

# Tehran

November 2015: Tehran, the capital of Iran, has over 14 million people and takes more than 3 hours to transverse. It is a mile high with the snowcapped Alborz mountains to the north.

The Azadi Tower built to commemorate the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian empire is the symbol of the city.

From the Grand Bazar to the climb up Darband hill I found a busy city full of friendly people.

The Mausoleum of Ayatollah Khomeini is still under construction, but photos are allowed.

Photos are not allowed of the Marble Place, home of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and President Hassan Rouhani, as I found out while driving by. Our car was stopped by two plain clothes cops on a motorcycle and Sepah, the religious police, were called. We were held for about 2 hours in front of the Marble Palace while different officials came by to ask questions and see my photos. They spoke little English but were very friendly, even bringing me a glass of water. Finally, I was asked to delete the offending photos. I did, we all shook hands and parted ways.



Azadi Tower



Shah Abdol Azim Shrine





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Darband





Darband



Darband Snack Shop





Golestan Palace



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Grand Bazar



Grand Bazar





Grand Bazar Shop



Lunch at the Grand Bazar



Ladies Fashions

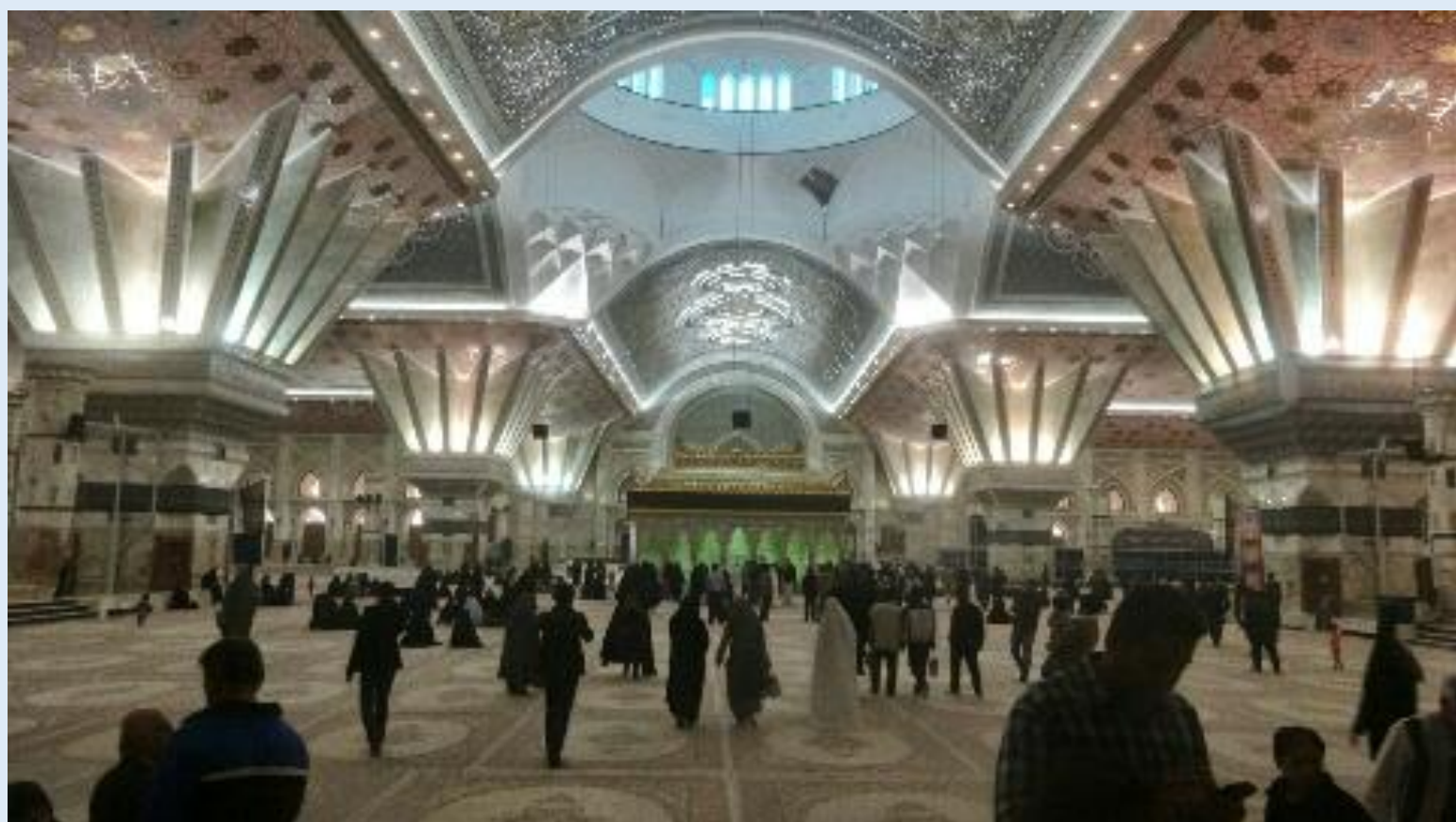


Fish Shop





Ayatollah Khomeini Mausoleum



Ayatollah Khomeini Mausoleum Interior



Ayatollah Khomeini Tomb