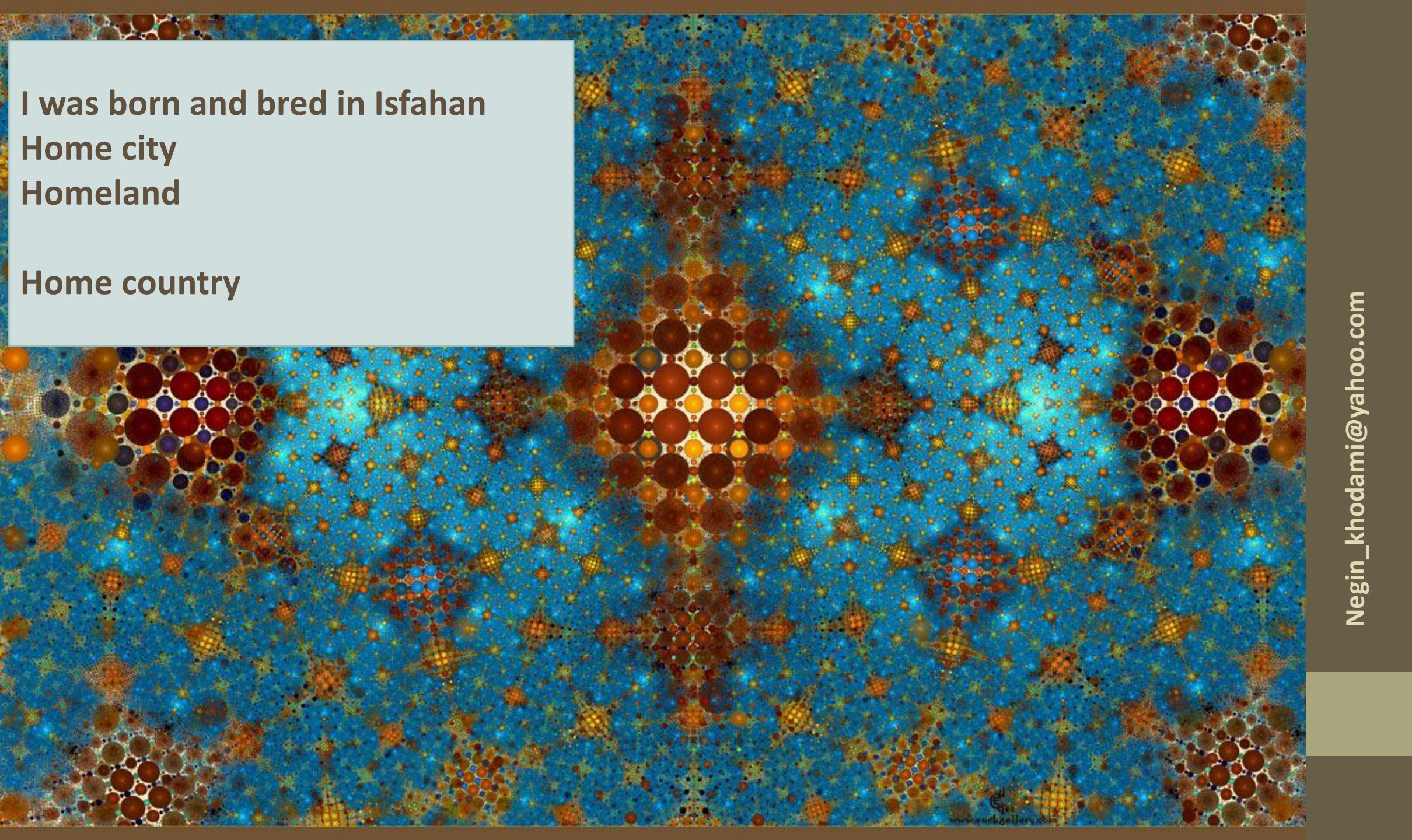


Hometown & Architecture

Places/ buildings/architecture

Part 1 questions

- Where's your hometown? Do you like your hometown?
- Where is your hometown located, and what is it known for?
- What is your favorite thing to do in your hometown?
- Has your hometown changed much since you were a child?
- Do you think your hometown is a good place to live? Why or why not?
- Would you ever consider moving back to your hometown?



I was born and bred in Isfahan

Home city

Homeland

Home country

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- Where's your hometown? Do you like your hometown?
- Isfahan. Yes, It's a **touristy** city, full of **iconic buildings and historical landmarks** like Naqshe Jahan square, Khajou bridge, Si-O-Se-Pol bridge. It also **has got a lot to offer in terms of shopping, sightseeing, and eating out for tourists.**

Iconic:

very famous or popular, especially being considered to represent particular opinions or a particular time:





a building or place that
is easily recognized, especial
ly one that you can use
to judge where you are:



