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MODERN MUSEUM

Luxor Museum

A carefully curated collection of Theban treasures

Why it matters

Opened in 1975, the museum displays artifacts discovered in the Luxor region itself, including striking statues from the Luxor Temple cachette found in 1989 — a hoard of 26 statues carefully buried beneath the temple floor — selected pieces from Tutankhamun's treasures, and the mummy of Ramesses I, which returned to Egypt in 2003 after a long journey that had taken it to a museum in Atlanta, USA.

The museum also houses a full wall of small sandstone blocks known as talatat, once part of Akhenaten's temple at Karnak before it was deliberately dismantled after his death.

1975

year the museum opened

26

statues in the 1989 temple cache

2003

Ramesses I's mummy came home

≈1 h

for an unhurried visit

Plan your visit

Hours

Daily, morning and evening sessions (times change — check locally)

Ticket

Foreign adult EGP 400
Student EGP 200 (valid ID)

Photos

Phone photos usually allowed, no flash

Time

1–1.5 hours

Best time

Evening session: cooler and quiet

Where

East Bank Corniche, between Luxor and Karnak temples

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 the museum

The bigger picture

The museum's focused, uncrowded layout lets visitors engage more deeply with Theban history and art than the larger, busier national museums allow. It also holds a striking statue of Thutmose III carved from green schist, considered one of the finest surviving royal statues from the New Kingdom.

1 Masterpieces of sculpture

Start with the green schist statue of Thutmose III, one of the finest royal statues of the New Kingdom.

3 Royal mummies

The mummy of Ramesses I, returned from a museum in Atlanta in 2003, rests here.

5 Tutankhamun pieces

Selected objects from the boy king's tomb, without the Cairo crowds.

2 The temple cache

Statues found in 1989 buried under Luxor Temple, including a superb quartzite Amenhotep III.

4 Akhenaten's wall

A whole wall rebuilt from talatat blocks of Akhenaten's lost temple at Karnak.

Good to know

- Don't miss the Royal Mummies Hall upstairs and the Akhenaten talatat wall — entry to the mummies sometimes requires a separate additional ticket.
- Pair it with the Mummification Museum a few minutes away.
- Air-conditioned and calm — a perfect escape from the midday heat.



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