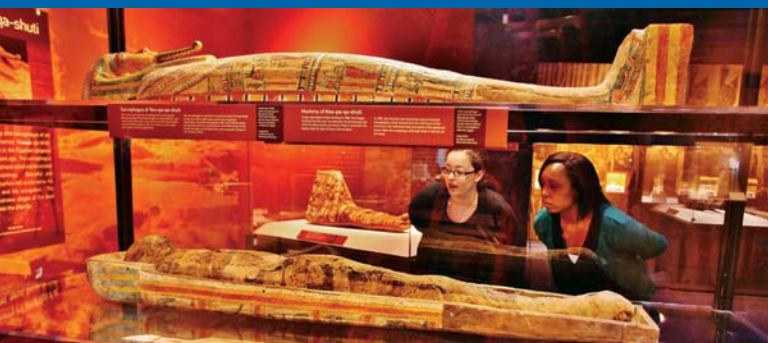


MUMMIES OF THE WORLD THE EXHIBITION

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Information for Families

Discovery Place welcomes adults and children to *Mummies of the World*. However, we recommend that you become familiar with the exhibition before deciding whether or not to share the experience with your child. Please note that all children ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible adult while visiting the Museum.

We suggest that you discuss the contents of the exhibition with your child before your visit. In particular, remind your child that the mummies are no longer living. They were once real people, but they don't look like everyday people now because the mummification process alters the way they look in many ways. For example, you may see mummies with their mouths open. This is because of the drying process; it is not the position they were in when they died. Also, note that the bodies you see are rigid and will not move.



Some common questions to discuss with your child.

What's It All About?

The exhibition is designed to teach how mummies are created through both natural and intentional processes. You will learn that mummification has occurred throughout history in cultures and environments worldwide. Through hands-on exhibits and by viewing real mummies, you will discover how current scientific tools enable us to study mummies without unwrapping or otherwise damaging them. Each of the mummies on display has been recently studied with some of the latest science technology, so that we may uncover new information. Studying mummies provides insight into ancient peoples, environments and civilizations.



Are the Mummies Real?

Mummies of the World is an exhibition of real human bodies and some animal bodies that have been preserved through mummification. Mummification occurs after the person is dead and is an interruption of the normal process of decomposition.

What Is a Mummy?

Mummification is a process where some of the soft tissue of a dead body is preserved. Soft tissues are those parts of an organism that usually decay soon after death: skin, muscle, internal organs, hair and nails. Preserved bones and teeth without soft tissue are not mummified remains.

Where Do These Mummies Come From?

The mummies on display were found in countries all over the world and have been taken care of in European museums for over 100 years. The museums have loaned the mummies to this exhibition so that everyone can learn from them.

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