

KING TUT'S TREASURES!

It's almost 100 years since 'Boy King' Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered. Now's your last chance to see its treasures before they're returned to Egypt...

King Tutankhamun became ruler of **Ancient Egypt** when he was **nine years old**. The **Boy King** died just **ten years later** and he was buried in a **golden coffin** surrounded by **5,000 priceless treasures**, including **animal statues, jewellery, clothes, weapons** and even **toys**.

Tut's tomb was found by British archaeologist **Howard Carter** in **November 1922**, more than **3,300 years** after the **Egyptian Pharaoh's** death. Remarkably, it was almost **untouched**. Now, to celebrate the anniversary of the incredible tomb's discovery, **150 artefacts** from the burial site are on display at the **Saatchi Gallery** in **London**, more than **60** of which have **never** been seen outside of Egypt. Check out three of them here...

Some Egyptologists believe King Tut may have died in a chariot crash. But the cause of his death remains a mystery today!

1 Wooden Guardian Statue of the King

This life-sized statue of Tutankhamun, with piercing golden eyes, gold clothing and contrasting black skin, was one of two sentries that Howard Carter found guarding the sealed entrance of Tut's burial chamber. Would you have dared mess with it?!

2 Miniature Canopic Coffin

The **afterlife** was incredibly important to the Ancient Egyptians. They believed that by **preserving** a dead person's body – through the process of **mummification** – the soul would live on in the afterlife **forever**. During the mummification process, the **internal organs were removed**, wrapped in **linen bandages** and placed in containers called **canopic vessels**. Usually these were **jars**, but sometimes the organs were stored in **miniature golden coffins**. This beautiful coffin (left) contained King Tut's **liver**. Wow!

3 Gilded Wooden Bed

Experts think this **gold-covered bed** (below) was made for King Tut's funeral. The Ancient Egyptians believed that the dead were merely **asleep** and that they woke up when they were 'reborn' in the **afterlife**. To ensure the Pharaoh's **safe passage into the** afterlife and to **keep evil forces at bay**, divine figures were carved on to the bed – in this case **Bes**, a **god who frightened away evil spirits** from **newborn babies**, and **Tauret**, the **hippo goddess**. Sweet dreams!

To find out more about the awesome new exhibition **TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh**, and to book tickets, visit tutankhamun-london.com

TUTANKHAMUN: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh is at the **Saatchi Gallery** in London from **2 November to 3 May 2020**

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