

# The mysteries and interesting facts about the oldest Egyptian Sphinx

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The Great Sphinx is the name of Egypt's oldest, most famous Sphinx. This giant Sphinx is carved in the form of a human head, the lion's body is in a prostrate position to guard the temple of Pharaoh Khafre King on Giza Plateau, West Bank of the Nile River, Egypt.

This Sphinx is one of the great works that challenge the time of Egypt, surrounding it contains many mysteries and interesting facts that make many people wonder.



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According to archaeologists, The Great Sphinx dates back about 4,500 years. This is the symbol of Egypt from ancient times to modern times.



This Sphinx is 73.5m long, 19.3m wide, 20,22m high and is considered to be a statue carved from the largest monolith in the world. The head of the Sphinx is worn on a traditional hairstyle located 20 meters above the ground.



When looking at a close-up view, the overall image is quite balanced but when viewed from a distance or from the side, the head looks much smaller than the length of the body. This disproportionate proportion of head and body causes many researchers to wonder but there is no exact answer.



The face of this gigantic Sphinx is said to portray the portrait of Khafre - the legendary Pharaoh of ancient Egypt. Many documents show that the statue was built in the period 2558 - 2532 BC, coinciding with the reign of Pharaoh Khafre. But there are many opinions that the Great Sphinx statue appeared before the reign of King Khafre at least 500 years ago.



The body of the Sphinx was repeatedly buried under the sand due to the characteristic topographic changes of the desert.



Originally the Sphinx has a nose and a beard. But now, the Great Sphinx has lost both of these parts and the surrounding story also contains many mysteries.



Many people believe that the nose of the statue of the Sphinx was destroyed by Napoleon's gunman when the army arrived in Caairo in the summer of 1798. But there is also the idea that this nose has disappeared before when Napoleon's army arrived here about 50 years ago.



The dropped beard was found and is now stored in a museum in England. The fate of the nose is still mysterious and controversial. Until now, the reason and the time of the appearance of the Sphinx as well as the fate of its nose are still unknown without an exact answer.

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