

Golestan Palace

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Golestan Palace Latest News

Amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, Iran's capital Tehran was recently reported to have suffered significant structural damage, including to the historic Golestan Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

About Golestan Palace

- It is a historically significant site located at the heart of **Iran's capital, Tehran**.
- Stemming from the Persian word "Golestan" which means "rose garden" or "flower garden", the palace is otherwise known as the **"Rose Garden Palace"**.
- **Dating back to the 16th century**, it is a crucial part of the **Persian royal heritage**, representing the long and influential reign of the **Qajar dynasty, followed by the Pahlavi dynasty**.
- **Originally built as a citadel for Safavid rulers**, it was **transformed over centuries** into a sprawling royal complex with gardens, palatial buildings, and collections of **Persian and European artefacts**.
- It **became the seat of government of the Qajar family**, which **came into power in 1779** and **made Teheran the capital** of the country.

- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Golestan Palace Features

- It is especially known for its **bright and vibrant tile work**.
- As is typical in Persian art, **use of rich colors** like yellow, turquoise, cobalt blue, pink, and white **features in intricate floral patterns, geometric designs, and calligraphy**.
- The palace's **tiles highlight the importance of detail, symmetry, and balance** in Persian tiles which also serve as a **vessel for storytelling**.
- It is also renowned for its breathtaking **ceremonial halls** such as the Mirror Hall, Brilliant Hall, Ivory Hall, Salam Hall, Reception Hall, and more.
- These rooms **combine Persian and European aesthetics** in reflection of the Qajar and Pahlavi dynasties.

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