

THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS

The Valley of the Kings, near Luxor in Egypt, is a great burial ground for pharaohs. It's famous for being home to the tomb of Tutankhamun, the Boy-King, and because it is on the most famous archaeological sites in the world. Tourists have been visiting there for a very long time.



Tutankhamun's tomb

Tutankhamun's tomb was so well preserved because stone and rubble fell from other tombs being built causing the entrance to be buried and Tutankhamun was nearly lost to history. In November, 1922, English archaeologist, Howard Carter, discovered his tomb. It contained many wondrous things that were shipped to the Kyra museum in a process that took 10 years. They have been kept there since.

Did you know?

There are 63 tombs in the Valley of the Kings and they vary in sizes; some can be little more than a large hole in the ground when some can have up to 100 underground chambers.



Pharaohs stopped building pyramids to be buried in because they were worried that they would be robbed of their riches.



Tutankhamun's mummy was found inside the golden sarcophagus. His death mask is inlaid with deep-blue glass and precious stones.

