

Archaeological highlights, 2020

A selection of notable archaeological finds and excavations from the past year



- 1. Jan-Aug:** Hundreds of monks' bodies at medieval sacristy, 1200AD, Westminster Abbey, London, **England**
- 2. Jan 23:** Cave paintings of people and animals, 5000-4000BC, Sinai Peninsula, **Egypt**
- 3. Jan 29:** NZR V Class steam locomotive no. 127, 1927AD, Brankholme, **New Zealand**
- 4. Jan 30:** 16 tombs, 664-525BC, Tuna el-Gebel, **Egypt**
- 5. Feb 12:** 83 tombs, 4000BC, Cairo, **Egypt**
- 6. Feb 17:** Animal carvings in cave, 13,000BC, Catalonia, **Spain**
- 7. Feb 21:** Sarcophagus in Roman Forum that may belong to Rome's founder, **Romulus**, 717BC, **Italy**

- 8. Feb 21:** Lost city, 1400-600BC, Konya Plain, **Turkey**
- 9. Mar:** Roman amphitheatre, 43-410AD, Richborough Castle, **England**
- 10. Mar 10:** Capital of Mayan Kingdom of **Sak Tz'i**, 750BC, Chiapas, **Mexico**
- 11. Mar 16:** Two stone tablets in cave, 24,000-12,000BC, Sulawesi, **Indonesia**
- 12. Mar 17:** Bone circle of at least 60 mammoths, 23,000BC, Kostenki, **Russia**
- 13. Mar 31:** Neolithic burial cairns, 2500BC, Blaenau Gwent, **Wales**
- 14. May 20:** Skeleton of 7-tonne, straight-tusked elephant, 300,000BC, Schöningen, **Germany**
- 15. May 25:** Cave paintings, 1000BC, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province, **Thailand**
- 16. Jun 3:** Maya ceremonial platform, 1000BC, Tabasco, **Mexico**
- 17. Jun 9:** Megalithic monument, 6000-5000BC, Dumat al-Jandal, **Saudi Arabia**
- 18. Jun 21:** Sword and scabbard, horse harness and rattle pendant, 1000-900BC, Peebles, **Scotland**
- 19. Jun 22:** Durrington Shafts neolithic pit circle, 2500BC, Stonehenge, **England**

- 20. Jun 27:** Excavation of Viking ship burial (found in 2018), 800AD, Gjeltestad, **Norway**
- 21. Jul 13:** Remains of Aztec Palace of Axayacatl, 1400AD, Mexico City, **Mexico**
- 22. Jul 23:** Wreck of **SS Pere Marquette 18**, 1902-1910AD, Lake Michigan, **U.S.**
- 23. Aug 4:** Prehistoric woodhenge, 3400-2000BC, Évora, **Portugal**
- 24. Aug 5:** Fluted arrowheads, 6000BC, Oman and Yemen
- 25. Aug 24:** 425 gold coins, 750-1258AD, Yavne, **Israel**
- 26. Aug 29:** Bone needles and round stones used for spinning thread, 6,600BC, Denizli, **Turkey**
- 27. Sep 6:** Terracotta mask of Greek god **Dionysus**, 400BC, Anatolia, **Turkey**
- 28. Sep 8:** Lion statue, 1300AD, Phnom Penh, **Cambodia**
- 29. Sep 20:** 27 wooden sarcophagi, 500 BC, Saqqara, **Egypt**
- 30. Sep 26:** Oldest and most complete known set of Roman body armour, 9AD, Kalkriese, **Germany**
- 31. Oct:** Cat outline, 200-100BC, Nazca Lines, **Peru**

- 32. Oct 3:** 59 sarcophagi, 500BC, Saqqara, **Egypt**
- 33. Oct 12:** Sarcophagus of high priest **Djehuty Imhotep**, 500BC, Minya, **Egypt**
- 34. Oct 12:** Engraved tablet with Hellenistic script, 165BC, Simele, **Iraq**
- 35. Oct 13:** Footprint tracks of adult and child, 8000BC, New Mexico, **U.S.**
- 36. Oct 20:** More than 80 sarcophagi, 500BC, Saqqara, **Egypt**
- 37. Nov 21:** Remains of wealthy man and slave, 79AD, Pompeii, **Italy**
- 38. Nov 27:** Partially fossilised whale skeleton, 3000BC, Bangkok, **Thailand**