



## Takht e Rustam

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The Throne of Rustam, a king and hero from Persian mythology, is a round stone Buddhist hill temple with a cave monastery. Dating from the 4th and 5th centuries, it rose in three levels for the king (uppermost), his court (middle level) and commoners (ground level). There is a cave inside the hill and a square building on top. Outside there are two conference halls; one is 22 metres by 22 metres and the other is round. This site has been cleaned and de-mined and has a security guard, although there has been little problem with looting here.