

# TOURISM AZADI TOWER

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*In 1966, 24-year-old architecture student Hossein Amanat won a competition to design a building to celebrate to the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian Empire*



*It is now  
one of the most important **symbols of Tehran**.  
If you take the stairs or elevator to the top,  
you can see several **hexagonal windows** set  
around the upper level which give an amazing  
view of Tehran.*



The tower was originally named *Darvaze ye Kurosh* (the Gate of Cyrus), then it was called *Shahyad Tower*.

Later, it was changed to *Azadi Tower*, which means the Tower of Freedom



*There is a museum and a concert hall underneath the tower at the basement level.*





*The tower is 45 meters (148 ft) high.*



# *Azadi tower is a combination of traditional and modern architecture, for example:*

There is **an oval shaped dome**, similar to Isfahan Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque, which is only visible from the inside.

The upper body of the tower is like Iranian **Badgirs**.

The four bases are similar to the pillars from the Achaemenid era.

The large arch of the tower is a symbol of Kasa arch (**Taq Kasa**), an ancient Persian **building of the Sassanid** era.

