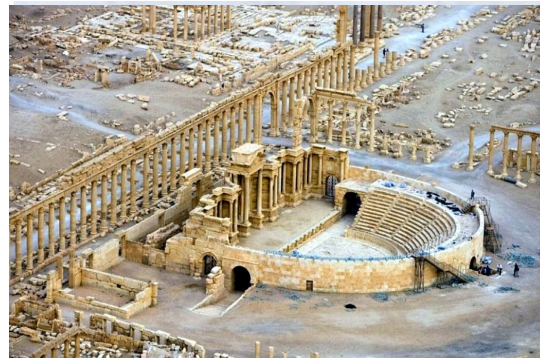




### *Protection and management requirements*

The site was designated a national monument and is now protected by the National Antiquities law 222 as amended in 1999.



### *History of Palmyra:*

The city is mentioned in tablets dating from as early as the 19th century BC, when it was a trading city in the extensive trade network that linked Mesopotamia and northern Syria.

Palmyra appears in the Bible as a desert city fortified by Solomon.



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**Palmyra** is the Greek name for the city, which means “palm tree”. It is an oasis in the Syrian Desert. It is located on north-east of Damascus, Syria.



Palmyra contains the monumental ruins of a great city that was one of the most important cultural centers of the ancient world. long and one kilometer wide.

The city was elliptical in shape, about two kilometers long and one kilometer wide. The main attractions of Palmyra are the Great Colonnade, the Monumental Arch, the Temple of Bel, Theatre and Senate. The city grew wealthy from trade caravans.



The art and architecture of Palmyra was so beautiful that some modern cities are named after it. For example, Saint-Petersburg is sometimes called as Northern Palmyra.



Every year, millions of tourists come to see the remarkable sights of Palmyra. The ancient ruins are a World Heritage Site of UNESCO.