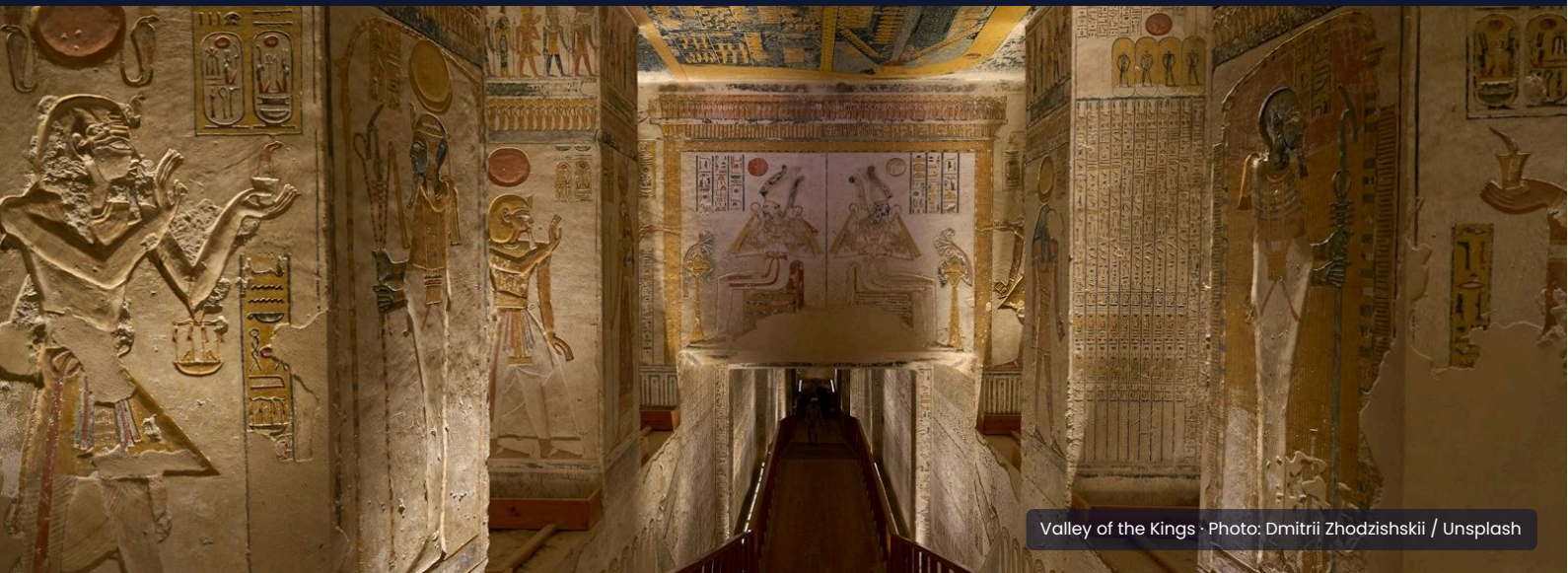




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NEW KINGDOM

Valley of the Kings

The secret royal burial ground of Egypt's pharaohs

Why it matters

The valley contains more than sixty-four discovered tombs carved into the rock, chosen by New Kingdom pharaohs as a hidden, secure alternative to the pyramids, which had become easy targets for tomb robbers. The tomb walls are covered with religious texts such as the Book of the Dead and the Book of Gates, guiding the king through the afterlife.

Among the most significant is the tomb of Seti I, the deepest and longest in the valley at over 130 meters, and KV5, the tomb of Ramesses II, which turned out to be the largest tomb in the valley, built to bury dozens of his sons. The workers who carved these tombs lived in the nearby village of Deir el-Medina, leaving behind documents detailing their daily lives and even a labor strike — the first documented workers' strike in recorded history.

64+

tombs discovered so far

130 m+

length of Seti I's tomb

1922

Tutankhamun's tomb found intact

3

tombs on the standard ticket

Plan your visit

Hours	Daily 06:00 – 17:00
Ticket	Foreign adult EGP 750 (3 tombs) Student EGP 375
Extra	Tutankhamun EGP 700 · Seti I EGP 2,000 · Ramesses VI EGP 220 Little train to the tombs: EGP 20
Photos	Phone photography free, no flash
Time	2–3 hours
Best time	At opening, before the valley heats up
Where	West Bank, about 25 minutes by car from the Nile

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 Valley

The bigger picture

The most famous tomb by far is that of Tutankhamun, discovered intact in 1922 by Howard Carter with all its golden treasures — the most celebrated archaeological find in modern history. Excavation work continues in the valley today, in search of tombs still undiscovered.

1 Visitor centre

See the model of the valley first, to understand how the tombs run deep into the rock.

3 Your three tombs

Open tombs rotate. Ask which are open today and choose three with different decoration.

5 Ramesses VI (KV9)

Ceilings covered with the sky goddess Nut swallowing and giving birth to the sun.

2 The little train

A short electric train takes you from the visitor centre up to the tombs.

4 Tutankhamun (KV62)

Small but famous: the boy king's mummy still lies here, in his own tomb.

6 Seti I (KV17)

The longest and finest-painted tomb in the valley — the top ticket, worth it for keen visitors.

Good to know

- A standard ticket covers only three tombs, and Tutankhamun's tomb usually requires a separate ticket, so plan your visit in advance.
- Bring water and a hat: there is almost no shade between tombs.
- Wear comfortable shoes — tombs have long, sloping corridors.



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