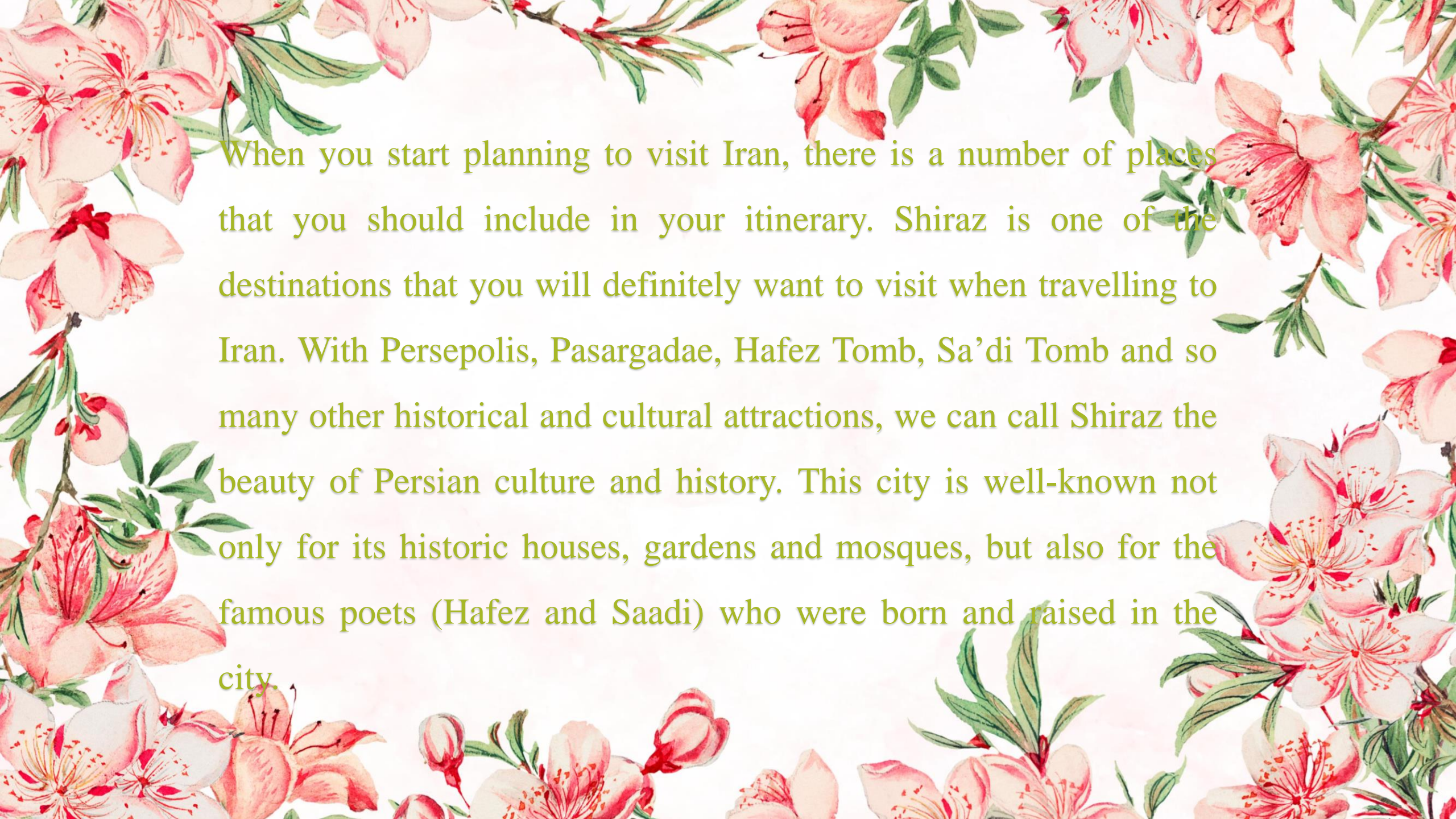


Let's hit the road to Shiraz



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When you start planning to visit Iran, there is a number of places that you should include in your itinerary. Shiraz is one of the destinations that you will definitely want to visit when travelling to Iran. With Persepolis, Pasargadae, Hafez Tomb, Sa'di Tomb and so many other historical and cultural attractions, we can call Shiraz the beauty of Persian culture and history. This city is well-known not only for its historic houses, gardens and mosques, but also for the famous poets (Hafez and Saadi) who were born and raised in the city.

Shiraz locates in the southwest of Iran at the foot of Zagros mountain.

The population of Shiraz is about 1,560,000.

Spring would be the best time to travel to Shiraz. The city is famous for its orange trees. So, if you are in the city during May, you will enjoy the smell of oranges' blossom which spread all over the city. The summer is short but hot, reaching to the average high temperature of 39 °C in July. The weather is cold during the other six months in fall and winter, with the average low temperatures of -15 °C during December and January.



Numerous historical and cultural tourist attractions are located in and around Shiraz. These include Tomb of Saadi or Saadie, Tomb of Hafez or Hafezie, Vakil complex including a mosque, a bazaar and a bath, Qavam Historical House, Eram Garden, Shapouri Garden, Jahan nama garden, Pars Museum (Nazar Garden), Nasir-ol-Molk Mosque, Atiq Jame Mosque and Shah-e Cheraq Holy Shrine to name a few.





Local
Food



- **Kalam Polow:**
- made with rice, meat, cabbage and some other Persian vegetables.