Land marks

Milad Tower is Tehran's landmark

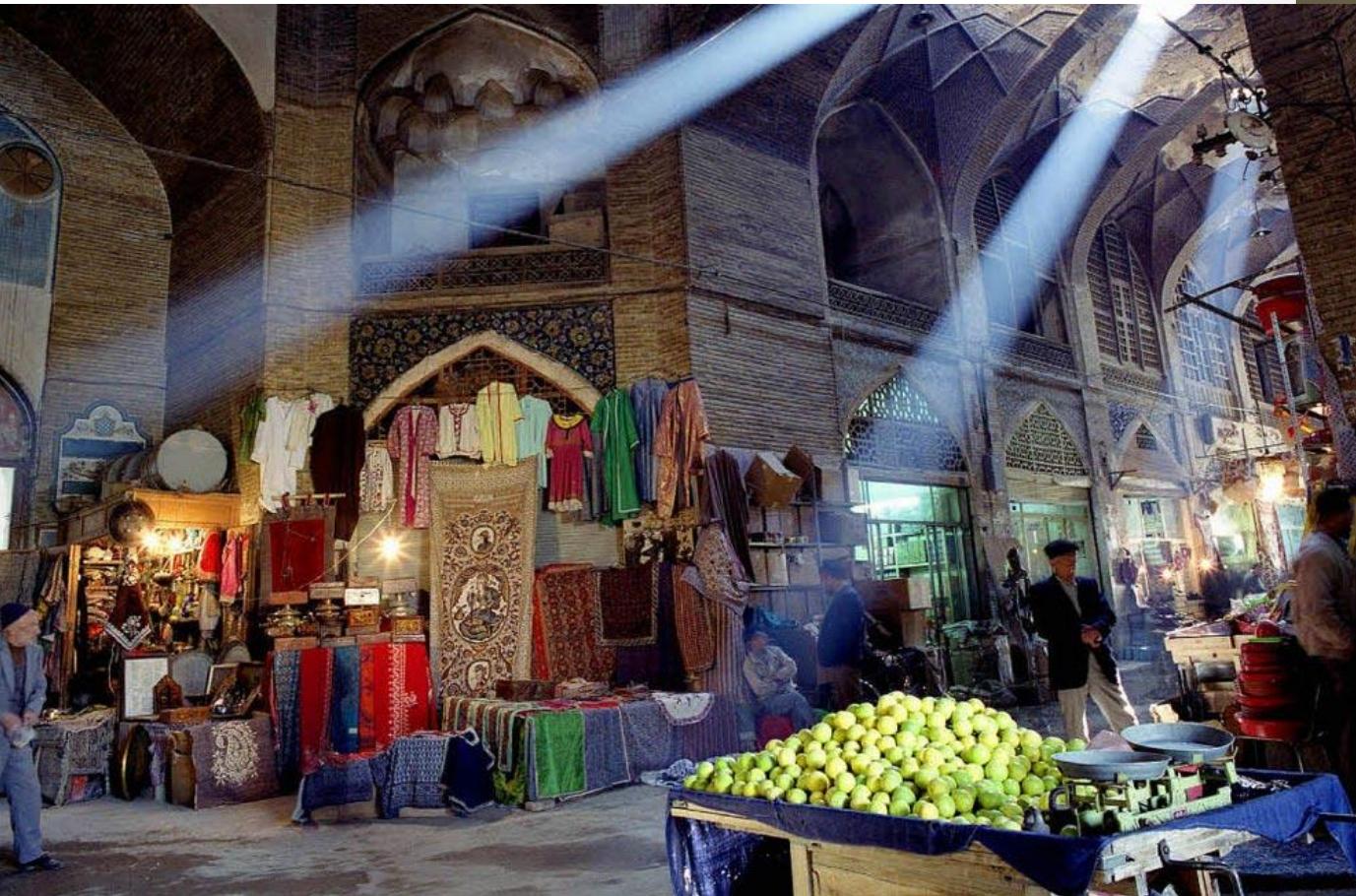


Where is your hometown located, and what is it known for?

- Isfahan is referred to as half of the world. I believe that it really lives up to its title. It's famous for its **stunning architecture**, rich culture, and unique handicrafts, such as **hand woven carpets** and **marquetry** that are sold in its **vibrant bazaars**.

