

** BREAKING NEWS MEDIA ALERT **

PIVOTAL DISCOVERY: SUBMERGED ANCIENT 'PORT' OFF EGYPT'S COAST COULD BE KEY IN HUNT FOR CLEOPATRA'S TOMB

Archeologist Kathleen Martinez and Famed Titanic Discoverer Bob Ballard
Uncovered the Sunken Landscape Near the Ruins of Taposiris Magna, Believed
To Be a Crucial Development in Solving 2,000-Year-Old Mystery of Queen
Cleopatra VII of Egypt's Tomb

Discovery Documented in Upcoming National Geographic Special, *CLEOPATRA'S FINAL SECRET*, airing **Sept 25** on Nat Geo, streaming next day on Disney+ and Hulu

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Interviews With Kathleen Martinez and Bob Ballard Available

Photos available <u>here</u> Video footage <u>here</u>



(WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sept. 18, 2025) Archeologist and National Geographic Explorer Kathleen Martinez's 20-year hunt for Cleopatra's tomb has reached a groundbreaking new milestone. With the help of National Geographic Explorer-at-Large Bob Ballard and a team of underwater archeologists, her latest findings at the ruins of Taposiris Magna—including a foundation plate at

the temple site, a trove of artifacts, and a 4,265-foot underground tunnel she found in 2022—pointed directly to the discovery of a sunken port in the depths of the Mediterranean Sea.

A series of colossal constructions, arranged in rows and over 20 feet high—including polished floors, cemented blocks, columns, smooth stone, as well as multiple anchors and amphora dated to the time of Cleopatra—suggest the submerged site could have been a port that was once used by Cleopatra.

The underwater discovery adds further credence to Martinez's theory that Cleopatra's body was brought to Taposiris Magna, carried through the tunnel and through a port offshore, before being laid to rest, hidden and out of reach of the Romans. After Alexandria was largely destroyed by earthquakes and a tsunami in A.D. 365, the port and any potential tomb may have been submerged.

Martínez remains dedicated to finding Cleopatra, "I'm not going to stop." Martínez is hopeful that she will find Cleopatra's tomb. "For me," she says, "it's a matter of time."

Read the full story on NatGeo.com <u>HERE</u>. CLEOPATRA'S FINAL SECRET airs Sept 25 on Nat Geo, streaming next day on Disney+ and Hulu.

VISUALS AVAILABLE:

Port Discovery Photos <u>HERE</u>
Port Discovery Video <u>HERE</u>
Documentary Trailer <u>HERE</u>
Documentary Key art <u>HERE</u>

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