

THE TERRACOTTA ARMY



What are they?

- The Terracotta Army is a collection of over 7000 larger than life Chinese terracotta figures of warriors and horses located near the tomb of the First Qin Emperor.
- The figures vary in height according to their rank; the tallest being the Generals. The heights range is 184-197cm, or more than a full foot taller than the average soldier of the period.
- The figures were discovered in 1974 near Xi'an, Shaanxi province, China.

Some facts about the Terracotta Army

- No two warriors are the same, each one is unique.
- They vary in hairstyle, height and uniform according to rank.
- They were made in the same way as terracotta drainpipes of the time.
- They were reported to have suffered from “nine different types of mould” as they were exposed to the air and the tourists’ breath.

How they were discovered

- The Terracotta Army was discovered in March 1974 by local farmers drilling a water well to the east of Mount Lishan.
- One of the farmers found a terracotta head lying near the hole.

Why they were built

- Qin Shi Huang wanted to rule forever so ordered that a set of terracotta soldiers be buried with him so he could rule in the afterlife.
- Over 7000 warriors have been found so far but there may be more as the Emperor's tomb has yet to be uncovered.

Pictures of Terracotta Warriors



















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