

OTZI THE ICE MAN

AND HIS 5,000 YEAR OLD POSSESSIONS



GRASS MAT CAPE



BEARSKIN CAP



GOAT HIDE COAT



LEGGINGS



LOINCLOTH



GRASS NETTING & DEERSKIN SHOES



BIRCH POLYPORE FUNGUS



OTZI'S STORY

In September of 1991 two German hikers made an extraordinary discovery. When they first saw a bony human corpse poking out through the ice of the Eastern ridge of the Alps the tourists believed they had stumbled upon the gruesome remains of a fellow mountaineer. What they didn't realise was that this particular corpse had been laying there for over 3,000 years.

The man, now known as 'Otzi' (after the region of mountains in which he was discovered), turned out to be the mummified corpse of a man living in the copper ages.

Otzi was approximately 45 years old when he died. X-rays of the body showed he was hit in the shoulder with a flint arrowhead and wounds on the hands suggest he was engaged in hand to hand combat mere hours before his death. It seems Otzi was murdered.

Aside from the excitement of finding a 3,000 year old mummy, the clothing and equipment that was mummified along with Otzi offers us a never before seen insight into the toolkit of a copper age man.



KNIFE & SHEATH

TOOLBELT



TINDER FUNGUS