

# THE TREASURES OF SAQQARA



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The Pyramid of Djoser (or Djeser and Zoser), or Step Pyramid, is an archeological remain in the Saqqara necropolis, northwest of the city of Memphis.

The 6-tier, 4-sided structure is the earliest colossal stone building in the World. It was built in the 27th century BC during the Third Dynasty for the burial of king Djoser by his vizier, Imhotep.

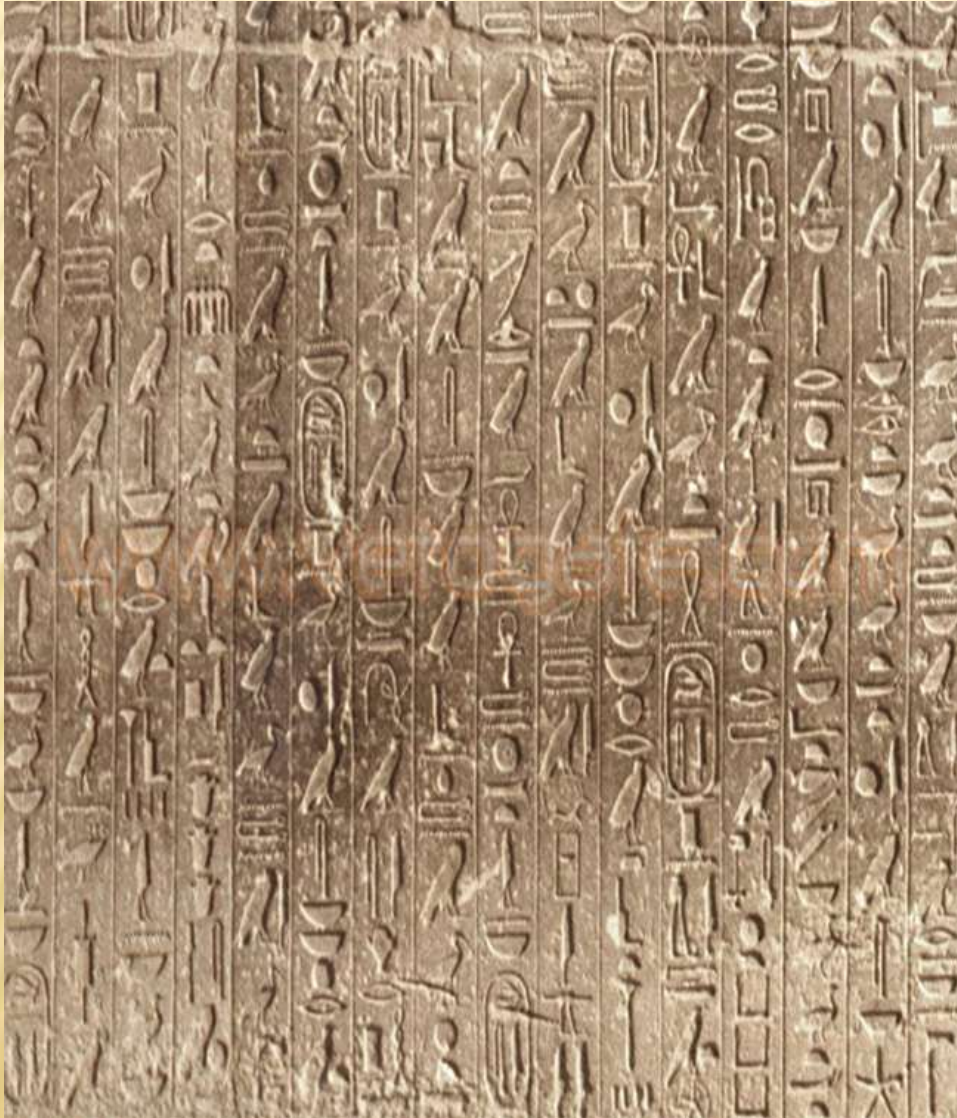
The pyramid is the central feature of a vast mortuary complex in an enormous courtyard surrounded by ceremonial structures and decoration.



# PYRAMID TEXTS (UNAS & TETI PYRAMIDS)



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The Pyramid Texts are the oldest known corpus of ancient Egyptian religious texts dating to the Old Kingdom. The oldest of the texts have been dated to **2400–2300 BC**.

# THE MASTABA OF KAGEMNI

**Tomb owner:** Ka-gemni (Memi)

**Position:** he held a large number of titles, He was an overseer of the two houses of gold and an overseer of the two treasuries. He also held several religious positions, including that of High Priest of Re & Min.



# THE MASTABA OF MEHU

**Tomb owner:** Mehu

**Position:** he held a large number of titles including the highest rank of hereditary prince together with the administrative office of vizier, overseer of the six great court, overseer of scribes of king's documents, overseer of all works of the king, and overseer of upper Egypt.



# THE MASTABA OF TI



**Tomb owner:** Ti

**Position:** He had important administrative responsibilities, overseer of scribes of the king's documents & overseer of all working of the king.





# THE MASTABA OF PTAH-HOTEP



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**Position:** He had important administrative responsibilities, overseer of scribes of the king's documents & overseer of all working of the king.

He was the city administrator and vizier during the reign of King (Djed-kare Sisi) in the Fifth Dynasty. He is author The wisdom literature book, which meant to instruct young men in appropriate behavior.

# THE MASTABA OF IDUT

**Tomb owner:** Sesh-seshet know as Princess **Idut**

Discovered in 1927 by the English archeologist Cecil Firth

This tomb was actually built for a vizier called **Ihy**, who lived at the time of king **Unas**, this tomb was usurped for the use of the princess.



# THE MASTABA OF DOCTOR



**Tomb owner:** Ankhmohor

**Position:** was a vizier and overseer of scribes of the king's documents.

Beside his mummy in the limestone sarcophagus, there were metal (bronze or copper) model tools that were entombed alongside his remains. In press reports following the discovery of the tomb and in several publications they are regarded as surgical instruments. It was stated that they might be the oldest surgical tools in the world. They are now preserved in the **Imhotep Museum.**

# IM-HOTEP MUSEUM

The museum was named for the ancient Egyptian architect **Im-hotep**, was opened on April 26, 2006 by Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak and Mrs. Bernadette Chirac.

**Im-hotep** is credited with being the first Egyptian to build a monumental structure out of stone, King **Djoser's** (step pyramid) located at Saqqara, which was built during the 3rd Dynasty.



# RED PYRAMID

The **Red Pyramid**, also called the **North Pyramid**, It is the third largest Egyptian pyramid, built by King **Senefru**, father of King **Khufu**, with a height of **104** meters.

The entrance to the Red Pyramid rises 20 meters above the ground.

Once you enter the pyramid, you find a corridor of 60 meters, and this corridor leads to another horizontal corridor, which in turn leads to a room with a ceiling that rises more than 10 meters.



# CURVED PYRAMID



The Bent Pyramid or Curved Pyramid is an ancient Egyptian pyramid located at the royal necropolis of Dahshur, built by King Sneferu (c. 2600 BC).

The Bent Pyramid rises from the desert at a 54-degree inclination, but the top section (above 47 metres) is built at the shallower angle of 43 degrees, lending the pyramid its very obvious 'bent' appearance.

# THE RIVER NILE



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