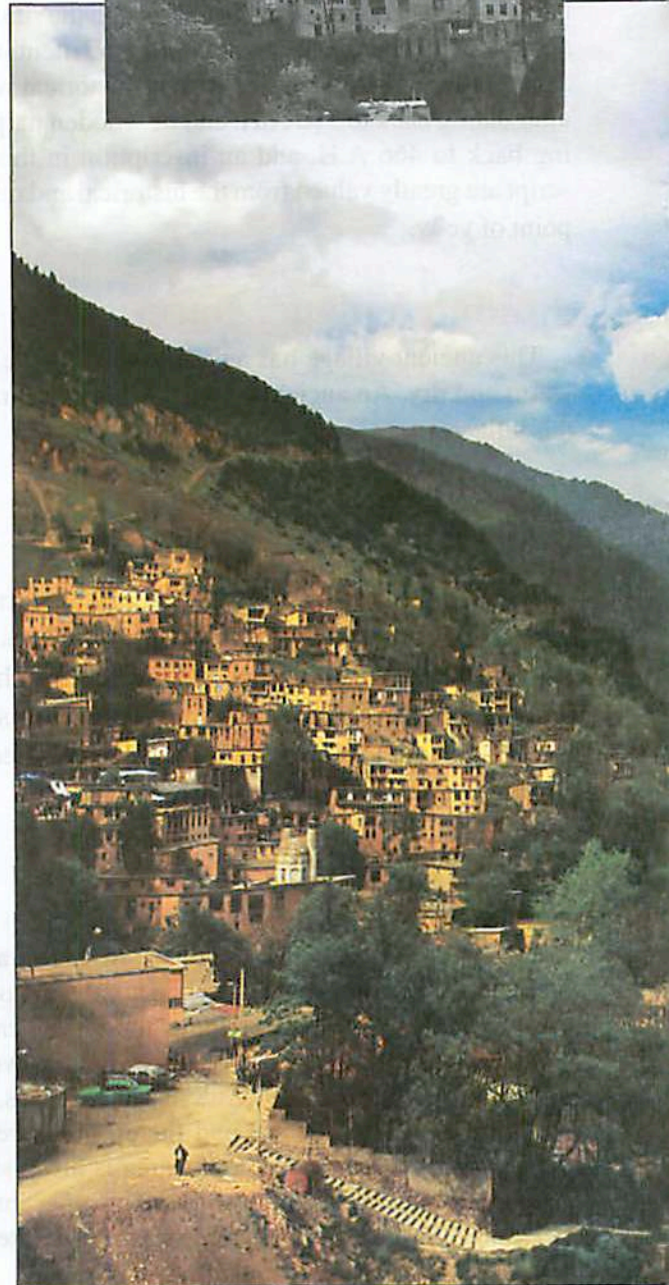


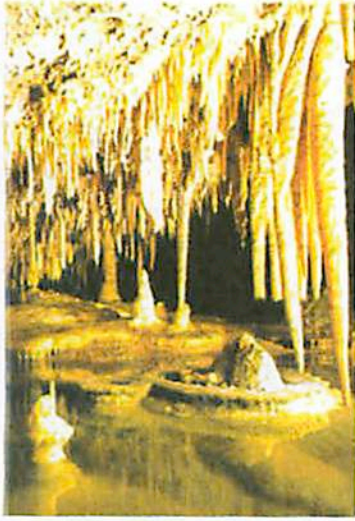
## Margoon Village, Yasooj

Margoon is a part of the township of Boyer Ahmad and is located 24 km. west of Yasooj - Brujen Road. The Saqaveh River passes from its southwestern part. Banar Mountain in the east, Margoon Mountain in north and Saqaveh River in the south have surrounded the Margoon Village. The presence of rivers and springs as well as mountains, waterfalls, vegetation cover and wildlife have increased the attractive sites of this village. The Margoon Waterfall is one of the most famous waterfalls of Iran.

