

Basic Detail Report



Luxor Temple Across the Nile

Date

late 19th to early 20th century (printed 1992)

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Seen in this view from the west bank of the Nile, Luxor

Temple was the goal of the yearly journey of the god Amun of Karnak during the Feast of Opet. Luxor Temple was only one of the locations in Egypt believed to be the "Place of the First Occasion," the primeval mound of creation; here Amun of Karnak and his earthly representative, the king, came for rejuvenation. Luxor Temple was also linked to the Eighteenth Dynasty temple across the Nile at Medinet Habu, the traditional burial place of the Ogdoad (four male and female pairs of deities who assisted the creator god), and of a primeval, serpentine, creative form of Amun himself. The southernmost portions of Luxor Temple were built by Amenhotep III; the northern court and its great pylon, with scenes commemorating his Pyrrhic victory at Kadesh, are the work of Ramesses II.

Dimensions

Sight: 9 1/2 x 12 in. (24.1 x 30.5 cm) Mat: 20 x 16 in. (50.8 x 40.6 cm)