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PERSEPOLIS, CITY OF CULTURE

PERSEPOLIS



It is a warm summer morning in the ancient city of Persepolis. A group of schoolchildren arrives, ready to explore the ruins. Persepolis was once the capital of the **Persian** Empire. A guide takes them to see the 2,500-year-old carvings on the city's stone walls. Many carvings show people delivering goods to their king. Others show the local plants and animals.



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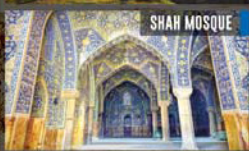
ERAM GARDENS



MOUNT DAMAVAND



SHAH MOSQUE



The students wander among the city's ruins until lunchtime. The tall columns loom overhead. After lunch, the children visit the tomb of the Persian king Artaxerxes II. They enjoy a beautiful view of the city below. Welcome to Iran!

LOCATION

Iran is located in the **Middle East**. It covers 636,372 square miles (1,648,195 square kilometers). Tehran, the country's capital, lies in the north. Iran's second-largest city, Mashhad, is in the northeast.

Iran has many land neighbors. To the north are Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Turkmenistan. Afghanistan and Pakistan border Iran to the east. The nations of Iraq and Turkey make up the western border. Approximately one-third of Iran's borders are coasts. The Caspian Sea washes against Iran's northern coast. The waters of the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf form Iran's southern coast.





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