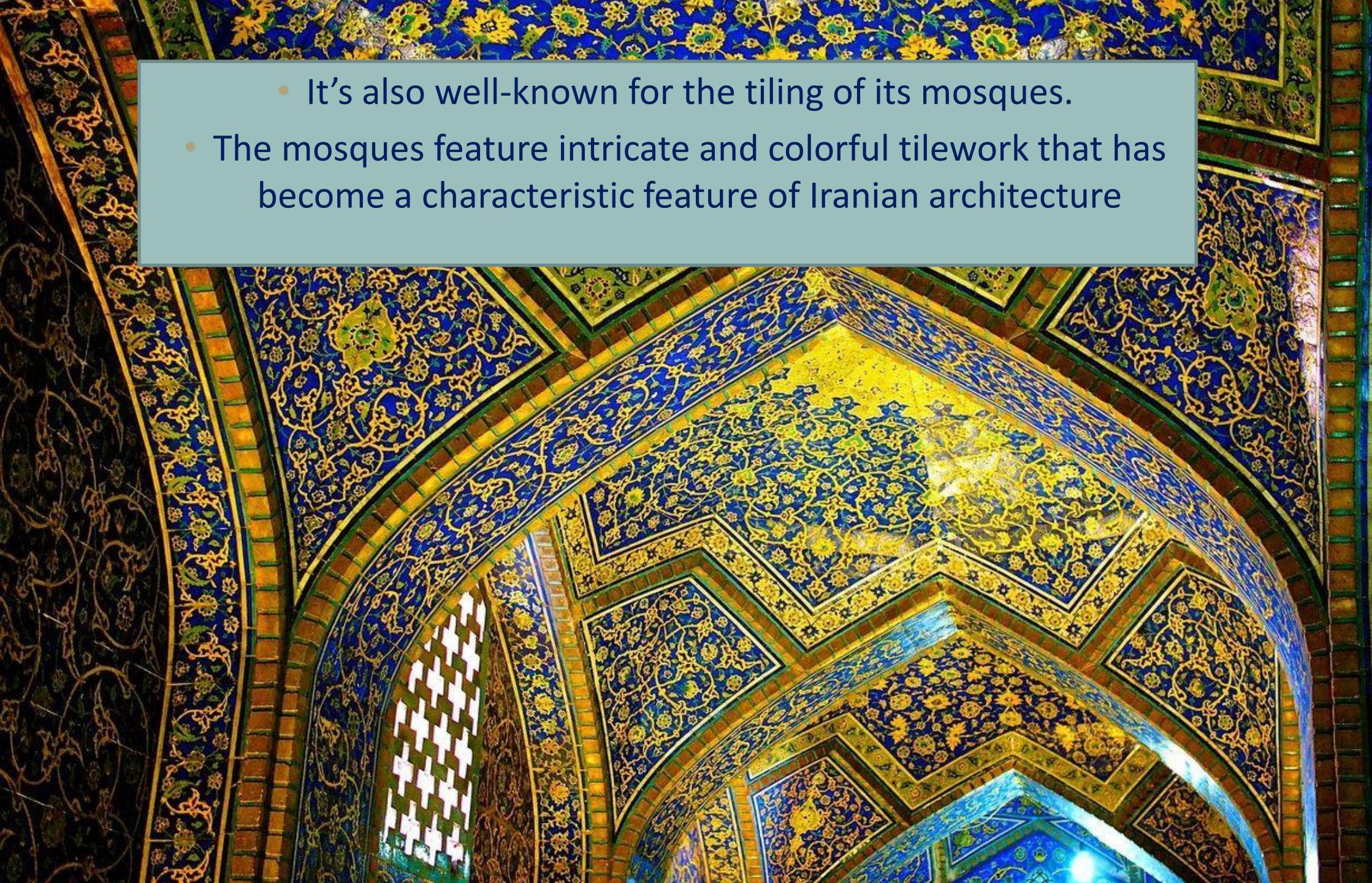


vibrant bazaars Hand woven carpets

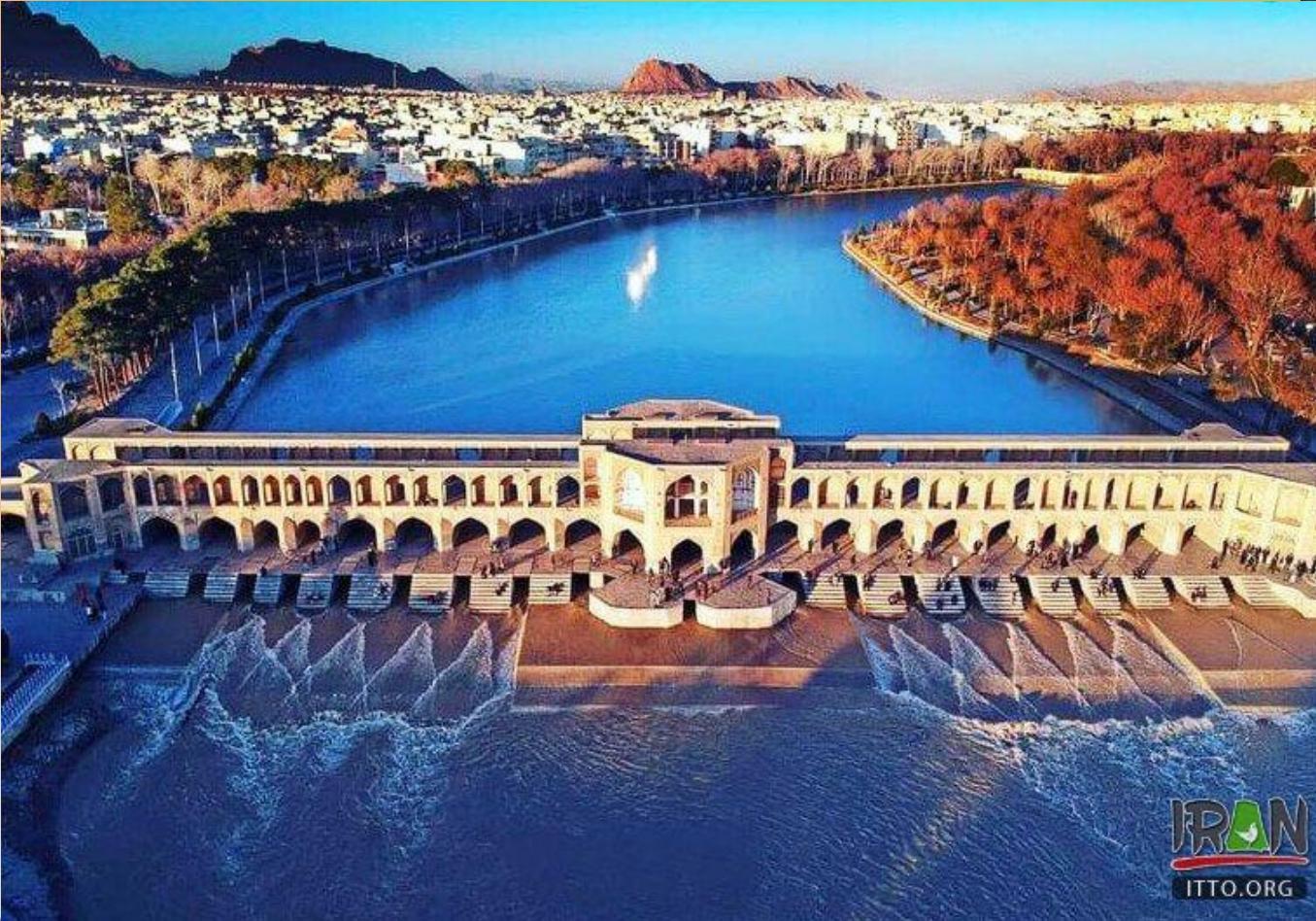


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- It's also well-known for the tiling of its mosques.
- The mosques feature intricate and colorful tilework that has become a characteristic feature of Iranian architecture



The Zayanderud River (also known as the Zayandeh River or Zendeh Rud) indeed runs through Isfahan.



The Thames River **winds** its way through London, creating a picturesque scene and serving as a central feature of the city's landscape.

The Thames River **snakes** through London.



A River

Runs through
Flows through
Goes through
Passes through
Snakes through
Winds through
Meanders through
Curves through



