

## Alborz

Karaj (Persian: pronounced [kæ æd ]) is a city in and the capital of Karaj County, Alborz Province, Iran. At the 2006 census, its population was 1,377,450, in 385,955 families, making it the fifth-largest city in Iran. It is situated 20 kilometres (12 mi) west of Tehran, at the foothills of the Alborz mountains. The city is surrounded by mountains which give it great landscapes.

The history of Karaj dates back many centuries. The stone built Zoroastrian fire temple of Takht-e-Rostam from the Parthian era is a testament to this.

The Soleimanieh palace (currently housing a college of Agriculture), the mausoleum of Shahzadeh Soleiman, Imamzadeh Rahman and Zeid Palang Abad-e-Eshtehard are other historical relics of the Karaj area.

During the Pahlavi dynasty era, the Morvarid Palace was constructed in nearby Mehrshahr district, designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

Especially after the Islamic Revolution thousands of people started to migrate to this pleasant small town making it one of the biggest cities of Iran in less than 3 decades. Currently Karaj is the center of Alborz province located at west of Tehran. Alborz province itself is the youngest and smallest province of Iran. It is named after Alborz mountain range, which is located at the north of Iran. It also provides a great share of water supply of Tehran because of its rich resources such as rivers and springs.

It is connected by freeway, railway to Tehran 40 km east and Qazvin 100 km northwest, and by commuter rail to Tehran subway system (Metro).

Karaj's climate is a bit cooler than Tehran and it receives 260 mm of rain annually. The economical base for Karaj is its proximity to Tehran, where transportation of products between the capital and the Caspian Sea is central. Chemicals, fertilizers and processed agricultural goods are also produced here. It possesses importance in agriculture and industry. Many of the most important factories of Iran are located near it.

Karaj is a multicultural city, due to migrants from all around Iran, that is why Karaj is called as Little Iran.

## Taleqan

Taleqan is a city in the capital of Taleqan County , Alborz Province , Iran . Native people from Taleqan speak Tati language . At the 2006 census , its population was 3,281 , in 988 families



## Baraghan

Baraghan is a village in Baraghan Rural District , Chendar District , Savojbolagh County , Alborz Province , Iran . At the 2006 census , its population was 378 , in 139 families.



## Vardeh Alborz

Vardeh is a village in Baraghan Rural District , Chendar District , Savojbolagh County , Alborz Province , Iran . At the 2006 census , its population was 74 , in 28 families



## Emamzadeh Taher

Emamzadeh Taher is located in Iran in the town of Karaj , is one of the most famous cemeteries in Iran .



## Dizin

Dizin is one of the largest Iranian ski resorts in the Alborz mountain range , near Tehran and also the city of Karaj . It was established in 1969 .

The ski season in Dizin lasts longer than in European ski resorts , from December to May , due to the resort's high altitude . The highest ski lift reaches 3,600 m (11,800 ft) , making it one of the 40 highest ski resorts in the world .

Dizin ski amenities include two hotels , 19 cottages and five restaurants , villas and private apartments around the Dizin ski resort accommodate thousands of people every year .

