

Information

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EXHIBITION OPENING Thursday, 3 July 2025, 7:00 PM at the Museum of Ancient Cultures

DATES

Fri 4.7. | Sat 5.7. | Sun 6.7. Fri 11.7. | Sat 12.7. | Sun 13.7. Fri 18.7. | Sat 19.7. | Sun 20.7. Fri 25.7. | Sat 26.7. | Sun 27.7. each from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

ADMISSION €5 | €3 | free

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Hetepheres Tomb - Secrets of the Lost Queen -







The VR application

Embark on an immersive time travel experience to the year 1925 – to the spectacular discovery of the tomb of ancient Egyptian Queen Hetepheres I, mother of Pharaoh Khufu. Her tomb, located right next to the Great Pyramid of Giza, was uncovered by a team from Harvard University and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts under the direction of George Andrew Reisner (1867–1942), revealing gilded furniture, exquisite jewelry, and a mysteriously empty sarcophagus.

In the virtual reality experience, you become part of the excavation. You retrieve finds from a 27-meter-deep shaft in front of the pyramids, recover artifacts, reconstruct a decayed throne chair, and experience a final virtual exhibition presenting the tomb's reconstruction. The adventure is guided by Harvard Professor Peter Der Manuelian.

The application was developed by Luca Dreiling as part of a collaboration between the Giza Project (Harvard University) and the MA specialication Digital Humanities at the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Tübingen, under the supervision of Kevin Körner. The VR application is complemented by a small analog presentation featuring objects from the Egyptological Collection of the Museum of Ancient Cultures at Hohentübingen Castle, curated by Carolina Teotino and Michael La Corte.

The Dates

The Museum of the University of Tübingen MUT, the Digital Humanities of the Faculty of Humanities, and the Department of Egyptology at the Institute for the Cultures of the Ancient Orient present the VR application *Hetepheres Tomb* in cooperation on the following dates:

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Immerse yourself in virtual reality at the time of American archaeologist Reisner, discover the tomb of Hetepheres I near the Pyramids of Giza, and solve exciting excavation challenges. Three modes are available: a full excavation adventure (30 min), an archaeological short format (15 min), or the exhibition-only mode (5 min).

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