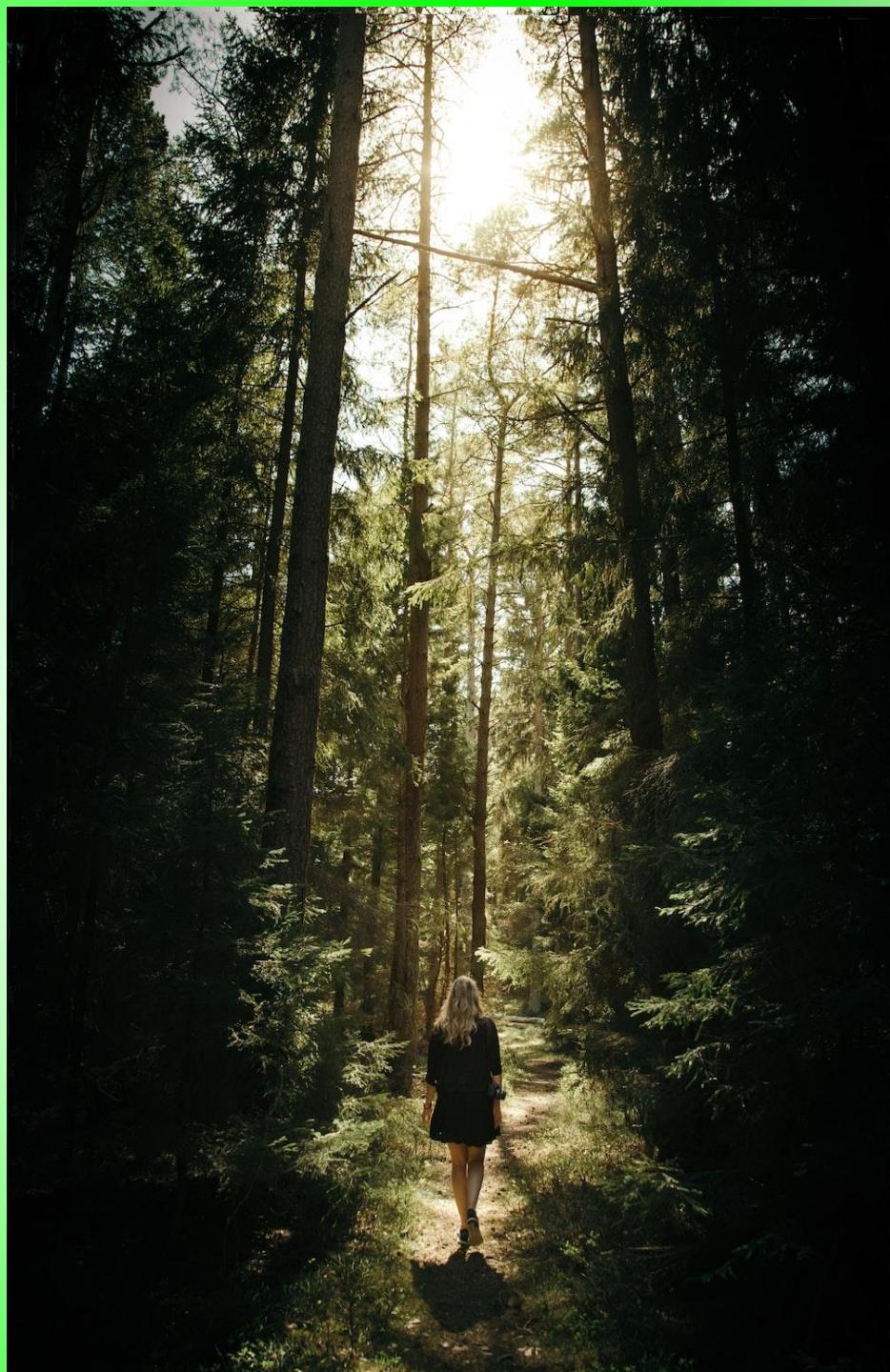
Cityscape

City skyline



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City escape



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Mount Soffe

- Nestled amidst the bustling metropolis of Isfahan, Soffe Mountain Park offers a serene escape into nature. This sprawling park, covering an area of over 100 hectares, is a haven for locals and tourists alike, providing a welcome respite from the urban sprawl.
- As you enter the park, you are greeted by a breathtaking panorama of the city skyline, with the iconic domes and minarets of Isfahan's historical monuments forming a picturesque backdrop. Lush green lawns and towering trees create a tranquil ambiance, inviting visitors to relax and rejuvenate.

The park boasts a diverse range of attractions, catering to all ages and interests. For the adventurous, there are hiking trails that wind through the rugged mountain terrain, offering stunning views of the surrounding landscape. Families can enjoy picnics in designated areas, while children can frolic in the playgrounds or ride the miniature train.

As the sun begins to set, Soffe Mountain Park transforms into a **magical wonderland**. The **city lights twinkle** below, creating a mesmerizing spectacle that can be enjoyed from the park's many viewpoints. It is the perfect place to unwind after a busy day or to simply **soak up** the beauty of Isfahan.

Whether you are seeking solitude, adventure, or cultural enrichment, Soffe Mountain Park has something to offer everyone. Its natural beauty, diverse attractions, and convenient location make it a **must-visit destination** for anyone visiting Isfahan.



Nestle: (of a place) lie or be situated in a half-hidden or obscured position.

Respite: a pause or rest from something difficult or unpleasant

Sprawling: (of a city) covered with buildings across a large area, often ones that have been added gradually over a period of time:

sprawling suburbs

Somewhere in this sprawling metropolis, there is a secret military laboratory.

Sample:

- Is there anything for foreigners to do in your hometown?
-
- Well, I think I've already touched on it. In my idea, Isfahan really lives up to its title, half of the world. When it comes to tourist attractions, Isfahan comes out on top in Iran. There are lots of historical places for tourists to visit. I think that one of the must-see places in the city is Naqshe Jahan Square. It is the second-largest square in the world, and it has a well-deserved reputation for its tiling and carpentry as well as Islamic calligraphy used in the domes and minarets of its mosques. Another place, which I highly recommend, is Jolfa street. It's a narrow, cobbled street, lined with pavement cafés and quaint old buildings such as Vank Cathedral.
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Cuisine:

1. A style or method of cooking, especially as characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment
2. Food cooked in a certain way





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Cathedral



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Cobbled street

The street is lined with shops





Pavement café's



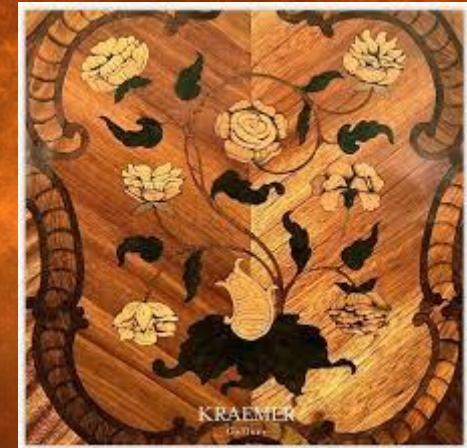
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Glitzy nightlife



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- Besides, tourists can purchase our handicrafts as souvenirs. Things such as **enamelware**, **copperware**, **turquoise inlaid dishes**, or the most exquisite art of **Iran Marquetry**.
- Tableware



