# **Timeline of Safavid Capital Cities** and **Major Structures**

## TABRIZ (1501-1555/6)

# Shah Isma'il (1501-1524)

Ancestral shrine in Ardabil; Dar al-Hadith (Reading Hall for the *Hadith*) Governors of Isfahan, Mausoleum of Harun-e Velayat (1513) and Masjed-e Ali (1522)

Hunting lodge-palace in Khoy

## Shah Tahmasb (1524-1576)

Additions to Ardabil Shrine 1534–1540s; courtyard façade of the Dar al-Huffaz and the tomb chambers, the Jannat Sara (c. 1540), Dar al-Hadith (?) Beginning construction at Qazvin, 1544/5

# QAZVIN (1555/6-1598)

# Shah Tahmasb (1524-1576)

Refurbishment of the Maydan-e Asb (hippodrome) Addition of Ali Qapu Gateway between the Maydan and the royal precinct Saʿadatabad palace precinct (Daulatkhane) with gardens and pavilions The Chehel Sotun Palace, completed c. 1555/6

## ISFAHAN (1598–1722)

#### Shah Abbas I (1587-1629)

1590/I, commencement of construction in Isfahan, Maydan-e Naqsh-e Jahan, the Oaysariyye, the Ali Oapu as a two-story gateway into the royal gardens

c. 1596, beginning of construction of the Chahar Bagh Promenade and the Hezar Jarib royal pleasance

1598, official transfer of the capital to Isfahan

c. 1598, Ganj Ali Khan complex for governor of Kerman

c. 1602, modification of the Maydan periphery

1602/3-1618/19, Shaykh Lotf-Allah Chapel-Mosque

1602/3-1615, Ali Qapu raised to five-story tower as a Palace-Gateway

1602-1607, Allah Verdi Khan Bridge

1611/12–1638, Masjed-e Jadid-e Abbasi (Royal Mosque)

1611, founding of cities of Farahabad and Ashraf (Cheshme Emarat, Abbasabad) in Mazandaran

### Shah Safi I (1629-1642)

1630s, Talar-e Tavile and Ayenekhane Palaces

#### Shah Abbas II (1642-1666)

1644, talar addition to the Ali Qapu Palace-Gateway

1647–50s, the Chehel Sotun Palace

1651/2, Khwaju (Hasanabad) Bridge

1650s, Sa'adatabad royal pleasance on the banks of Zayande River

1657/8, Ju'i (Rivulet) Bridge

1659/60, Chahar Bagh-e Khwaju

#### Shah Solayman (1666-1694)

1669, Hasht Behesht Palace

#### Soltan Hossayn (1694-1722)

1710/11, Soltani (Chahar Bagh or Madar-e Shah) Madrasa

1711, commencement of the Farahabad royal pleasance

