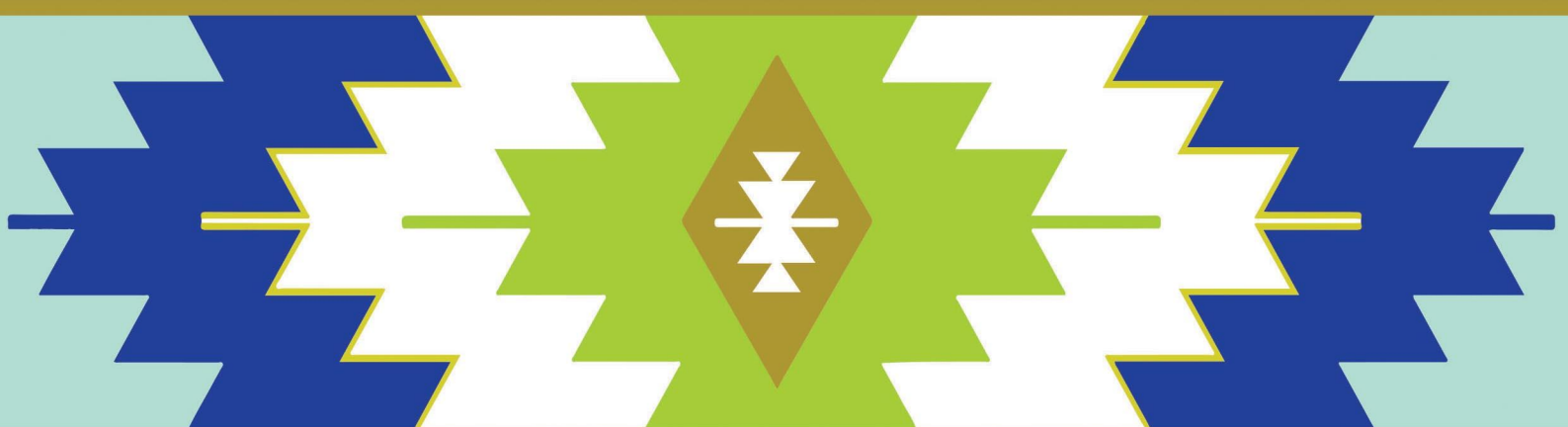


VISIT
LORESTAN



2017 – 2018

Lorestan Province:

With a glorious history and several thousand-year civilization, **Lorestan**, the land of elevated people of Kasy tribe, is the one that dominated inter rivers for about 6 centuries and established the industry and knowledge of making bronze and tools, raising horses, cultivating edible seeds etc. After the entrance of Aryan people to this territory, it was known as the main path and it developed some great cities like Simash Khaydalo and Madacto in itself.

Now, Lorestan, with centralization of Khorramabad, has a key role of political, economic and social situations in Iran.



Total area:

28064 km2 (1.7% of Iran's area) - 16th in Iran
11 cities, 25 towns, 31 districts, 87 rural districts

Neighboring Provinces:

Markazi, Hamedan, Khozestan, Kermanshah, Ilam, Esfahan, Chaharmahal-o-Bakhtiari

Weather:

Lorestan Province has a varied climate and atmospheric conditions, different in the North, South, West and East of the province. While, in the winter, it is snow and storm in the northern parts of the province, it is temperate in the southern parts at the same time. The province has three weather conditions: cold mountainous, central temperate, and southern warm.

Ethnicity and Language:

The people of Lorestan are ethnically divided into two sections: the Lur people and the Lak people who speak the

local languages, Lurish and Lakish.

Laki's language is different from Luri's, Lakkish is related to the Parthian Pahlavi, and Lorish is related to the Achaemenid Persian.

Local Coverage:

The local clothing of the people of Lorestan, as a symbol of the authentic history and culture of this land, is a manifestation of art, originality and vitality.



Lure's women's clothing is characterized by their social, economic and age characteristics. The clothes of the young women of Lur include long dress with cheerful designs, made of colorful fabrics and a beautiful, colorful scarf called "Galvani" in the local dialect. Older women prefer simple dark-colored cloths with black and white scarf, "Galvani".

The Lorestan men also have a simple dress that is less decorated, and is commonly known as "Shawl" and "Seterah".