Handicrafts

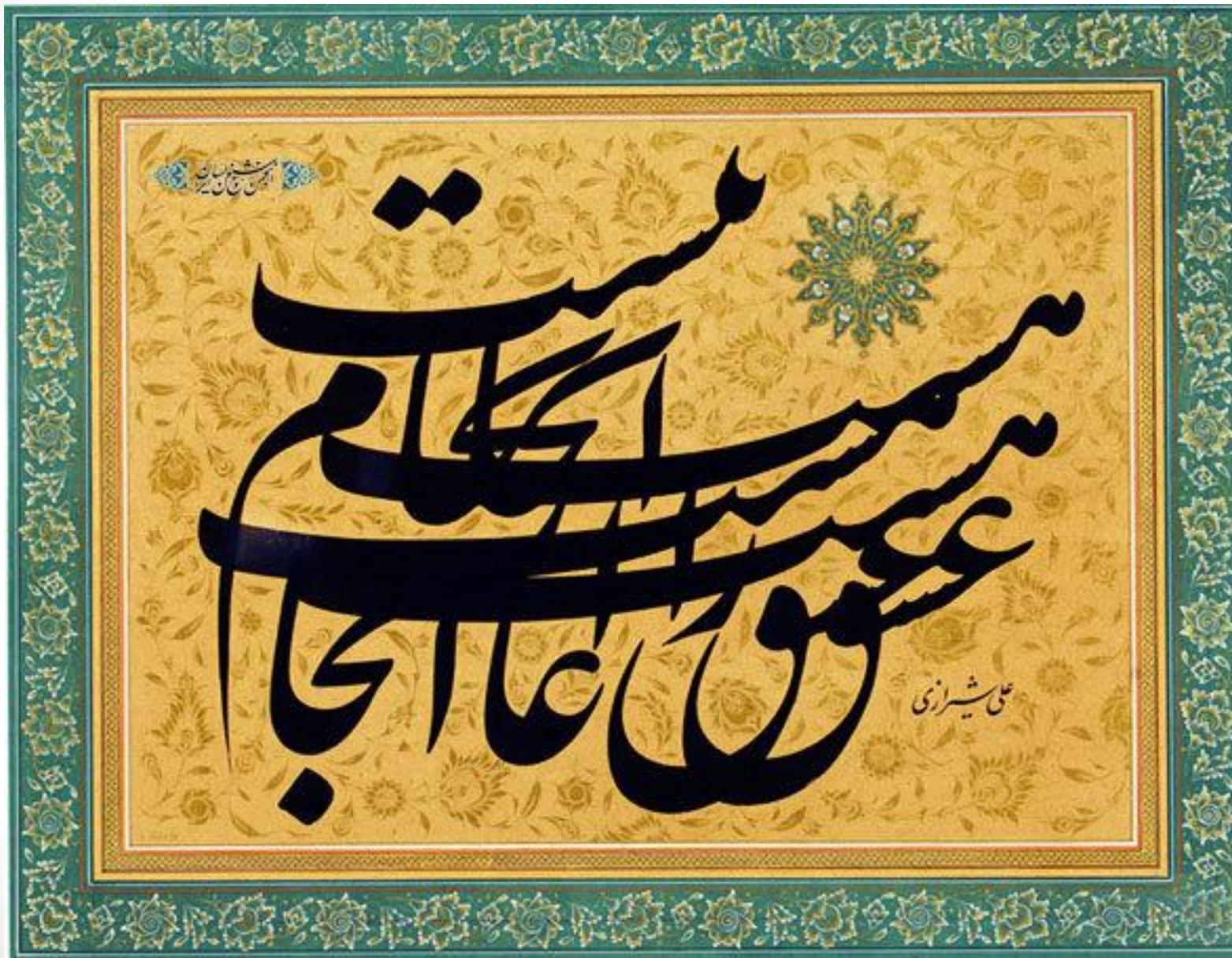


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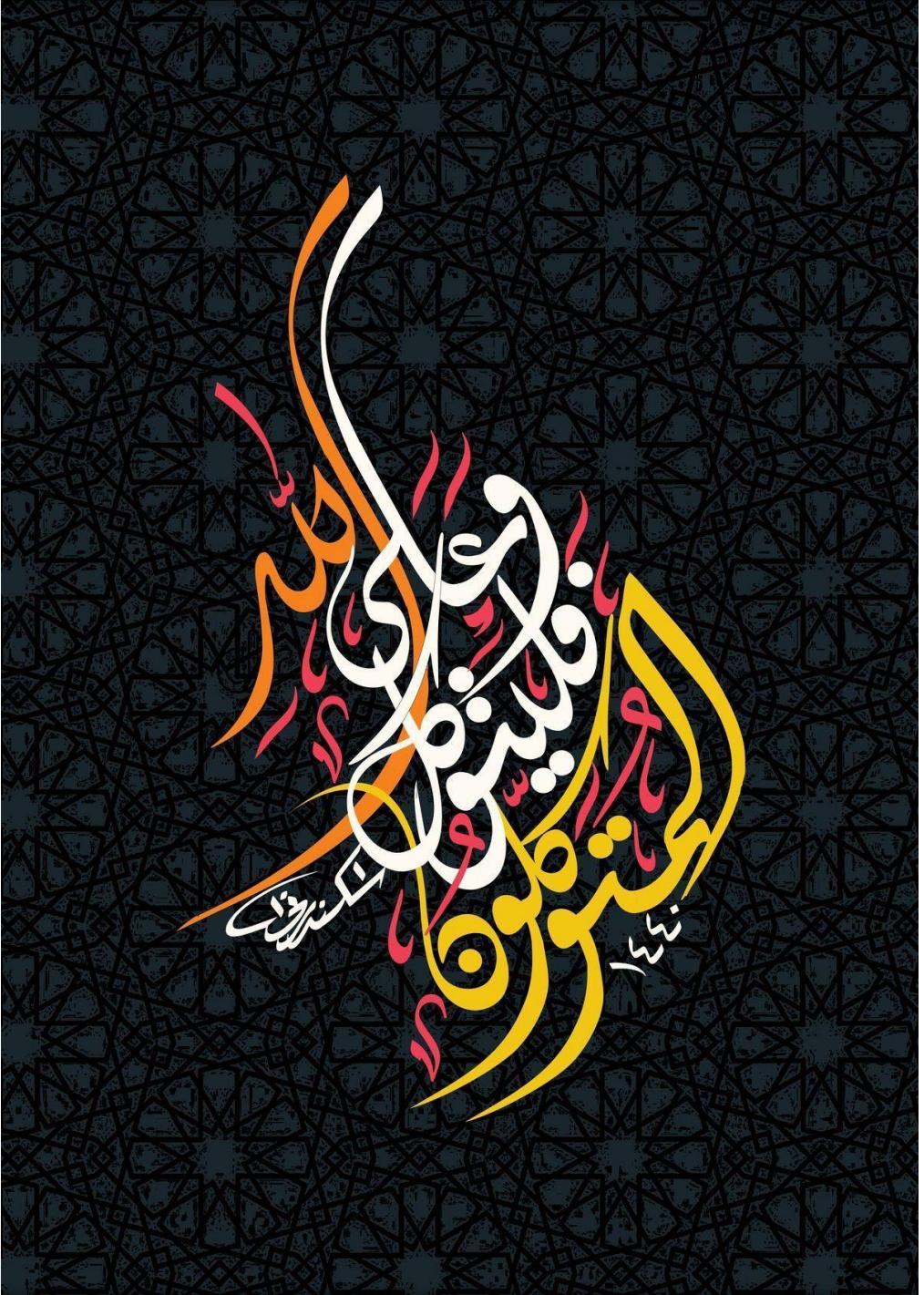
Turquoise inlaid dishes