- Ghanbar Polow:
- made with rice, shiraz pomegranate paste, meat and chickpea flour.



•Do Piaze Aloo:

•made with potato, onion, tomato and special spices, this local food is one of the vegetarian's favorite foods.



•**Ghorme Beh:**

- made mainly with quince and meat.



•Shirazi Salad:

•a side dish which is made with cucumber, tomato, onion and lemon juice or verjuice.

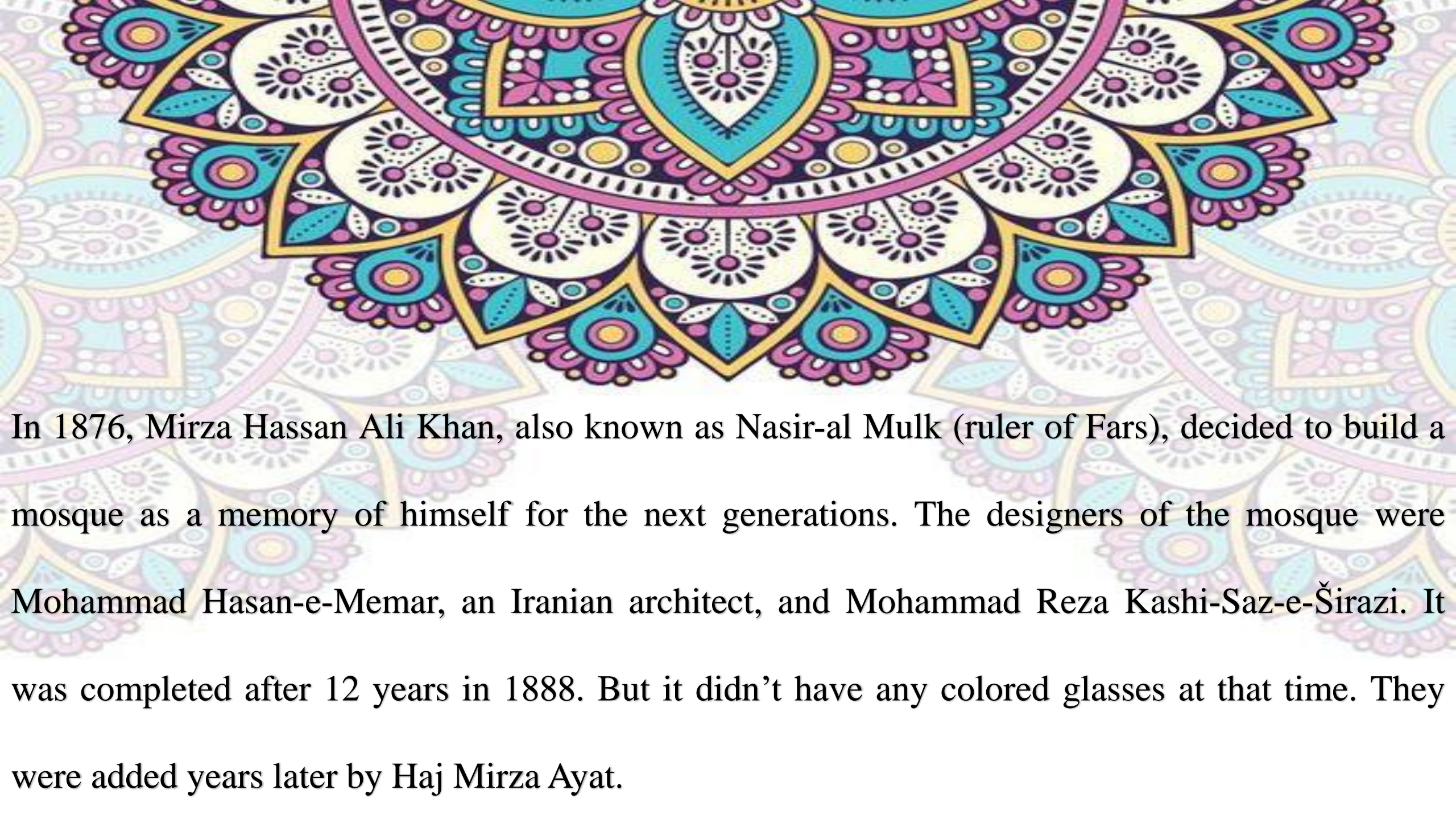


Shirazi Falooda:

a special kind of ice cream mixed with a rosewater syrup
which you can find everywhere in the city.



Nasir – al – Mulk Mosque



In 1876, Mirza Hassan Ali Khan, also known as Nasir-al Mulk (ruler of Fars), decided to build a mosque as a memory of himself for the next generations. The designers of the mosque were Mohammad Hasan-e-Memar, an Iranian architect, and Mohammad Reza Kashi-Saz-e-Širazi. It was completed after 12 years in 1888. But it didn't have any colored glasses at that time. They were added years later by Haj Mirza Ayat.



Nasir al-Mulk mosque is called “Mosque of colors,” the “Rainbow Mosque” and also the “Pink Mosque”. This mosque is unique because of the pink color that is used in the structure. It doesn't have a dome because it was a personal property. When sunlight passes through mosaic windows, it creates hundreds of colors on the walls and floor carpets.



Glossary

Unique

One

Architect

A person who designs buildings

Property

Possession

Memory

The act of remembering

Generation

Group of people born around the same time