

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.



Persepolis and Pasargadae





- ✎ 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.
- ✎ Persepolis is a Greek name. It means “the city of the Persians.”
- ✎ The largest and most magnificent building in Persepolis is the Apadana. Darius started building it and Xerxes finished it. It took 30 years to complete.
- ✎ 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.
- ✎ Pasargadae’s most magnificent building is the tomb of 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.
- ✎ Sadly, Cyrus Cylinder was taken away and is now kept at the British museum.
- ✎ After a battle between Darius III and Alexandar of Macedon, the army of Alexandar took the Persepolis and set it on fire. Sadly, the fire burnt and damaged a lot of the valuable parts of the palaces.

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▶ Nasir al-Mulk mosque

In 1876, Mirza Hassan Ali Khan, also known as Nasir-ol Molkthe (ruler of Fars), decided to build a mosque as a memory of himself for the next generations. The designers of the mosque were Mohammad Hasan-e-Memar, an Iranian architect, and Mohammad Reza Kashi-Saz-e-Širazi. It was completed after 12 years in 1888. But it didn't have any colored glasses at that time. They were added years later by Haj Mirza Ayat.