

Pasargadae



Persepolis





One of the most famous historical sites of Iran is definitely **Persepolis**.

Persepolis was constructed by the Persian king of kings **Darius I** Achaemenid.





It was a center for a lot
of **celebrations** and
festivals.



There are seven palaces in Persepolis and more than 3000 reliefs, including the relief of Farvahar, soldiers and lions.

Pasargadae was
the capital of
ancient Persia. It
was founded by
Cyrus the Great.

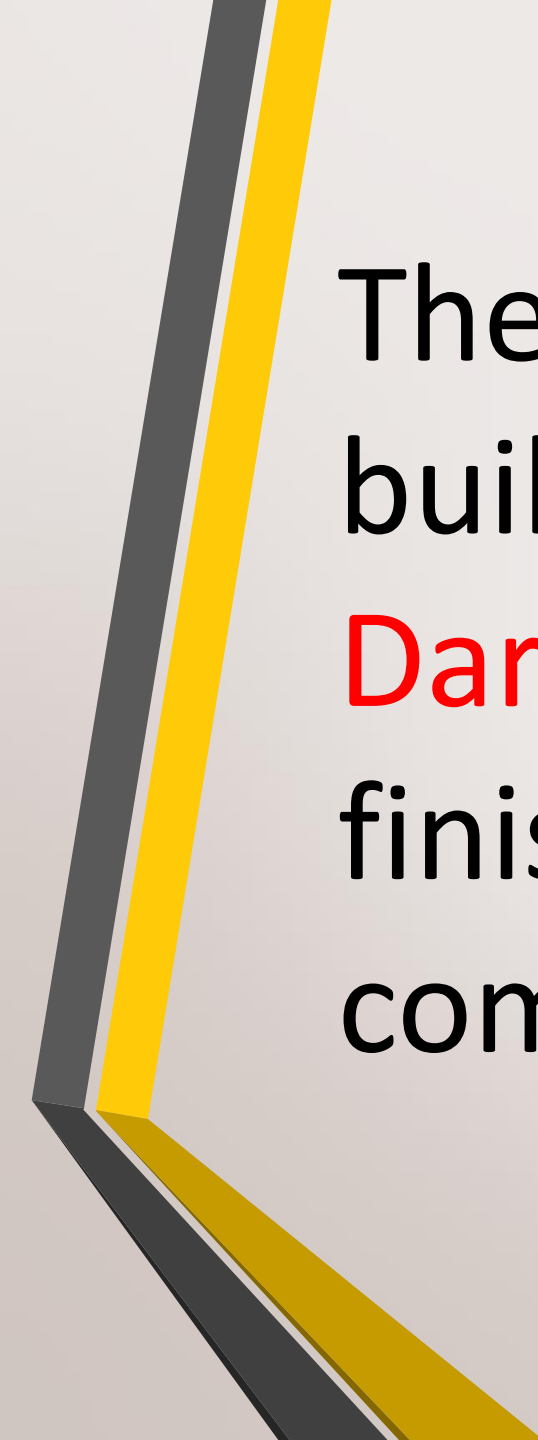


They are both listed in **UNESCO** World Heritage Sites.

They are two of the **oldest structures** on the planet. They date back to **2,500 years ago**.

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There were 72 pillars in Apadana palace but sadly these days only 14 of them are left.



Darius I built the greatest palace at Persepolis on the western side of platform. This palace was called the Apadana.



Cyrus the Great




He was one the greatest Iranian emperors. His empire included the modern Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Armenia, Kuwait, Syria, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and parts of Egypt.

Pasargadae's most magnificent building is the tomb of Cyrus the Great.





Sadly, **Cyrus Cylinder** was taken away and is now kept at the **British museum**.



After a battle between Darius III and Alexander of Macedon, the army of Alexander took the Persepolis and set it on fire

Sadly, the fire burnt and damaged a lot of the valuable parts of the palaces.

