

# Saka

## Sakas

Issyk's Gold Cataphract Warrior (from Kazakhstan), a parade gold scale armour from Issyk's thomb of Sakas King

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### Total population

Unknown

### Regions with significant populations

Eastern Europe  
Central Asia  
Northeast Asia

### Languages

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The **Sakas**<sup>[1]</sup> were a population of [Iranic](#)<sup>[2][3][4]</sup> nomadic tribesmen lived in the plains of [Eurasia](#) from [Eastern Europe](#) to [China](#), from the Old Persian Period to the Middle Persian Period. Then [Turkic language](#) speakers took their place.<sup>[[source?](#)]</sup>

The ancient Greeks called the Sakas the [Scythians](#).<sup>[[source?](#)]</sup>

Sakas came across the [river Indus](#) and overan Sind and Saurashtra (near Gujrat) .They finally settled down in Kathiawar and malwa. They were often in war with the Satavahanas. Rudradaman, one of their best known king was the one who stopped the expansion of Sata ahana power to the north of river Narmada. The Sakas themselves could not expand to the north as they would have liked to, because Kushanas held them back.

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