



Persian Basics: Days of the Week

Even though it's written شنبه (shanbe), it sounds more like shambe which is why the transliteration is written as such.

Saturday

شنبه

shambe

Sunday

یک شنبه

yek shambe (ye shambe)

Monday

دو شنبه

do shambe

Tuesday

سه شنبه

seh shambe

Wednesday

چهار شنبه

châhâr shambe (châr shambe)

Thursday

پنج شنبه

panj shambe

Friday

جمعه

jom'e



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day

روز

ruz

week

هفته

hafte

days of the week

روزهای هفته

ruz hâ-ye hafte

even days

روزهای زوج

ruz hâ-ye zowj

odd days

روزهای فرد

ruz hâ-ye fard

Thursday night

شب جمعه

shab-e jom'e

Friday night (or
any other night)

جمعه شب

jom'e shab



Cultural notes

Notice that the Persian word for "week" (*hafte*) has the [number seven](#) (*haft*) in it.

[Saturday](#) is the start of the workweek in Iran. Friday is the official weekend day. Thursday may or may not be off depending on the place.

In Iran, days are referred to as "[odd days](#)" and "[even days](#)" because they have numbers. "Odd days" are Sunday (*yek shambe*), Tuesday (*seh shambe*), and Thursday (*panj shambe*). "Even days" are Saturday (*shambe*), Monday (*do shambe*), and Wednesday (*châr shambe*).

[Shab-e jom'e](#) (the night of Friday) actually means "Thursday night" when people go out for the weekend. [Jom'e shab](#) would be Friday night (or any other night).