

Q: Why study such a remote Hellenistic example as Ai Khanoum?

A: Precisely because it is remote and far from the imperial centers. Part of what defines the Hellenistic empire is its inherent eclecticism, a result of its far-reaching frontiers. Studying examples such as Ai Khanoum can help us understand how the Hellenistic influence was adapted to local traditions and how different peoples received it. These remote cities are an integral part of the “Hellenistic reality.”

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