Population
(2016)
1,760,649



Female
49.3%



Literacy
Rate
83%



Male
50.7%

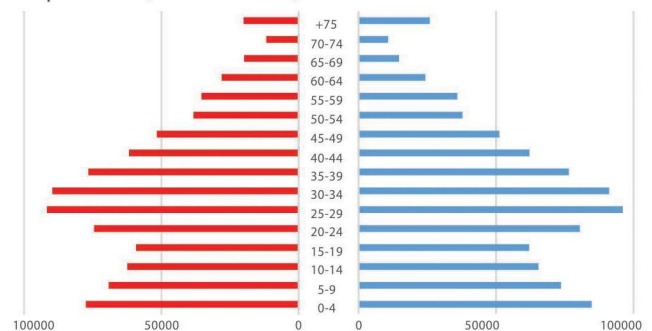
2.2%
of Iran
Population
(2016)

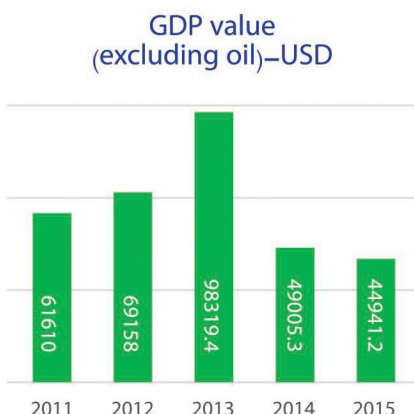
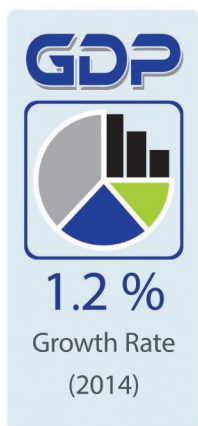
Unemployment Rate
(2017): 12.5%

Economic Participation Rate
(2017): 35.5%

Demography: (Lorestan-2016)

Population (In thousands)

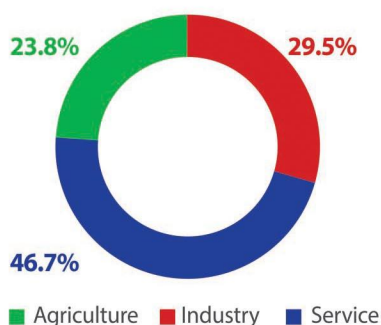




Sectoral diversification of total gross value added:



Employment Share in Major Economic Sectors



Inflation rate
(Sep 2017
-Sep 2018)
14.2 %

Foreign Trade (2017)



Total Import
\$ 59771161



Total Export
\$ 340273705

Main Target Countries

Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Kuwait, Qatar, India, Turkmenistan, China, EU, Russia, United Arab Emirates

Main Supplying Countries

China, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan

Main Import Items:

Corn, Drilling Machine, Computer & Mobile Phone Accessories, artificial Leather, Pharmaceuticals, Hygienics, Building Equipment

Main Export Items:

Petrochemical Products, Anima drugs & Human medicines, Glass and Teflon Containers, Construction Materials, Foodstuffs & Crops

Foreign investment:

\$ 76 M (2016)

\$ 1 M (2017)

Investment Incentives:

- **Tax exemption:**
100 % tax exemption in the less developed areas of the province for a period of 10 years and %80 in developed areas for four years
- **Rials and Foreign Currency Facilities:**
Advantage of using the Rials and Foreign Currency facilities and resources of National Development Fund, considering that Lorestan Province is one of the less developed regions in Iran
- **Supplying land, water, electricity, Gas and communications for the investment projects**
- **Providing sufficient guarantees (capital and financial) for investors and facilitating the process of industrial investment by all executive organizations of the province**
- **Low manufacturing costs in the province**

Infrastructures:

Water

Volume of Rainfall

The percentage of rainfall distribution in different seasons of the year based on long-term statistics to the total water year is (550 mm), %29.5 in the autumn (162.5 mm), %45 in the winter (244.4 mm), %25 in the Spring (7/136 mm) and %0.5 in summer (1.7 mm).



The Average Rainfall
(2017-2018)
550 mm

Water body & Ground Water:

Snow melting at high altitudes and rain have caused the formation of river network of the province with more than 130 permanent and seasonal rivers with a length of about 9000 km in two basins of Karun (Dez) and Karkheh, with average output volume of about 12.5 billion cubic meters, equivalent to %12 flowing waters of the country



Rainfall
flowing water
(2017-2018)
5.9 Billion m³

Average annual volumes of renewable water body resources : 6.2 Billion m³

Average annual volume of renewable ground water resources: 1.56 Billion m³

Volume of water resources entering the province: 4.5 Billion m³

Volume of outgoing water resources from the province: 12.5 Billion m³

Electricity:



Production

158.088 million KWh

Installed Capacity

89.5 MWh

Oil, Gas and its products: (Consumption -2017)