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calligraphy





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Arabesque



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Isfahan is also home to several museums, famous hotels like Abbasi Hotel and entertainment complexes

- Isfahan Museum of Contemporary Art
- Decorative Arts
- Islamic Heritage

Vank Cathedral is part of a UNESCO world heritage



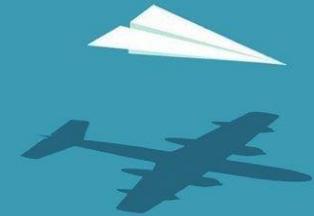
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**They can stay in luxury hotels
Impressive courtyard**



- **If you haven't visited Isfahan, you haven't lived.**
- **I highly recommend that you visit Isfahan.**



- I Frequent this café'
- It is our Hangout



Light house



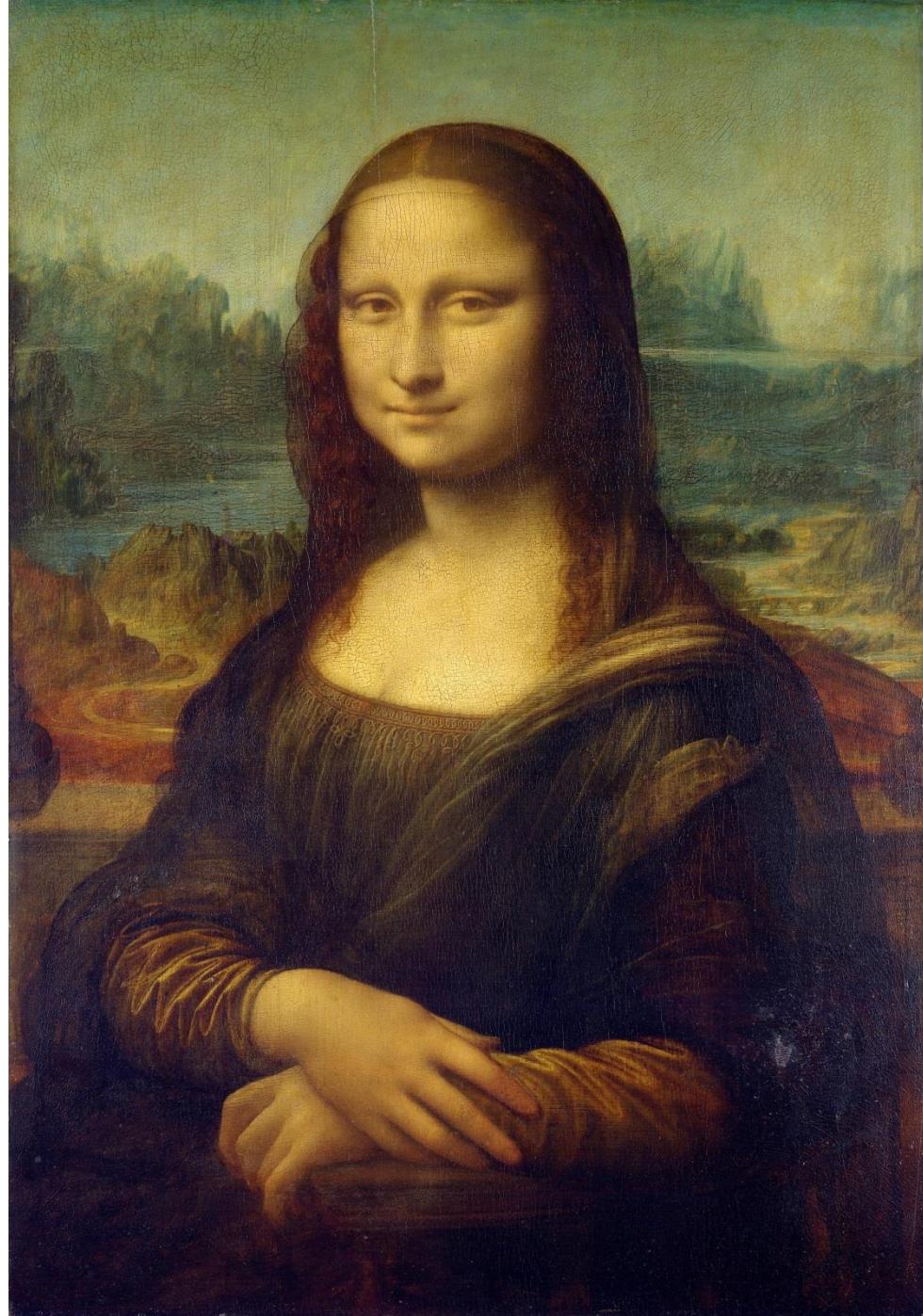
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The Louvre Museum



