

Farsi (Persian)

At Wordsworth, there are 8 children whose mother language is Farsi. Let's find out a few things about this language and the people who speak it.



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Can you guess where Farsi is spoken?

Facts about Iran:

- Iran is the second largest country in the Middle East after Saudi Arabia
- 83,992,949 people live in Iran
- Iran has historical sites such as bazaars, museums, mosques, bridges, churches and towers to attract tourists.

Facts about Farsi:

- Also known as Persian, Farsi is spoken by an estimated 110 million speakers mostly in Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iraq, Russia, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan.
- Arabic is in the Afro-Asiatic family of languages while Farsi is in the Indo-European family
- In Farsi, 40% of all words are of Arabic origin.

Famous people who speak Farsi:

- Shohreh Aghdashloo (actress – Ghostbusters, Star Trek Beyond etc)

Christiane Amanpour (British-Iranian journalist and television host)

- Firouz Naderi – NASA scientist who led Mars missions



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Conversation

- Good morning! - صبح بخیر

sobh bekheyr 

- Goodbye! - خدا حافظ khoda hafez 

Greeting gestures:

When greeting an acquaintance, Iranian people will shake hands unless they are religious and then they don't shake hands with the opposite sex.

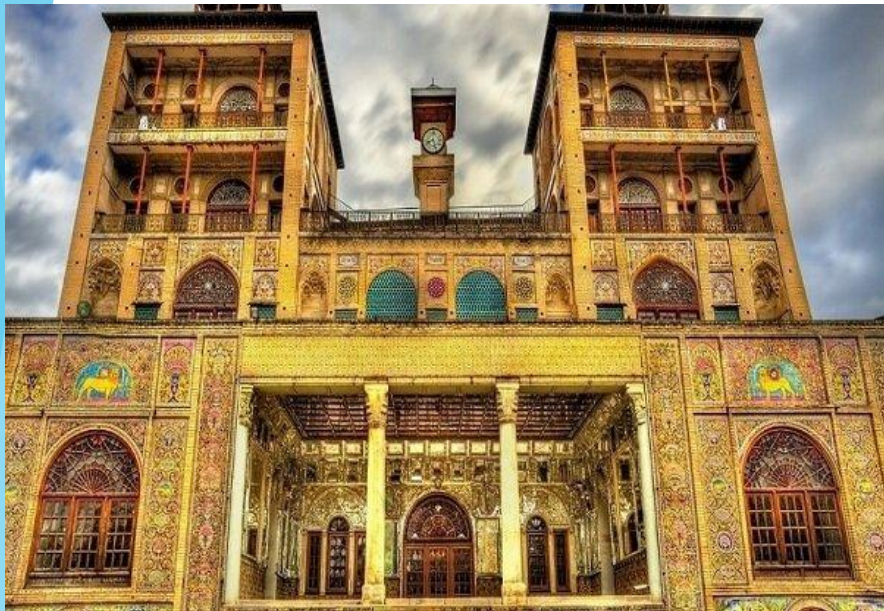


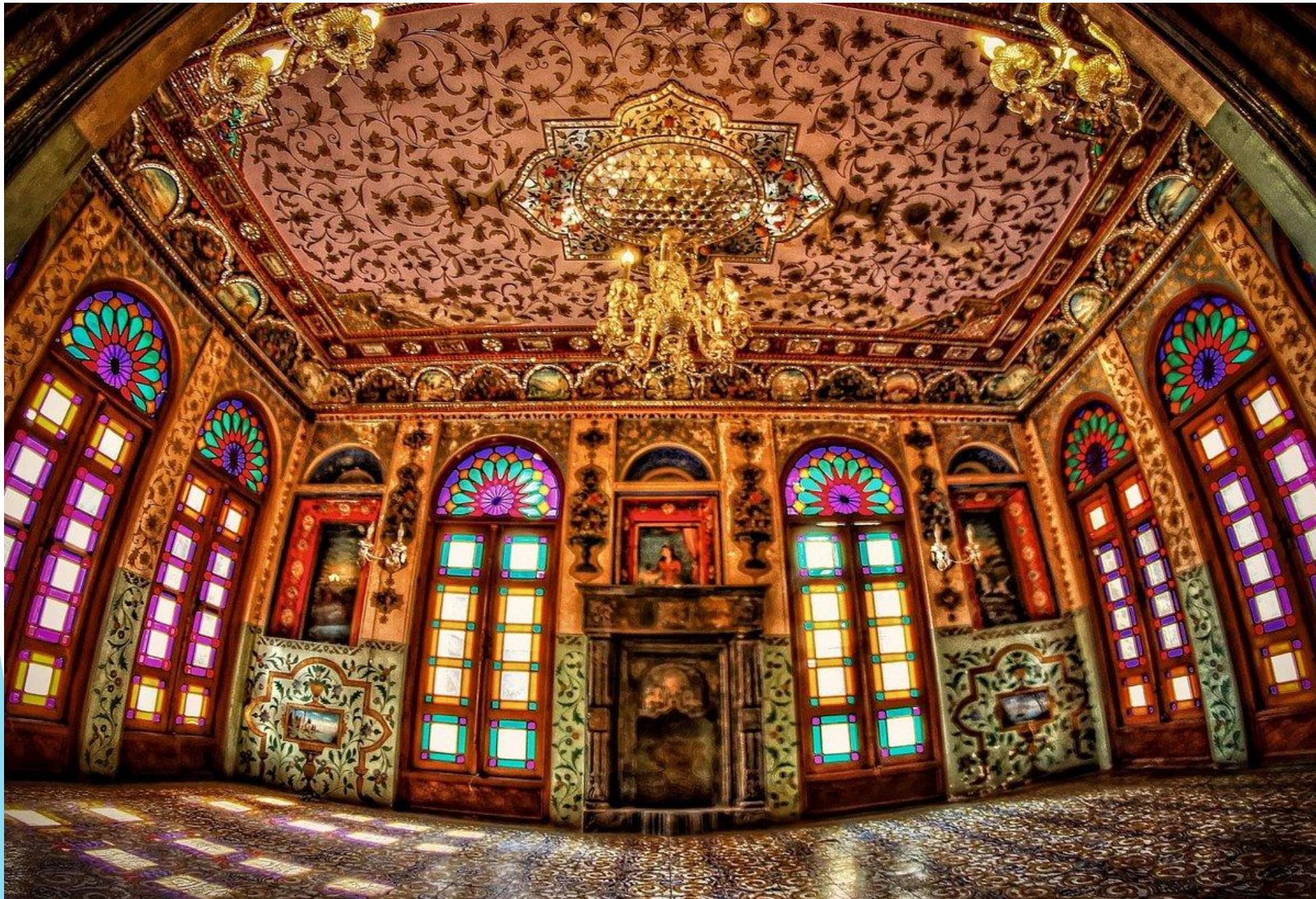
