



# Review 7895: The city of Atlantis

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**Set: The City of Atlantis**  
**Set Number: 7895**  
**Parts number: 640**  
**Minifigures: 5**  
**Recommended price in Spain: € 59.95**

After the success Atlantis proved to be in 2010, the series continues in 2011. The expedition has reached Atlantis and prepares to enter its temple. Although the theme continues along roughly the same lines as before, some details have been changed and new elements are introduced.

## The minifigs

I am not aware of the reasons behind the change, but whereas the minifigs used in 2010 had a diving suit with lime arms and flippers and a Trans Bright Green visor, the minifigs included in this edition have yellow arms and flippers and trans-yellow visors. The same difference can be observed in the vehicles used by the explorers which were red with lime domes and details in the first year and are red with yellow domes and details this year. By contrast, the colours of the 'defenders' of Atlantis are varied. Although black is predominant, even in the first year there were details in lime, orange and yellow. This year there is only one black animal in the sets, in the city of Atlantis: a kind of black lobster with orange details. However, the defenders at minifig scale appear to be more abundant.



Taking part in the expedition, the set includes the minifigs of captain Ace Speedman and doctor Samantha Rhodes. For the 'defenders' there are a Barracuda Warrior (Sand Green, with a printed mouth on the torso and large head which covers it almost entirely to which some fangs are added) a Crab Worrier (Dark red, with short legs and an equally large head which leaves the mouth that has been printed on the torso visible and some complements for the hands to make them look like crab claws – together with orange horns and prickly antennae that are added to the head to make it a very complete and interesting character).

The fifth minifig is actually the statue of Poseidon of the temple of Atlantis. The head stands out, as it shows an inexpressive face on one side which takes on life on the other side.

Poseidon has the same helmet we have already seen in the Spartan of the Collectible Minifig series 2 and a breastplate that stands out due to the use of Speckle Black-Gold.



## Gadgets

The box for this set is a powerful advertising tool. The image of the temple and all the additional elements doesn't only show the contents of the set, but tells the story of the adventure with great realism. On the top side of the box all 5 minifigs included in the set are shown at real size, and the back of the box shows all the gadgets contained in the set. There's quite a few of them! Before the adventurers can use the purple/gold talisman that is included, they have to pass through an arch which hides a deadly trap in the shape of a swinging halberd that is put into motion with a simple mechanism at the top of the arch. Right after that there is a column that can topple over at any time. Upon using the talisman in the turntable at the base, the statue of Poseidon appears inside the temple. The statue appears to come to life giving the adventurers another good scare. After passing the statue there is a trap in the temple floor on one of the sides of the elevation. Finally, if they try to Access the lower part of the temple to rescue anyone who may have fallen into the trap, there is a voracious lobster hidden behind the doors.

There is another gadget, but I can't quite see how it fits in. The upper part of the temple façade contains a pair of flick-missiles, but I fail to see how this can be part of the ruins of the temple of Atlantis. There is also a small problem with the lobster that is hidden behind the side doors of the temple. Because this section is rather narrow, you need to make the lobster as narrow as possible too to make it fit and this way, if you close the gates, the back of the lobster interferes with the mechanism that elevates the statue. Even so, both the lobster and its hiding place add value to the set.

## Building

At first sight, the number of new round brick 2x2 with grille included in the set really stands out and give it an authentic feel – there are over 100. There is also an important number of green elements to create sea plants and algae, which give the set an even more authentic feel.

Building is divided into 5 main steps, and the bags for each one are duly identified.

The first bag contains the minifigs and the black lobster. The Plate, Modified 1 x 2 with Angled Handles on Side stands out as it is a new element for this year and allows the 6 legs of the lobster to be attached quite easily. Additionally, both the legs and the fangs are made with 87747 Barb Large which was introduced last year and has since been used in many Atlantis sets.

The second bag contains the parts for the submarine with articulated arms and flick missiles (I suppose these are included to balance out the ones that had to be included in the temple façade?) The submarine has space for one minifig and the dome opens. Also, the 'fingers' of the articulated arms are exactly the right size to take hold of one of the columns of the temple and so rescue anyone who may have got trapped under one of them.

The bags marked 3 contain the bricks to build the build of the temple which incorporates the mechanism to elevate the statue of Poseidon. With the contents of the bags marked 4 are added later to build the columns and the stairs that provide Access to the temple. This latter section is connected to the base with the use of technic pins which makes it easy to store the set in a smaller space. The upper structure of the temple is full of details, both in the pediment and behind the statue of Poseidon, with many Gold elements that stand out on the white background. In both places there is a large sticker, but it only covers one piece and really makes the set look a lot better. This is not really the case with the stickers that are placed on the rock elements in the temple base, which are practically hidden behind the marine plants.

Bag number 5 (together with two large algae that are included outside the bags) contains parts to add plants and the gate that provides Access to the temple complex. Since the columns in this section do not make up part of a larger structure, they are reinforced internally to make them more rigid so they won't break easily.

## The set

The temple has a very attractive look which, combined with the large number of gadgets, make it a great and diverse play scene. In addition, the set contains 4 action minifigs and each side has an extra – the submarine for the adventurers and the lobster for the 'defenders' of the temple. This large number of elements not only makes this set the central piece in the story the Atlantis theme tells this year, but a single set provides a very complete play scene. Although the change in colour palette of the adventurers is a good move (introducing yellow in favour of lime green), it does mean there is a small break in the continuity of the story. The solution is easy: buy more Atlantis sets!

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