Petrol
457423 m³



Gas oil
549690 million m³



Kerosene
81708 m³



Fuel oil
6032 m³



Natural Gas
1575 million m³

Cities supplied with piped Gas: 99.8%

Villages supplied with piped Gas: 80.9%

Transportation:(2015)



Major Road 687.156 km
Minor Road 570.435 km
Highway 460.033 km
Freeway 104 km



Number of
Airports
1



Railway
155 km

Communication and Internet (2017)

Communication Indicators

Operator name	Mobile phone coverage (Percent)	Coverage on main roads and byroads (Percent)	Coverage on Railroads (Percent)
MCI	97.4	93	81
Irancell	86	56.4	49.5
Rightel	52	24.5	

The status of the number of fixed and mobile internet subscribers

Total Internet subscribers		Mobile Internet subscribers		Fixed Internet subscribers	
Penetration Rate	Subscriber	Penetration Rate	Subscriber	Penetration Rate	Subscriber
63.29	1,114,238	56.30	991,260	6.98	122,978

Industry:



- 1636 large, medium and small industrial units (1.8% of the total industrial units in Iran)
- 17 active Industrial Estates
- One active special economic zone, two approved special economic zones (Khoram Abad and Boroujerd)

Major Industries

Lorestan Petrochemical Co. Pegah Lorestan, Robat Zagros, Ara Sang Export Stone Co., Exir Pharmaceutical Co., Zagros Phamed Pars Pharmaceuticals, Borujerd Textile, Zagros Poosh, Zamankar Agro industrial complex, Lorestan Glass, Homareshtain Industrial Group, Aligoudarz Steel Co., Iran Ferro Alloy Industries, Godaz Ghete Kia, Bayreh Aflak Pharmaceutical Complex, Drood Cement Co., Lorestan Sugar, Lorestan Industrial and hydrated lime Co., Parsian Zagros Koohdasht, Lorestan plaster



Main Products

Pharmaceutical Products, Textile, Petrochemical Products, Cosmetics, Ferrosilicon & Silica, Glass Containers, U P.V.C Doors & Windows, Metal Industry, Building Stones-ceramics& Tiles, Cement, Lime, Plaster, chemical products, Dairy products, Food and Beverage

Investment Priorities in the industry Sector

Raw	Project Title
1	Manufacturing Plant for Raw Materials of Chemical Drugs
2	Production of paper from limestone
3	Production of Autoclaved light concrete
4	Production of Gypsum panel
5	Production of tubes and containers for pharmaceutical and hygienic products
6	Production of solar cells
7	Production of semi-prepared frozen potatoes and potato chips
8	Production of polypropylene bags for cement packaging
9	Glass fiber production
10	wood plate production
11	Production of colored metal sheets
12	Production of plastic equipment for traffic control
13	Manufacturing urban plastic products
14	Production of five-layer pipe with metal
15	Producing micro-irrigation pipe
16	Fuel bioethanol Production
17	Ice cream production
18	Serum
19	Aluminum sheet production of ingots
20	Tin cans
21	Herbal Medicines
22	Solar power ,water and wind
23	Types of Drinks
24	Bitumen processing
25	Medical Equipment

Mining:



Features of the Mining Sector of the province:

- 1st in Iran regarding the reserves of building and decorative stone (22%)
- 2nd in Iran regarding the production of kinds of stone with an annual production of 12 million m²
- \$ 22 million exports of minerals annually
- More than 18 types of minerals in the province including Decorative Stones, Calcium Carbonate Stones, Talc, Gypsum, Lime, Silica, Gilsonite and

- 400 manufacturing units of stone and more than 300 units of mineral production in the province

Investment priorities in mining sector:

Raw	Project Title
1	Artificial stone production of mineral wastes
2	Artificial stone production
3	Production of Mineral Powders

Raw	Mineral	Status		Ownership type			Employment (Person)	Real Extraction (Ton)	Reserve's amount (Thousand Tons)
		active	inactive	Government	Cooperative	Private			
1	Limestone	2	0	0	0	2	25	1100000	282000
2	Gypsum	5	4	0	0	9	42	580000	40625
3	Mosaic offal	13	2	0	4	11	230	770718	133269
4	Marble	18	16	1	12	21	298	608375	6879
5	Quartz	17	39	2	22	32	394	489429	56960
6	Feldspar	9	0	0	0	9	52	69868	1745
7	Granite	10	16	0	1	25	63	79500	1622
8	Talc schist	6	6	0	1	11	59	Talc 14664, schist18000	1409
9	silica	7	5	0	1	11	69	351000	4435
10	Graphite	0	1	0	0	1	0	---	12
11	Barite	1	0	0	0	1	4	1250	10
12	Gilsonite	2	2	0	0	4	14	1800	28
13	Lime offal	35	10	2	1	42	272	2752000	52129
14	Dolomite	1	0	0	0	1	8	7125	2100
15	Marl	1	0	0	0	1	5	250000	1450
16	Hornfels	0	1	0	0	1	0	---	12
17	Conglomerate	0	1	0	0	1	0	---	1200
18	River sand	13	0	0	4	8	46	401890	0
Total		140	103	5	47	191	1581	6749172	586227

