

## Holidays In Luxor - Discover Egyptian Culture

A trip to Egypt is full of wonder and surprises. A different culture and a history that stretches back about as far as it can go. Luxor is built on the site of the ancient city of Thebes and lies on the river Nile. Luxor is a prime tourist destination and holidays in Luxor can be as luxurious or as frugal as you like. There is something for everyone. The top sights to see are:

The Karnak Temple which is also known as the Amun Temple Precinct. The precinct is built over a large area and has a number of temples. But the most important of these is the temple for Amun Ra. In Egyptian religion Amun Ra was a prominent figure.

The Valley of the Kings is located on the other side of the Nile from Luxor. It was here that the Kings were entombed. The most famous of the Kings here was Tutankhamen. In the valley are tombs of at least 63 kings and excavation continue. Of these only 18 are open to visit and not all 18 are open at any one time. The Valley of the Queens is where the Royal queens and children were laid to rest. For many these valleys are the prime destination when taking holidays in Luxor.

The Open Air museum which sits beside the Amun Ra Precinct is often missed by visitors. But its collections including the White Chapel and the statuary collection are considered to be well worth visiting.

The small museum of Mummification has exhibits of both human and animal mummies. There are displays of the mummification process and the tools used.

The Luxor Temple is a place that is perhaps visited at dusk or into the evening. Here lighting shows off the colonnades and carvings. There is the remains of an avenue of sphinx sculptures that once was three kilometres long and joined the Luxor temple with the temple of Amun Ra.

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