

# Qom

November 2015: Yesterday, after an early morning breakfast we leave Isfahan for a long drive to Tehran with a stop in Qom.

Qom is the second most holy city in Iran and the foremost city for religious studies. I was told about 100 of the 120+ Ayatollahs in the world live, study and teach in Qom.

The centerpiece of the city is the Shrine of Lady Fatimah al-Ma'sumah. She died in Qom after her caravan was attacked on its way to join her brother Imam Reza in present day Mashhad.

This morning my 2:00am flight from Tehran to Athens had a break down while pushing away from the gate. A new plane had to be flown into Tehran from Athens causing a 9-hour delay. Iran proved to be as difficult getting out as it was getting in but certainly a great adventure and truly worth seeing.

I am now in Athens, Greece with unlimited Wi-Fi of good quality.



On the Road



Qom



Entrance to the Shrine of Lady Fatimah al-Ma'sumah



Imam Hasan Askari Mosque



Zanjeer