## Masouleh Village, Fooman

This village is situated in the south west of Fooman, 63 km. from Rasht. It enjoys a moderate climate. Local architecture, springs, waterfalls, the 'Roud Khan' River and dense forests all make it an attractive tourism spot. Masouleh enjoys an integrated architecture and its houses are of two storeys. They comprise of an entrance corridor, cellars and other unique architectural features, and are linked to each other by a staircase such that the terrace of each house is the courtyard of the house above. The shrine of the Imam Zadeh Awn ibne Ali and Imam Zadeh Awn ibne Muhammad in Masouleh are pilgrimage sites and hold religious and cultural importance.



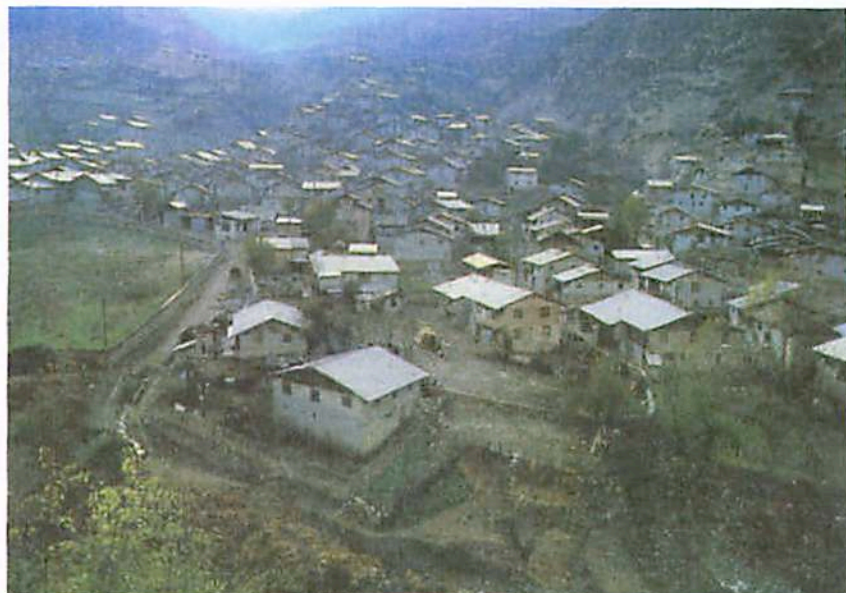


## Oramanat Takht Village, Marivan

The same is located in an east-west valley on steep slope overlooking the northern front of the Takht Mountains 63 km. south of Marivan. The village houses are generally made of stone and stair like fashion, with beams covering the ceilings. These houses are arranged such that the roof of one house is the courtyard of the other. The climate of this region in spring and summer is very pleasant and it is very cold in winter. The Oramanat Takht Village is one of the attractive rural areas of Kurdistan Province which besides its panoramic views has valuable tourism capacities. The inhabitant of this territory and their language is known as Hevarami. The Urami dialect is one of the famous Kurdish languages. Ancient fire temples remnants in this region indicate that its inhabitants had been Zoroastrians before converting to Islam. The Sirvan River flows from the deep valleys of this region to Iraq. The border areas of the Sirvan river are called Ravar. Here the land is covered with walnut, pomegranate, fig and mulberry trees. In spite of difficult climatic conditions the inhabitants abide by their traditions. The inhabitants of the Uraman Takht are Sunni Muslims from the Shafei sect. From the sacred sites, we can name the Oihang and Abdollahi Mosques.

## Ziyarat Village, Gorgan

The Ziyarat Village is situated at the distance of 12 km. From the south of Gorgan and has damp climate. The Ziyarat River crosses this village in east. The Poshteh Kamar and Sefidab Mountains are situated in the northwest and Khaloudareh (the name of a valley) is to the east of this village. These rivers, mountains, valleys, plants and wildlife are really attractive and offer natural views around this village. An old mosque and also the shrine of Imamzadeh Abdollah are the religious sites of this village.



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