

# The Valley of the Kings

The Valley of the Kings is where they buried all the dead pharaohs and noblemen. The Valley is in Egypt where for a period of nearly 500 years, between the 16th to the 11th century BC, rock cut tombs were excavated for the pharaohs and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom. After the 2005 discovery of a new chamber and the 2008 discovery of the further tomb entrances, the Valley is known to contain 63 tombs and chambers. These range in size from a simple pit to a complex tomb with over 120 chambers. It was the principle burial place of major royal figures of the New Kingdom. There may be more tombs and chambers yet to be discovered in the Valley of the Kings, only time will tell!

## Ramses

There are still tombs to be discovered in the valley of the kings and some archaeologists believe the remains of Ramses VIII one of the most famous pharaohs awaits to be discovered.



## Did You Know

King Tut was not a very healthy child and his cause of death remains a mystery but he may have died from an accident or illness.



### Tutankhamun

Tutankhamun is a dead mummified pharaoh. His tomb was discovered in the Valley of the Kings by a British archaeologist Howard Carter in 1922. It was the best-preserved pharaoh tomb ever discovered and it was untouched by grave robbers. Tutankhamun was born over 3,000 years ago, about 1314 BC. King Tut as he was also known became a pharaoh at the age of 9! He ruled for 10 years and died at the very young age of 19! King Tut's tomb lay mostly undisturbed for more than 3,000 years before it was discovered. The tomb contained many thousands of perfectly preserved artifacts. The discovery of the tomb made news headlines around the world and the artifacts have been shown in museums everywhere.