Agriculture:



**Irrigated
Arable Lands**
145208 ha



**Rain fed
Arable Lands**
406664 ha



**Fertile
Horticultural
Lands**
4383.41 ha



**Non-fertile
Horticultural
Lands**
14063.30 ha



Agricultural Products (Rate of Production Tons)



**Crop
Products**
2324514



**Horticultural
Products**
255438



**Livestock
Products**
347983



**Fisheries &
Aquaculture**
28071

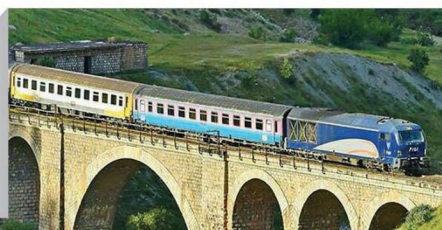
Investment priorities in agriculture sector:

Raw	Project Title
1	Breeding sheep and fattening lambs
2	Construction of Food Industries Complex
3	Establishment of an industrial poultry breeding unit in the form of large production farms of chicken and eggs
4	Construction of a leather unit with modern technology
5	Construction of cold storage and sorting
6	Construction of Ornamental Plants Greenhouse
7	Breeding caviar and carp
8	Shab Mah Boroujerd milk production chain
9	Dorud Greenhouse Complex
10	Delfan Greenhouse Complex

Major Agricultural Products (2017)

Product	Rate of Production(Tons)
Cereals (wheat, barley, rice, corn ,etc)	596050
Grains (peas, beans, lentils, etc.)	108494
Industrial crops (sugar beet, soy, canola and oilseeds)	429183
Vegetables (potatoes, onions, tomatoes, etc.)	626707
Summer crops (watermelon, cucumber, etc.)	324258
Fodder Plants (alfalfa, clover, forage corn, etc.)	238862
Grapes	43864
Pomegranate	36651
Peach	24927
Black fig	23558
Apricot	22913
Walnut	14433
Medicinal Plants	8263.6
Cold water fish	23806
Red Meat	27611
Chicken	64100
Milk	247590
Honey	1782

Tourism:



- The Number of Tourism areas: **35**
- The Number of approved tourism target villages: **12**

Residences	Quantity
Hotel	26
Hostel	9
Eco-tourism House	12
Motel	39
Tourism Complex	18

Tourist Accommodation:



High-Stay Tourists

2017: 136790 people

March-September 2018: 79459 People



Foreign Tourist Accommodation in Hotels of Lorestan:

2017: 1899 people

March-September 2018: 1371 People

Investment priorities in Tourism Sector:

Raw	Project Title
1	Hotel Construction
2	Tourism Area in Makhmalkouh
3	Tourism Area in Shoorab
4	Rural Tourism –Eco- Tourism
5	Carpet weaving workshop
6	Hozian Dam
7	Eyvashan Dam

Reasons to Visit Lorestan (Top 10):

1. Land of Four Seasons



If you want to experience clear clean air, free from pollution and oxygen-rich, travel to Lorestan.

Lorestan is a mountainous province due to its location in the Zagros mountains. its average altitude is over 2200 meters above sea level. The lowest point with a height of 239 meters is in the plains of the province and its highest peak is Oshtorankoo with a height of 4080 meters above sea level in the Zagros Mountain Range. This difference in altitude caused a variety of weather condition in the province and turned Lorestan into a four-season province. The climate varies from north-east to southwest of Lorestan province, so that in the winter, while it is snow and storm in the northern parts, the southern parts of the province experience warm and spring –like weather.

2. Long History

"Lorestan is the Prehistoric Capital of the world", says one of the world's main Archaeologists and Orientalists, Professor Frank Hoole of the University of Michigan.



Prehistoric Caves like “Yafteh” (Paleolithic Era), Painted caves such as Hoomian and Mir melas (7000-5000 years before)

Historical Bridges like Pol-e-Shekasteh (224-651 AD), Kashkan Bridge (4th Century)



Numerous Historical Monuments Like Falak-ol-aflak Castle (224-651 AD)

3. Rich Museums

More than 12000 precious Bronze Objects (Lorestan is



the land of oldest man-made ancient bronze alloy) are currently being held at the Khorramabad Museum.

