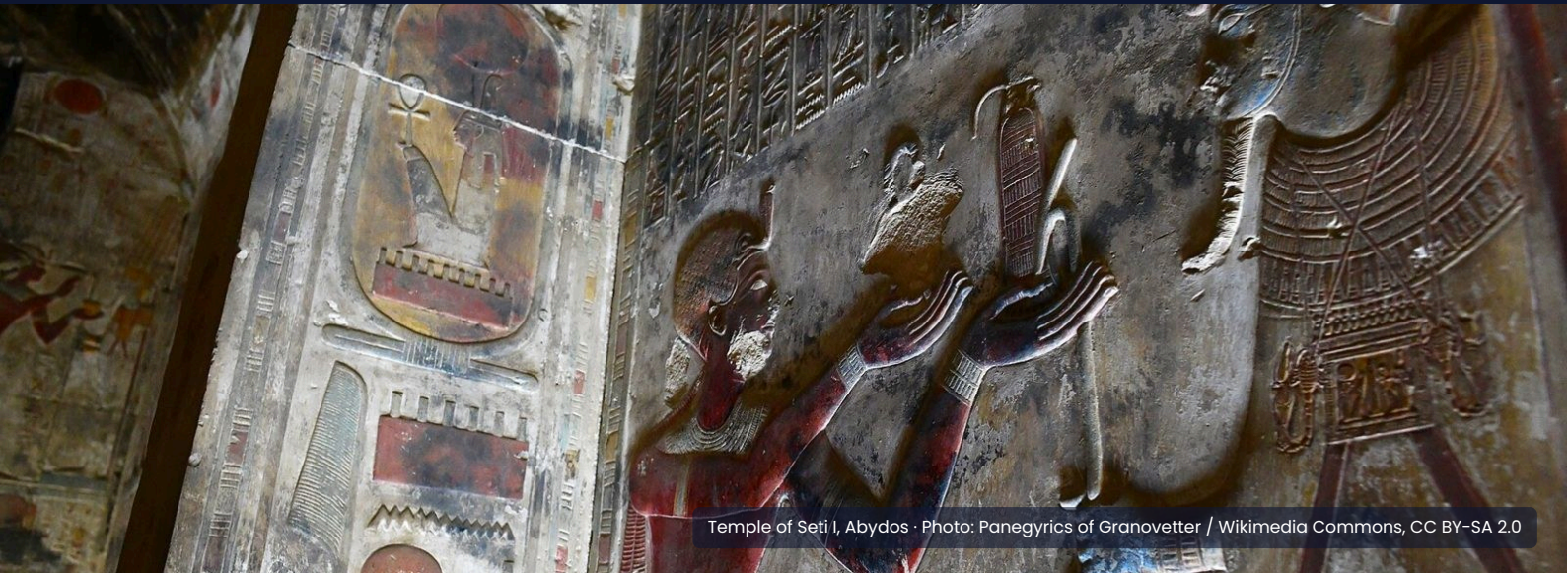




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19TH DYNASTY (C. 1290 BC)

Abydos (Temple of Seti I)

The temple of Seti I, dedicated to Osiris, famed for its exquisite reliefs and the Abydos King List.

Why it matters

Abydos was the main cult centre of Osiris, god of resurrection and the afterlife. Egyptians believed his head or tomb lay here, and the site drew pilgrims for thousands of years. Seti I began building this temple and his son Ramesses II completed it. Abydos lies in Sohag governorate, roughly two and a half hours by car from Luxor.

7

chapels for gods and the king

76

kings named in the King List

c. 1290 BC

Seti I begins the temple

≈3 h

by car from Luxor

Plan your visit

Hours

Daily 07:00 – 17:00

Ticket

Foreign adult EGP 260
Student EGP 130 (valid ID)

Photos

Phone photography free

Time

1.5–2 hours

Best time

Leave Luxor early;
combine with Dendera

Where

Sohag governorate,
about 170 km north of Luxor

Prices and hours checked October 2026. Always confirm at the ticket office. Card payment only at most ticket offices.



WALK IT IN THIS ORDER

Your route through Abydos

The bigger picture

The reliefs here are among the finest ever carved in Egypt, and some still keep their colour. The temple has seven chapels for deities including Osiris, Isis, Horus, Amun-Ra and Ptah, plus one for the king himself. A gallery holds the Abydos King List, which records the names of earlier kings and shows Seti I with his son, the young Prince Ramesses. Behind the temple stands the Osireion, a symbolic tomb of Osiris.

1 Facade & first hall

Ramesses II finished the front; the halls inside were carved under Seti I.

3 Seven chapels

Side-by-side sanctuaries for Osiris, Isis, Horus, Amun-Ra, Ptah, Ra-Horakhty and the king.

5 The Osireion

Behind the temple, a mysterious symbolic tomb of Osiris, often partly flooded.

2 Second hypostyle hall

Some of the finest reliefs in Egypt, many still with their colour.

4 Gallery of the Kings

The King List: Seti I and young Ramesses honour the names of 76 earlier kings.

Good to know

- The drive is long, so start early. Don't miss the King List gallery or the Osireion behind the temple. Many visitors combine Abydos with Dendera in a single day trip.
- Look for the famous 'helicopter' hieroglyphs: old signs re-carved over each other.



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