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## NEW KINGDOM

# Valley of the Queens

The resting place of queens and royal children

## Why it matters

Known in antiquity as 'Ta-Set-Neferu,' meaning 'Place of Beauty,' this valley holds the tombs of pharaohs' wives and children, the most famous being that of Queen Nefertari, the favorite wife of Ramesses II.

Discovered in 1904, it is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful tombs in all of Egypt thanks to its exceptionally well-preserved colors, which underwent years of meticulous restoration in partnership with the Getty Conservation Institute. The valley also contains the tomb of Prince Amun-her-khepeshef, a son of Ramesses III who died as a child, its walls showing his father presenting him to the gods in touching scenes.

**≈90**

tombs in the valley

**1904**

Nefertari's tomb discovered

**6 yrs**

of careful restoration with the Getty

**≈10 min**

allowed inside Nefertari's tomb

## Plan your visit

|                  |                                                     |
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| <b>Hours</b>     | Daily 06:00 – 17:00                                 |
| <b>Ticket</b>    | Foreign adult EGP 220<br>Student EGP 110 (valid ID) |
| <b>Extra</b>     | Tomb of Nefertari EGP 2,500 (no student rate)       |
| <b>Photos</b>    | Phone photos allowed in most tombs                  |
| <b>Time</b>      | 1–1.5 hours                                         |
| <b>Best time</b> | Morning, when the valley is quiet                   |
| <b>Where</b>     | West Bank, near Medinet Habu                        |

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

Nefertari's tomb depicts the queen's journey through the afterlife in vivid colors that remain striking today, earning it the reputation of the most beautiful tomb in Egypt.

### 1 Tomb of Nefertari (QV66)

The queen guided through the afterlife by the gods, in colours that still look freshly painted.

### 3 Prince Khaemwaset (QV44)

Another of Ramesses III's sons, with bright, well-kept scenes.

### 2 Prince Amun-her-khepeshef (QV55)

A son of Ramesses III who died young, led by his father before the gods.

### 4 Queen Titi (QV52)

A royal wife's tomb showing protective gods and goddesses.

## Good to know

- Visiting Nefertari's tomb requires a separate ticket with a limited daily number of visitors to protect the colors, so book ahead if you can.
- Nefertari tickets are limited each day — come early or book through your guide.
- Combine with Medinet Habu, only a few minutes away.



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