Along with the original bronzes of Lorestan, you can travel to Lorestan to visit the exquisite objects of the sixth largest treasure of the world "Kolomakra", related to the Elamite period, for over 3,000 years. In addition to the museums of historical objects, there are several museums of Anthropology to familiarize people interested in the culture and life of the Lur people.

4. Virgin Nature

Land of Thousand Springs

On the hillside of the high mountains of Zagros, which are covered with a lot of oak forests, you can dream along a spring with a clear stream of water or a delightful stream of a river, relaxing in a relaxed atmosphere, and enjoy the untouched nature of Lorestan.

More than 1,000 mirages and springs are on the hillside of the mountains and the plains, and have made Lorestan known as the Land of Thousands of Springs.

The largest lake in Iran, "Gohar Lake", in Oshtorankooh with altitude of 4150 meters above sea level, is an environment that provides long lasting tranquility for travelers.



Excitement in the beautiful Valleys

There are many beautiful valleys in the heart of the Lorestan Mountains, which are unique in terms of tourism, topography, landscapes, water and exciting games. Some valleys such as "Shirez" and Khazineh Valley are similar to the Grand Canyon in the United States.



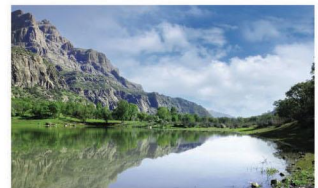
Waterfalls

About 70 seasonal and permanent waterfalls welcome you in the spring, summer and autumn. Absefid Waterfall known as the bride of waterfalls in Iran, Greet Waterfall in a wonderful valley, Bisheh Waterfall, the most beautiful waterfall in Iran, Nozhian Waterfall, with a height of 95 meters in mountain cliffs., Brenje Waterfall with the height of more than 200 meters and famous as Angel Waterfall of Iran.



Ponds

Lorestan province is the site of the largest block landslide in the northern hemisphere of the earth, which the human eye cannot bear to see its greatness and magnitude. Eleven beautiful lagoons are the remains of this 7.8 magnitude landslide and waiting for global registration.



5. Outstanding Architectural works

Lorestan is the place of valuable works of architecture in different historical periods.

There are about hundred great archaeological Bridges in Lorestan, which have been built with unparalleled architecture of the Achaemenes, Parthian, Sasanian periods, bridges like Kashkan, Kalhort, Gavmishan, Shekasteh,...

Located in the center of Khorramabad, Ancient castle "Falak al-Aflak", the largest historical castle in Iran, is another example of magnificent architecture related to Sassanid period.

One of the historical architectural masterpieces of Iran, Located in Lorestan, Borujerd, is Borujerd Jamea Mosque with unique architecture, both Islamic architecture and

ancient Persian architecture (Sasanian architecture).



6. Hospitable People

One of the main characteristics of the Lur people is their hospitality so that they are recognized for it. One of the old traditions of the Lur people, when guests came to them, whether relative or stranger, was sacrificing sheep and providing delicious foods of lamb meat to the guests. They never neglect their guest even for a minute during meals and they are very attentive even to the guest's smallest needs.

" When approaching the tent of Lorestan's tribes, they smoke "Esfand" at their stoves for you in honor of their guest and as a welcome sign", says Baron de Dub, a Russian tourist

7. Handicrafts and Souvenirs:

The best gift you can give to your friends and loved ones



is Lorestan handicrafts.

Precious souvenirs including dishes and valuable goods made from Borujerd Warsaw, handmade Rugs with ancient designs, colorful Jajims, and dozens of edible foods and healthy local bread that will give you a sweet memory of your trip to Lorestan.

8. Original Music and Folklore Culture:

Music is a major part of the 7000 year-old culture of Lorestan. This rich music with unparalleled variety in dances, instruments, and voices provide moments of joy for tourists.

9. Local Food

There are different kinds of foods and sweets in Lorestan that can satisfy people with a variety of flavors. The ingredients are mostly lamb meat, cereals, grains and vegetable.



Never forget to taste and eat different kinds of delicious Kebab (Jegar Vaz, Dandeh Kebab), Local Soups, kinds of traditional and modern sweets (Chezenak Reghu, Shirini Aardi) in trip to Lorestan.



10. a Cheap Trip

When you come to Lorestan, you will be surprised at how much staying in the cities of Lorestan is less expensive than the other cities in Iran. The cost of accommodation, food and transportation is very low in Lorestan and it is a cheap destination for tourists.



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