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Featured museum

*Images from Ancient Iran:
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Audience hall scene depicting Darius I or Xerxes I,
Treasury Palace, Persepolis. 5th century BCE

A photographic essay



Footed pottery vessel. Shahr-e Soukhteh - Sistan. Late 3rd millennium BCE

ceramic charioteer. Amarlu - Gilan. 1st millennium BCE





Bronze quiver. Sorkh dom -
Luristan. 800-700 BCE



Gold goblet with winged bulls. Marlik - Gilan. Early 1st millennium BCE



Lapis lazuli vessel encrusted with gold. Hasanlu - West Azerbaijan. Early 1st millennium BCE.

Gold earrings. Pasargad - Fars. Achaemenid period.





Statue of Darius I, with inscription on base in Egyptian hieroglyphs. Found at Susa. 6th-5th century BCE.



silver foundation tablet of Darius I with inscription in Old Persian, Elamite and Babylonian cuneiform. Persepolis - Fars.



Gold rhyton. Hamadan. Achaemenid period.



The upper part of a stone capital from Persepolis. 5th century BCE.



Bronze statue of Parthian prince. Shami - (Izew) Khuzistan.



Zeus. Nahavand - Hamedan. Seleucid period.



Floor mosaic (fragment). Shapur's palace, Bishapur - Fars. 3rd (?) century CE.



Stucco bust.
Hajiabad - Fars.
Sasanian.



silver bowl (detail).
Klardasht - Mazandaran.
Sasanian.