

# *Khorasan*

W I S D O M T O U R



exploring and learning about the roots of  
Mystical Islam & Sufi Wisdom

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Iran - Khorasan



In old Persian, Khor means Sun, Asan means the one that rises, the one that is born...

*Khorasan* is the land of those who give birth and carry the light of wisdom. It holds the Makam of many saints, sages and Sufi mystics; wise beings who left us a rich heritage of knowledge. Matured ones, who lived as an example of realising the whole human being (Insan-i Kamil).



### *Khorasan Region - Iran*

Khorasan has always been a place of connecting the guardians of Sufi wisdom and knowledge. From east it contains Afghanistan, where Mevlana Rumi was born, from west it connects to the birth place of sages such as Bayazid Bastami, and from north it is surrounded with the Turkic lands, from which the Yasawi darvishes carried the wisdom and teachings to Anatolia. These movements gave birth to Bektashi, Mevlevi orders and influenced many other traditions of Islamic mysticism.

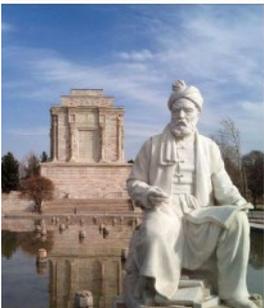
### *Wisdom Tour - a Learning Journey*

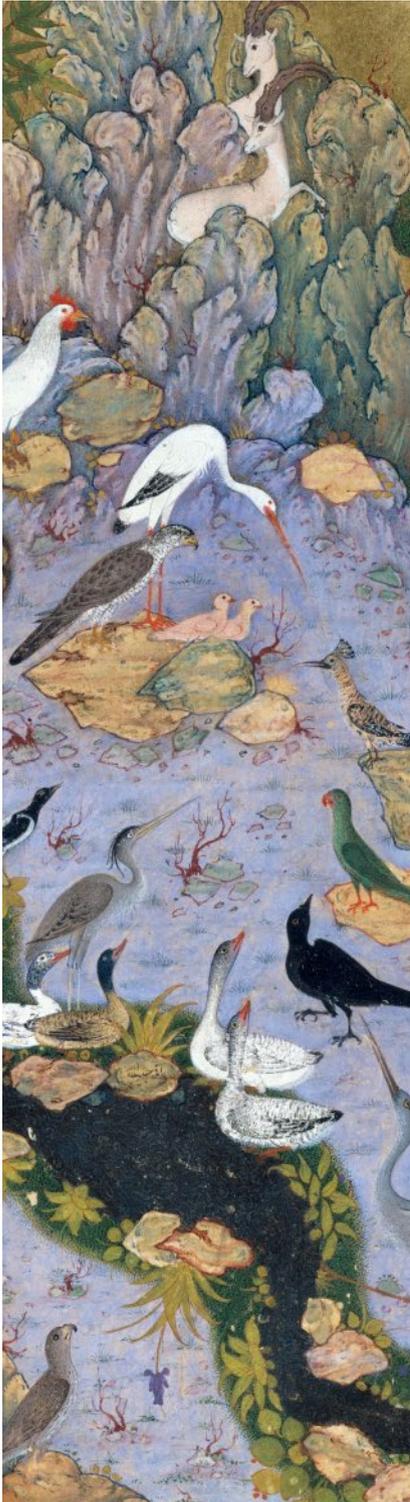
During this journey, we will study the roots of Wisdom we inherited from these great mystics. With meaningful conversations, we deepen in the teachings, stories, poems and music of this region. Throughout the journey, there will be introductory information from Islamic mysticism resources, more specially from Alewi-Bektashi path and Israqhi (illumination) philosophy. There will also be times of self-reflection and community learning; sharing and weaving our insights as a learning group.

## *Maqam of Saints & Sages*

We will visit holy places and mausoleums  
dedicated to the following saints and sages:

Imam al-Ridha a.s.  
Bayazid Bastami Hz.  
Sheykh Abolhasan Kharaqani  
Hamik Attar Neyshabouri  
Hakim Khayyam Neyshabouri  
Haji Bektash Veli (birth village)  
Hakim Abulqasem Ferdowsi  
Imam Mohammad al-Ghazali  
Shekh Ahmad-e Jami





## *Attar Neyshaburi*

Although we will be visting many saints and sages, our main focus on this journey will be on Hakim Attar Neyshabouri. Attar was a sage, poet, theoretician of Sufism, hagiographer, and herbalist (alchemist) from Neyshabur, who had an immense and lasting influence on Persian poetry and Sufism. His works inspired many Sufi poets, such as Rumi, Hafiz and Jami.

We will study two of his masterpieces:

***Manteq-al-Tayr***: Language of the Birds (a.k.a. Conference of the Birds) is a celebrated literary masterpiece of Persian literature by poet Attar Neyshabouri. With the poetic story of birds travelling to find their true king, Attar describes the stages, challenges and mysteries of the inner journey of a Salik; the one who takes on the spiritual journey of Self-realisation.

***Tazkerat-ol-Auliya***: Memorial of Saints is an enlightening introduction to the deeds, parables, and miracles of Muslim saints and mystics, and evokes the richness of the interior Sufi world.

## *Hosts*

***Seda Seyrek & Kamyar Houbakht*** are a couple, from Iran and Turkey, whose life is inspired by the sacred traditions of their home-lands. **Seda** is a carrier of the sacred music of her Alevi lineage, and play and sings other forms of traditional / sacred music from Turkey and Iran. **Kamyar** enjoys studying traditional wisdom, more specifically the Sufi wisdom. They both hold *Sema* tradition dear in their hearts.

Since 2016 they have been hosting gatherings, retreats and journeys in both Iran and Turkey

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