

Meet mummies from all over the world!

MUMMY WORLD

Mummy-world is for children between 8 and 14 years old: exciting things to see, to learn, to do, to know! Did you know, for instance, that in the Middle Ages mummies were ground up and made into medicine? Special school programs have been developed; for more information please check our website.



Mummified cat from Egypt, approx. 300 CE.
Collection Deutsches Museum, München. Picture: ©Deutsches Museum

PUBLICATION

The exhibition will be accompanied by the publication 'Mummies', published by WBooks in Zwolle. It is available from the Museum shop and our web shop at €24,95.

GROUP PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Discover our special group programs, guided tours, introductory lectures and made to measure programs.

ENTREEPRIJZEN

Children under 18	Free
Friends of the Drents Museum	Free
Museum Card	Free
Adults	€ 12,00
CJP	€ 8,00
Group admission (10 people or more), p.p.	€ 10,00

Tickets are also available from the website

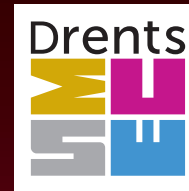
OPENINGSTIJDEN

Tuesdays through Sundays, 11.00 – 17.00
On national holidays the Drents Museum is also open on Mondays

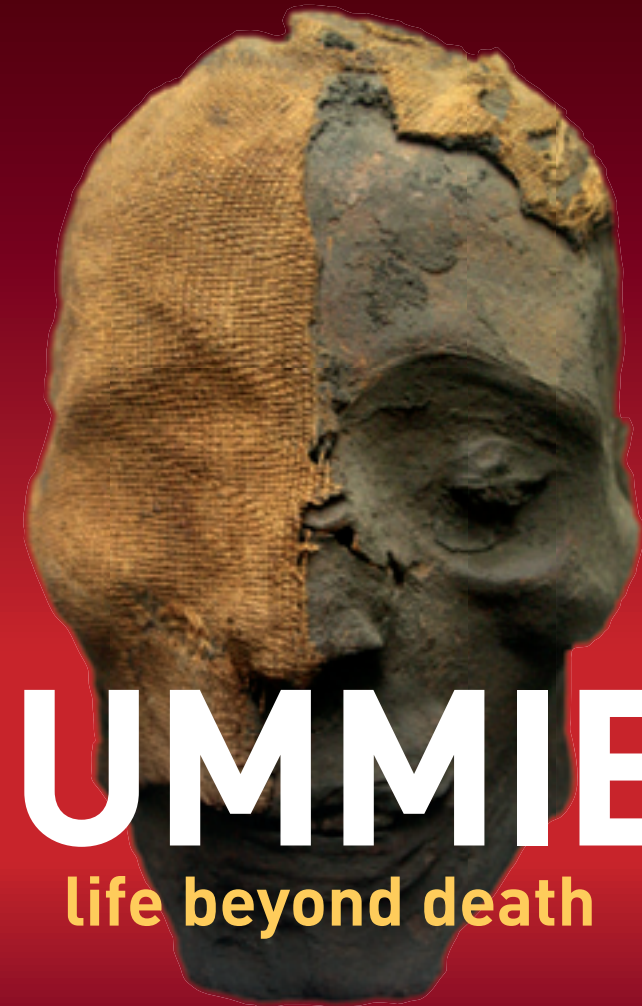
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Image on front:
Mummy's head, Egypt.
100 BCE – 100 CE.
Picture: ©Reiss-
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They're creepy and special, they're exciting and even endearing...

Mummies evoke all kinds of emotions, but mainly they make us curious and we find them fascinating. How did mummies come to be and why have they been preserved so well? The answers to all these and more questions can be found in the exhibition *Mummies. Life beyond Death*. With over 60 human and animal mummies from all over the world, the Drents Museum presents a surprising look at life beyond death.

WHAT IS A MUMMY?

Mummies immediately make us think of ancient Egypt and the bodies of priests and pharaohs wrapped in layers of linen. Nowadays, we speak of mummies when in addition to the bones the soft tissues such as skin, hair and muscles of a deceased person or animal have been preserved. Mummies are not only to be found in Egypt, but in all parts of the world.

EXCITING JOURNEY

Make an exciting journey through the world of the mummies. Never before has such an extensive collection of mummies been brought together in the Netherlands. Meet Hungarian crypt mummies, a Peruvian Nasca Indian, an Argentinian howler monkey and a mummified cat from ancient Egypt. And of course our own Drents bog bodies are present, such as Yde Girl and Weerdinge Couple.



Nasca mummy, Peru.
300 – 700 CE.
Picture: ©Hugo Maertens, Brugge

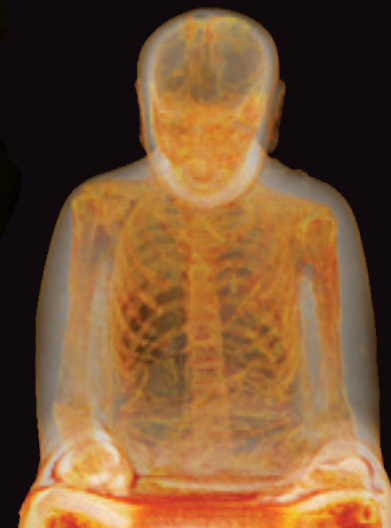
On the right:
Ct-scan of Buddha mummy
China. 1050-1150 CE.
Reiss-Engelhorn-Museen,
Mannheim.
Picture: ©German-Mummy-Project Mannheim



Mummy of Terezia Borsodi (1768 – 1794) and her baby from the crypt of Vác, Hungary.
Collection National Museum of Natural History, Budapest.
Picture: ©T. Fuisz, Budapest

GLOBAL SCOOP

Eye-catcher of the exhibition is a Buddha mummy, shown outside China for the very first time. On the outside, it looks like a large statue of Buddha. Scan research has shown that on the inside it is a mummy of a Buddhist monk who lived around the year 1100. Is this a case of self-mummification, which was not unusual among the monks in Asia? New techniques give us a lot of information about life and death of the people who became mummies. This exhibition presents the results from such scientific research.



Apothecary pot with Mumia, 1700 – 1800 CE.
Picture: ©Deutsches-Apotheken-Museum, Heidelberg.



STORIES

There is a story behind each mummy. Was their mummification intentional or natural? Why was the deceased mummified? In some cultures, ancestors were kept close so they could be worshipped. People also believed in a hereafter in which the deceased lived on. Some of the mummies in the exhibition bear witness to particularly dramatic events from the past.

Yde Girl, bog body.
0 – 100 CE.
Picture: ©Drents Museum

