The Dynasties of Ancient Egypt
3500BCE—200CE

King’s List in the Temple of Seti I at Abydos
Pre-Dynastic
3100 BCE

Narmer Palette
Abydos

Funeral Complex of King Khasekhemwy

2nd Dynasty
2890-2686 BCE
Reconstructed Entrance to Djoser’s Funeral Complex
OLD KINGDOM
3rd Dynasty: 2686-2613 BCE
Saqqara

Step Pyramid of King Djoser
A Large Mastaba Tomb
OLD KINGDOM
3rd Dynasty: 2686-2613 BCE
Saqqara

Djoser’s Heb-Sed Court
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE
Pyramids of Sneferu

The “Collapsed” Pyramid at Meidum
Mastaba Tomb viewed from Sneferu’s “Collapsed Pyramid at Meidum
The Mastaba of Nefer-maat and Itet
The Geese of Maidum (Cairo Museum)
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE
Pyramids of Sneferu

“Bent Pyramid” at Dashur
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE
Pyramids of Sneferu

“Red Pyramid” at Dashur
Corbelled Ceiling in Seneferu’s Red Pyramid
Reconstructed Pyramidion
Red Pyramid
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE
Pyramids of Giza
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE
Pyramids on the Giza Plateau

Khufu (Cheops)

Menkaure (Mycerinus)

Khafre (Chephren)
Sarcophagus in the “King’s Chamber” of Khufu’s Pyramid
Khufu’s Solar Boat
Tomb of Qar: Sixth Dynasty Official of Khufu's Funerary Cult
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE
Pyramid of Djedefre at Abu Roash
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE

Pyramid of Djedefre at Abu Roash

The Burial Shaft and Chamber
OLD KINGDOM
4th Dynasty—2613–2494 BCE Pyramid of Djedefre at Abu Roach
Is the Face of the Sphinx the Face of Khafre?
The Sphinx Complex
Diorite Statue of Khafra
Sphinx from the New Kingdom Temple of Amenhotep II
Ruins of the Sphinx Temple
Menkaure’s Pyramid
2514 BCE
SITE OF MEMPHIS
RAMSES II MUSEUM
THE TEMPLE OF PTAH
THE TEMPLE OF APIS
THE TEMPLE OF HATHOR
THE TEMPLE OF RAMSES II
Heliopolis

Obelisk of Senusert I
12th Dynasty (ca. 1940 BCE)
Old Kingdom  5th Dynasty
Abusir

The Pyramids of Sahure (2487-2475), Niuserre (2425-2421), and Neferirkare (2475-2455)
Old Kingdom
5th Dynasty
2494-2345 BCE

Abusir

Sahure's Pyramid & Mortuary Temple
Giza Pyramids as seen from Abusir
Djoser’s Pyramid at Saqqara
as seen from Abusir
Sun Temple of Niuserre
Sun Temple of Niuserre

Altar for Sacrifice

Mysterious Object
Sun Temple of Niuserre
Saqqara
Old Kingdom Pyramid of Unas
Last King of the 5th Dynasty
2381-2345 BCE
The Unas Causeway
Old Kingdom—6th Dynasty

Pyramid of Teti
2345-2313 BCE

Saqqara
Teti’s Burial Chamber with Pyramid Text
Mastaba Tomb of Kagemni, Vizier for King Teti
Raised Relief Panel in Kagemni’s Tomb
6th Dynasty Mastaba Tomb
Qila‘ el-Dabba Necropolis, Dakhla Oasis
Mastaba of Khentika, governor Dakhla Oasis—6th Dynasty King Pepi II
Mastaba of Khentika Dakhla Oasis 6th Dynasty Pepi II
Life in Egypt Today
Middle Kingdom
2040-1786

Mentuhotep II (11th Dynasty)
Temple of Amenemhet III & IV
Dedicated to Sobek, Horus, & Renenutet

Pedestal for a statue of the cobra goddess Renenutet
The Fayum  Middle Kingdom  Il-Lahun

Senusret II – 4th King of the 12th Dynasty (1882-1878)
Senusret II
Middle Kingdom
Senusret II’s Pyramid

Rubble-filled Trench

Entrance Shaft
Amenemhet III — 1841-1796

Middle Kingdom

Hawara
Pyramid of Amenemhet III
Middle Kingdom
Second Intermediate Period

By the middle of the 13th dynasty the unity of the Two Lands began to fall apart and “Asiatic” peoples moved into the Delta to became its rulers. These people were known as Hyksos “Rulers of Foreign Lands”

Political confusion was the norm during the Second Intermediate Period. Hyksos kings controlled the Delta during the 15th dynasty, while—at the same time—priests and local rulers in the south comprised the 16th dynasty. Resistance to the Hyksos rule began to grow during the 17th dynasty at Thebes and came to warfare by the time of that dynasty’s last king, Kamose.

His successor, Ahmose, completed the expulsion of the Hyksos.
Rock-cut tomb of Ahmose son of Ibana at Elkab: A record of the Hyksos expulsion
The New Kingdom
1570-1084
Mortuary Temple of King Hatshepsut
Deir-el-Bahri
Amenhotep II — 18th Dynasty
Thutmosis IV
18th Dynasty
Tomb of Sennedjem
Tomb of Inherkau
And now about Gods…

Ptah, Amun-Re, Ramesses II, Re-Herakhty.
Akhenaten
18th Dynasty
North Palace
(Amarna)
Aten Temple
(reconstructed columns)
The House of the Sculptor Thutmose at Amarna
Temple of Seti I
19th Dynasty
Abydos
Osireion
Nakht
Medinet Habu
Colossi of Memnon
Karnak—Temple of Amun
Karnak Hypostyle Hall

Cartouche of Ramesses II
Abu Simbel—Nefertari Temple
And finally, when next you venture into Cairo, you won’t fail to go where time won’t now allow. That is...
The Egyptian Museum