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MUMMIES

OF THE WORLD
THE EXHIBITION

FAMILY GUIDE



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Union Station Kansas City welcomes both adults and children to Mummies of the World. However, this exhibition may not be suitable for some children. You may want to become familiar with the exhibition before deciding whether or not to bring your child to Mummies of the World, and this guide may help you to do so.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Mummies of the World is designed to teach us how mummies are created through both natural processes and intentional practices. The exhibition is comprised of real mummies and artifacts from Europe, South America and Ancient Egypt, some of which date back more than 4,500 years. You will learn that mummification has occurred throughout history in various cultures and environments. Through hands-on interactive exhibits you will discover how current science tools enable us to study mummies without unwrapping or otherwise damaging them. Most of the mummies on display have been recently studied with some of the latest science technology. Studying mummies provides insight into ancient peoples, environments and civilizations.

YOU WILL SEE REAL MUMMIES

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

ABOUT THE MUMMIES

The exhibition features a group of fascinating mummies and artifacts on loan from 12 world-renowned museums, organizations and collections coming from 5 countries. The exhibition includes:

- The Vac Mummies, a mummified family from Hungary believed to have died from tuberculosis
- The Baron Von Holz, a German nobleman found tucked away in the family crypt of a 14th century castle wearing his best leather boots
- The Burns Collection, a group of medical mummies used to teach anatomy in the early 19th century
- An Egyptian priest named Nes-Hor whom we have determined had arthritis and a broken left hip
- Egyptian animal mummies including a falcon, a fish, a dog and a baby crocodile, many of which were deliberately preserved to accompany royals for eternity
- MUMAB, the first replication of Egyptian mummification done on a body in 2800 years
- And much more....

WHAT IS A MUMMY?

Mummification is the process where some of the soft tissues are 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.

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS THE EXHIBIT WITH YOUR CHILD

Union Station Kansas City suggests that you discuss the contents of the exhibit with your child before visiting. 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 because the mummification process alters the way they look in many ways.



REAL MUMMIES. REAL SCIENCE. REAL PEOPLE.