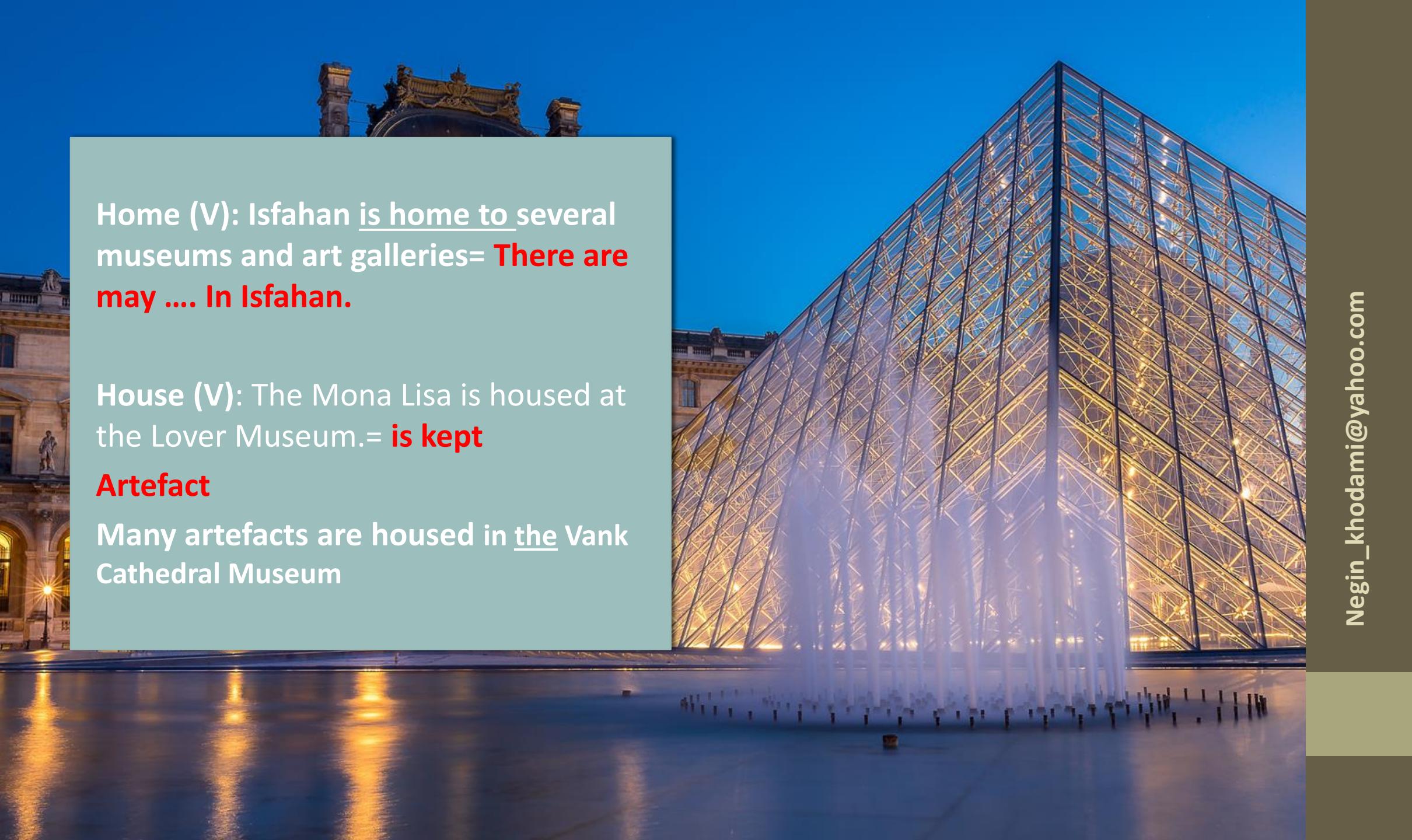
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The Mona Lisa is housed at
the Louvre Museum.



The starry night is kept at the
Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in
New York City, USA.





Home (V): Isfahan is home to several museums and art galleries= **There are may In Isfahan.**

