

Intercultural Understanding Guide: Iranian Culture

Geographic context:

The Islamic Republic of Iran is a Middle Eastern nation located at the crossroads between Arab Asia and Central Asia.

Language:

- Persian (Farsi) is the official language of Iran.
- A number of languages and dialects from three language families (Indo-European, Altaic, and Afro-Asiatic) are also spoken.

History and arts:

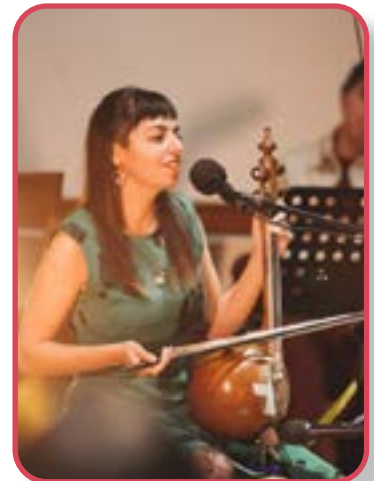
- Iran is one of the oldest nations in the world with a history of approximately 7000 years.
- Iran is the home to an ancient artistic tradition that has influenced the Middle East and Mediterranean worlds for thousands of years.
- Carpet weaving, Persian Miniature, Pottery, Architecture, Music, Calligraphy, Khatam-kari, Vitreous Enamel, and Wood Mosaic are some examples of Iranian art and handicrafts.

Communication style:

- Iranians tend to use an indirect communication style.
- They generally look towards non-verbal cues and speak figuratively to make a point.

Demographics in Australia:

Today, there are 70,889 Iranian people who are currently living in Australia according to the 2021 Australian Census.



References:

[Britannica](#); [Cultural Atlas](#); [ABS](#); [Surfiran](#)