

Tut: The Golden King opens in Atlanta

The long wait is over and Tutankhamun, the Golden King and the Great Pharaohs exhibit is on display in Atlanta.

Featuring more than 130 ancient Egyptian treasures, the exhibit premiered at the Atlanta Civic Center on Nov. 15, and will run through May 25, 2009. It highlights artifacts from the tomb of the celebrated pharaoh King Tutankhamun and other ancient sites representing 2,000 years of ancient Egyptian history. The exhibition in Atlanta is developed in partnership with the Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University.

"Tutankhamun's magic still captures the hearts of people all over the world, even though more than 85 years have passed since the discovery of his amazing tomb," said **Zahi Hawass**, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. "America has welcomed the golden king, and now he returns, bringing with him all the great pharaohs of Egypt. This exhibition will raise much-needed funds for the preservation of Egypt's monuments and the construction and renovation of museums throughout the country."

The touring exhibition is organized by National Geographic, Arts and Exhibitions International and AEG Exhibitions, with cooperation from Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities.

The exhibition features an audio tour and National Geographic video documentary, both narrated by award-winning actor **Harrison Ford**.

To correspond with the King Tut exhibition, a slate of Egyptian-themed experiences and programming will take place in Atlanta, including "Wonderful Things: The Harry Burton Photographs and the Discovery of the Tomb of Tutankhamun" at the Michael C. Carlos Museum.

On view during the same period, this photography exhibition features 50 photographs taken by **Harry Burton**, the photographer who accompanied explorer **Howard Carter** on the Tutankhamun expedition and documented the discovery.

Also during the exhibition run, "Egypt 3D: Secrets of the Mummies," a 22-minute 3D movie will be shown. The film follows researchers and explorers as they piece together the archeological and genetic clues of Egyptian mummies.

More than 100 Atlanta businesses are participating in a "Tutlanta" affinity card that comes with King Tut ticket purchases, entitling cardholders to more than \$900 worth of Egyptian-themed offerings and discounts. A full listing of offers is available at www.Tutlanta.com.

Tickets range from \$16.50-\$32.50 and are available at the exhibition box office, 1-877-TUT-TKTS (1-877-888-8587) or www.Ticketmaster.com.



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