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Journey through time - *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs* opens next week!

The largest collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts ever to tour to Aotearoa New Zealand opens next Thursday 15 June at Tāmaki Paenga Hira Auckland War Memorial Museum. Tickets are on sale now at aucklandmuseum.com.

Prepare to embark on an extraordinary adventure that will transport you back over 4,000 years to the captivating world of ancient Egypt. Opening its doors next Thursday 15 June, *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs* promises an unparalleled experience that will immerse visitors in the wonders of this iconic ancient civilisation.

Coming exclusively to Auckland Museum, the international touring exhibition *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs*, puts on spotlight on life in one the most influential cultures in global human history, revealing public, private, and secret spaces through more than 300 original artefacts, artworks and interactive experiences.

Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs examines ancient Egyptian culture and how it flourished along the banks of the Nile, revealing the economic, political and cultural life of the pharaohs and the ruling classes, as well as the day-to-day experience of the population as a whole.

Included in the exhibition are the mummified remains of Ta-Khar, a wealthy Egyptian woman who lived in Thebes during the 25th Dynasty (165-656 BCE); a 2,000-year-old papyrus from *The Book of the Dead* showing a human heart weighed against justice by the god Osiris; intricate jewellery and adornments worn by ancient Egyptians; stunning carved reliefs and statues of animals, deities, pharaohs and more. Many of the artefacts date as far back as 4,500 years.

Auckland Museum Chief Executive Dr David Gaimster says, “*Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs* is an exceptional exhibition that brings one of the largest travelling collections of ancient Egyptian artefacts to Aotearoa New Zealand for the first time. It is rare to have access to the variety and quality of a collection such as this, we can’t wait for our visitors to take this once-in-a-generation opportunity to explore ancient Egyptian civilisation on our own shores.”

Thanks to [Adventure World](https://adventureworld.co.nz), all visitors to *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs* will have the chance to enter the draw to win an amazing ‘Authentic Egypt’ prize package for two valued at over \$20,000. This incredible 10-day trip includes flights, accommodation, private English-speaking guides and Egyptologists, and an itinerary of unforgettable experiences including a flyover of the impressive Abu Simbel temples, 4-day cruise down The



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Nile exploring the Valley of the Kings, Karnak and Luxor Temples, getting up close and personal with the Pyramids and Sphinx in Giza, and many more sights of this fascinating country.

Families will have the opportunity to delve deeper into the world of ancient Egypt over a late-night of fun filled activities at [Night at the Museum: Wonders of Egypt](#), on over six nights this July school holidays. This large-scale performance event sees the Museum come alive with a cast of colourful characters who will share their customs and daily lives. Discover what daily life was like on the banks of the Nile, from growing and preparing food, to the art of hieroglyphics, to the temples of the gods and the rituals of preparing for the afterlife, including the process of mummification. Tickets are on sale and include entry to *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs*.

Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs comes exclusively to Auckland Museum and opens Thursday 15 June 2023 until Sunday 12 November 2023.

Auckland Museum Membership provides unlimited free entry to *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs*, discounted event tickets and exclusive Member-only events. Find out more at: aucklandmuseum.com/membership.

Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs is a joint venture between Lokschuppen Rosenheim, the University of Aberdeen Museums, Roemer- und Pelizaeus-Museum Hildesheim and MuseumsPartner Austria. This exhibition is presented in partnership with Adventure World.

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INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY | *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs* co-curator Prof Regine Schulz

Professor Regine Schulz, Scientific Director of the Roemer- und Pelizaeus-Museum, Hildesheim and Associate Professor, Institute of Egyptology at Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, will be visiting Auckland from 13 – 16 June. If you would like to book an interview, please contact [Samantha McKegg](#).

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EGYPT: IN THE TIME OF PHAROAHs

OPENS THU 15 JUN 2023 – SUN 12 NOV 2023

AUAHA ATEA NUI SPECIAL EXHIBITION SUITE

Tickets: Adult \$25, Child (5–15) \$15, Family (2 children, 2 adult) \$72, Concessions \$21, Under 5 Free

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NIGHT AT AUCKLAND MUSEUM: WONDERS OF EGYPT

SUN 2 JUL, MON 3 JUL, THU 6 JUL, SUN 9 JUL, MON 10 JUL & WED 12 JUL

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL MON 12 JUNE. EARLY BIRD \$35, GENERAL ADMISSION \$40, DOOR SALES (IF NOT SOLD OUT PRIOR) \$45

Experience your Museum after dark, exploring the world of ancient Egypt by torchlight with two floors of actor-led activities for the whole family. Join us in the life and times of ancient Egyptians – from the ‘fabulous’ pharaohs to the everyday folk. Visit the land of the living as you work in the fields, sample food, take their medical cures (if you dare), try their hairstyles, play their music, and more. Then prepare for the afterlife with protective charms and tomb painting, and finally, dare to enter the tent of purification for the making of a mummy. Tickets include admission to *Egypt: In the Time of Pharaohs*.

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