

Sarvsaan CHG has the great pleasure to organise a mid-term rehabilitation project in the Rural Cultural Landscape of Iraaj. Sarvsaan is a youth organisation involved in participatory conservation of cultural heritage seeking to promote intercultural exchanges and voluntary activities in Iran.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND GOALS:

The project aims to participatory restore one of the traditional muddy houses of the village to be used as a handicraft workspace for the local people and help them use their intangible heritage as an economical generator.

On this project Sarvsaan attract volunteers to

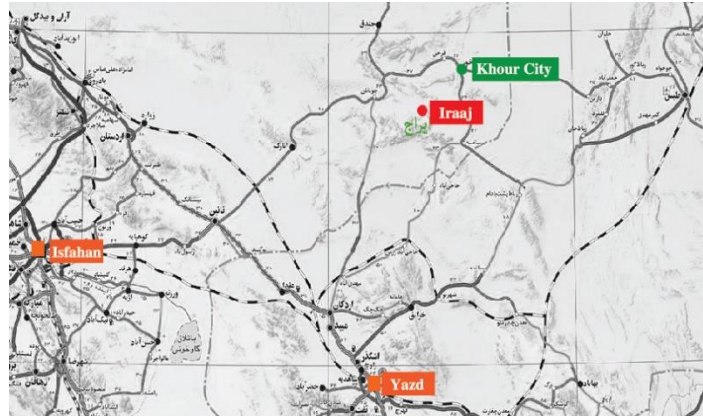
- To assist local to restore the muddy House which is going to be used at the village Handicraft workshop
- To assist the host to document any on-going traditional and cultural events (e.g. religious ceremonies, traditional wedding, farming special techniques, food preparation rituals) the gathers data will be used in an online data base which focus on documentation and introduction of hidden layers of Iraaj.
- To assist the host on daily farming and food seasonal food preparation process (e.g. producing pomegranate syrup during fall)

PARTNERS:

- The main partner of this project is Irooni House which is being run by Omid Shojaee. Omid is an educated young man who left the city life seeking for experiencing rural life thoroughly. The house is located in the heart of old Iraaj.
- Kashan Puppet Museum, is the partner to design the interactive activities with local teenagers and the students. The museum is traveling all around Iran for such purposes and Iraaj village is one of the destinations to conduct cultural heritage programs for children.



LOCATION: Iraj is a green village in the middle of Khour desert located at Isfahan province. The village has a rich earthen architecture and organic texture. Although young villagers moved to a newly built in the vicinity of the old one, there are yet local who inhabit in the village and agriculture is their main career.



LANGUAGES: The host is able to communicate in English, basics of Persian is recommended.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will sleep in the Irooni House. The house is fully equipped (kitchen, hot water, shower, Wi-Fi connection). Volunteers will be divided into 2 dorms equipped with mattresses and duvets.

FOOD: The host will prepare all the ingredients for 3 meals per day. The volunteers are responsible to prepare their food or helping the host for preparation.

Fees: The camp fee is 50 Euro per week.

WEATHER: The weather varies during each month. Please check the weather before packing your luggage.

<https://weather.com/fa-IR/weather/today/I/IREA0641:1:IR>

TRANSPORTATION:

From Tehran: By bus directly to Khor City (9 hours, 11 Euro VIP buses)

From Isfahan: By bus directly to Khor City (8 hours, 4 Euro)

From Yazd: Bu bus to Khor City (4 hours, 4 Euro)

From Khor ro Iraj: Bu taxi, around 11-13 Euro.

Sarvsaan helps the volunteers to arrange the transportations.

WHAT TO BRING:

Clothing:

- adapted working clothes/shoes
- Normal clothing and shoes – enough comfortable activity clothing for 10-14 days. This may include sweatpants, jeans, t-shirts, sweaters and two pairs of Close-toed shoes.
- At least one set of warm weather clothing
- Ladies must wear hijab and cover their hair. Bring light coloured scarfs. They also should wear long sleeves. Regarding the sun power, it's recommended for gentlemen to wear long sleeve as well.
- No short for men in the village.

Equipment:

- One-day backpack
- sun protection – a bandanna or scarf, sun hat, sunglasses and some high SPF sun protection
- Insect repellent, afterbite
- Toiletries and Medical Supplies
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Photo Equipment

Things Not to Forget:

- Paper version of the agreement form(for Iranian volunteers)
- Your ID card/Passport
- mark your stuff by your name
- Small amount of money

MISCELLANEOUS:

- All the necessary stuff can be gained from Khour city. There is a bus which commutes between Iraaj and Khour once per day.
- The volunteers should prepare themselves to be passionate and flexible while staying and working in an Iranian village. They should keep in mind that the life pace is slower than a city life.