When greeting a friend, people will often kiss each other on the cheeks.





The Golestan Palace, sometimes translated as the Rose Garden Palace from Persian language, was built in the 16th century, renovated in the 18th century and finally rebuilt in 1865.





Inside the
Golestan
palace



The Eram Garden has been a source of inspiration to many poets, including the famous poet, Hafiz. The garden's pavilion built during the 19th century pays homage to Hafiz by having his poems imprinted on its tiles.

Rainbow mountains:
Mahneshan
These mountains are a natural wonder, created by various minerals which create a breathtaking effect. Some say it feels like walking in a new galaxy.



Food

Traditional Iranian food and snacks



Chelo kebab



zereshk polo ba
morgh



Bastani Nooni
Sonnati



Animals in Iran:
the
Persian/Asiatic
lion,
the Persian
leopard



Iran is famous for the red rose (which is also its national flower), the sacred lotus and the white jasmine, whose name means ‘a gift from God’ and symbolises protection.



Music

Nursery rhymes in Farsi

[Farsi Persian Kids Songs | ترانه‌های کودکانه | ۵ تا مسمون کوچولو و آهنگ‌های دیگر | Khanoom Khorshid \(youtube.com\)](#)

Traditional Iranian music

<https://youtu.be/xzgZQMYb-Dw>

Modern Iranian music

<https://youtu.be/O-8RC3-BWbU>

<https://youtu.be/0hO5VoxRIP4>



An introduction to the Nowruz Persian New Year festival

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zqui5sC_mQ