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# Sardes Archaeological Site



## Sardes Archaeological Site Visiting Hours

April 1-October 31

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00

Box Office Closing: 18.45

October 31- April 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00

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Where the First Coin was Minted in History





### Lydia's Capital

It was the capital of the state of Lydia, where the coins were first minted and used in commerce. The site has been inhabited as a settlement from 687-547 B.C. to the present day. There are the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, The Church adjacent to the temple, The Gymnasium and Bathhouse Complex, shops, The Theatre and The Stadion in the ancient city.



### The Altar and Temple of Artemis

The construction of the structure was started in accordance with the peripteros plan in the Hellenistic period (3rd B.C.) and with various additions and changes of plans. It showed development and change until the Roman period. It is among the largest temples in the world in Ionic order. There are rounded and embroidered column bases on square pedestals, fluted column shafts with Ionic column heads on top. The Temple is dedicated to Artemis, goddess of hunting, fertility and soil.



### Firsts in Sardes

Sardes, the capital of Lydia, is where the first coin was minted and used in commerce. Also, one of the first seven churches of Christianity is located here.

