

What's new and exciting in Egypt?

Exciting things are happening in Egypt, particularly in the realm of tourism and archaeology! Here's a summary of what's new:

1. Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) Fully Opening:



- The most anticipated news is the projected **official grand opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM)**, expected in late spring or the last quarter of 2025.
- The GEM is set to be the world's largest archaeological museum, housing over 100,000 artifacts, including the complete collection of King Tutankhamun's treasures, which are expected to be on full display after the formal opening on July 3, 2025.
- It's an impressive, modern facility that's already in a soft opening phase, allowing visitors to explore the main galleries showcasing 15,000 artifacts representing Egypt's ancient history.

2. Archaeological Discoveries:

- Egypt has recently made significant archaeological discoveries, including:
 - The **discovery of a new royal tomb**, the first one in over 100 years, thought to belong to King Thutmose II.
 - A **hidden passageway** and a secret tunnel within the Great Pyramid of Giza, discovered using modern technology.
 - Several **4,300-year-old tombs** unearthed at the ancient burial ground of Saqqara.
 - **Ancient rock-cut tombs and burial shafts** dating back 3,600 years near Luxor.

3. Enhanced Tourism Experience:

- Egypt's government is investing heavily in enhancing the tourism experience, including:
 - **Upgraded facilities** at major tourist sites like the Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx, with improved sound and light shows, new cafes, and walking tours.

- **Improved infrastructure**, such as better lighting for evening temple tours in Luxor and enhanced transportation to the West Bank.
- **Reopening of museums** like the Graeco-Roman Museum in Alexandria after extensive restoration.
- Increased accessibility with **new flight routes** and streamlined visa processes, including a new five-year multiple-entry visa.
- Focus on **sustainable tourism** initiatives, like solar-powered stations at UNESCO World Heritage sites and the planned launch of eco-friendly buses in Giza.

4. Expanding Tourism Offerings:

- Egypt is expanding its tourism appeal beyond historical sites to include:
 - **Luxury tourism**, including luxury Nile cruises and a new digital platform to simplify yacht visits.
 - **Medical and wellness tourism**, with the development of the country's first medical and wellness resort.
 - **Adventure tourism**, like desert safaris and water activities in the Red Sea.

In summary, Egypt is experiencing a period of renewed excitement with major museum openings, significant archaeological discoveries, and initiatives aimed at improving the overall visitor experience and diversifying its tourism offerings. These developments make 2025 a particularly exciting time to visit and explore the wonders of ancient and modern Egypt.



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