House (V): The Mona Lisa is housed at the Louvre Museum.= **is kept**

Artefact

Many artefacts are housed in the Vank Cathedral Museum

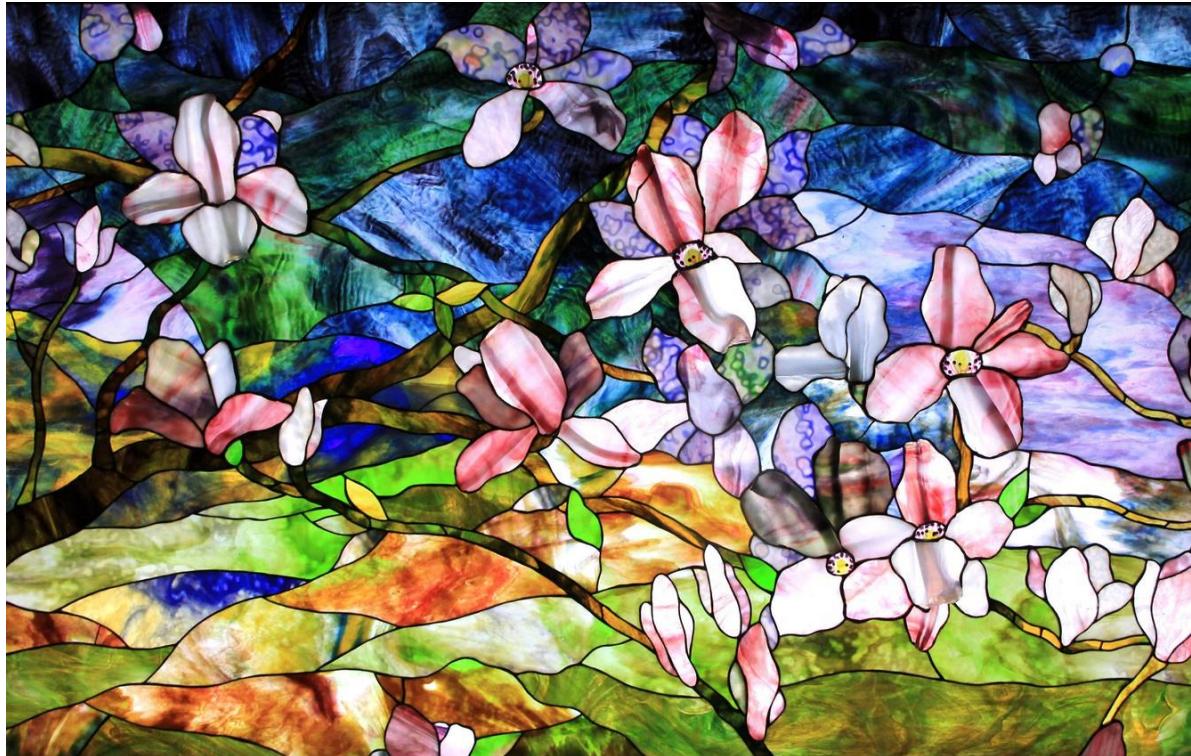
ornately

- The walls and Ceilings are ornately decorated
- in a way that has a lot of complicated decoration:
- a pair of ornately carved doors
- Ornately painted tiles covered every surface.
- ly decorated

Fresco: a painting done rapidly in watercolour on wet plaster on a wall or ceiling, so that the colours penetrate the plaster and become fixed as it dries.



- *It lives up to my expectations.*
- *It lives up to its title, half of the world.*
- *It has a well-deserved reputation for its iconic buildings*



- *Miniature paintings*



How has changed?
saturation

It has undergone significant changes, particularly in terms of urbanization and modernization. It has experienced rapid population growth, which has led to the development of new residential areas.

Renovation of historic sites

City infrastructures

Urbane fabric

Bumper-to-bumper

Glitzy nightlife

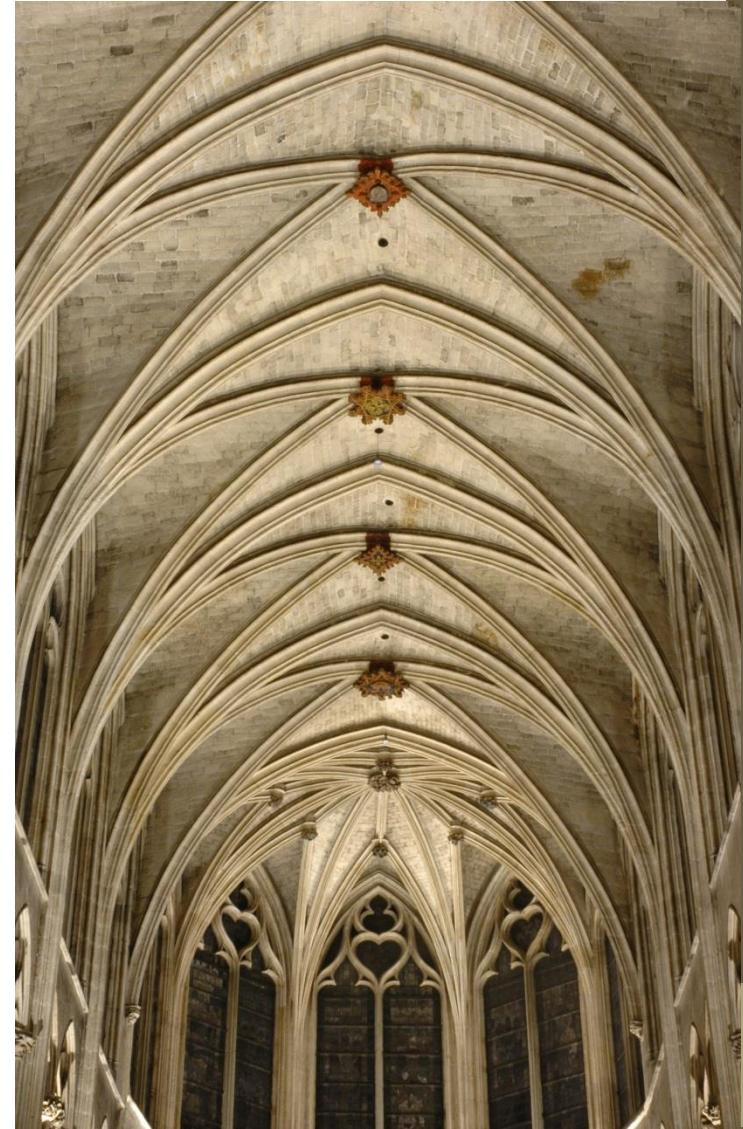
cityscape

Arched ceilings

Barrel vault

Description

- A barrel vault, also known as a **tunnel vault**, wagon vault or wagon head vault, is an architectural element formed by the extrusion of a single curve along a given distance



Coved ceilings



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Stucco/plaster ceilings (N.V)



Coffer ceilings

Description

- A coffer in architecture is a series of sunken panels in the shape of a square, rectangle, or octagon in a ceiling, soffit or vault



Griffin

- a mythical creature with the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion, typically depicted with pointed ears and with the eagle's legs taking the place of the forelegs.



frieze



Cartouche

a carved tablet or drawing representing a scroll with rolled-up ends, used ornamentally or bearing an inscription.

2.

an ornate frame around a design or inscription.

"a coat of arms in a cartouche"



tiling



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woodcarving

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noun

the action or skill of carving wood to make functional
or ornamental objects.



Stained glass



Classy
Prestigious
glamourous



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- Exuberant decorations, patterns etc are exciting and complicated or colourful
- Exuberant carvings
- The room exudes glamour
- *There is an air of happiness in the room*
- *It's got a happy atmosphere.*



- There is an air of elegance
- It's got an elegant atmosphere.



Gargoyle

a grotesque carved human or animal face or figure projecting from the gutter of a building, typically acting as a spout to carry water clear of a wall.

comically or repulsively ugly or distorted.



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- **How do you think it can improve?**
- I think Isfahan needs to **bounce back** from the **recession caused by sanctions imposed on us**, and **reach the pinnacle of success as to/ with regard to tourism** again. People can also **pull their own weight** by using public transportation to reduce air pollution. Another thing is that the mayor can **put more money into** the neighborhoods which are actually **run-down**.
- **infrastructure**
- The Government should take some measures to tackle the problem of Public toilets
- **The mayor** should allocate some/yearly/annual budget to these areas
- Introduce some laws/impose with regard to the use of private vehicals