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FACT SHEET

Background

- Founded in 1887, the internationally acclaimed Penn Museum (University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology) is dedicated to the understanding of cultural diversity and the exploration of the history of humankind.
- Penn Museum has sent more than 400 research expeditions around the world, collected more than a million objects, and is currently engaged in more than 75 research projects around the globe.

Highlights

- A 12-ton granite Sphinx of Ramesses II, circa 1200 BCE, in the Lower Egyptian Gallery. Human and animal mummies, and the story of mummification, are featured in the ever-popular *Egyptian Mummy: Secrets and Science* exhibition just off the Upper Egyptian Gallery.
- A crystal ball, a rock crystal sphere from 19th century China believed to have belonged to the Dowager Empress Cixi, takes center stage in the Chinese Rotunda.
- World-renowned Sumerian treasures from the royal tombs of Ur (modern day Iraq), ca. 2600 BCE, including the Bull-headed lyre, the gold, lapis-lazuli and carnelian headdress and jewelry of the Queen Puabi, and the famous, if misnamed, “Ram Caught in the Thicket” (actually, a goat) statuette.
- Three gallery floors with materials from ancient Egypt, the Near East, Asia, Central America, and the Mediterranean World, and traditional cultural materials from the Native American Southwest, and Africa, complemented with special exhibitions.
- Ongoing public events, including World Culture days and family workshops, Young Friends events, music and dance performances, films, lectures, tours, special symposia, and more.

Museum Amenities

- Two Museum shops—the Main Shop and the Pyramid Shop for children offer a wide array of jewelry, books, and crafts from around the world.
- The Pepper Mill Café overlooks inner gardens.
- The Warden Garden is the Museum’s main entrance at 33rd and Spruce Streets. It features a classically designed Koi pond and expansive lawns.

Penn Museum is located at 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (on Penn's campus, across from Franklin Field). Penn Museum can be found on the web at www.penn.museum. For general information call 215.898.4000. For group tour information call 215.746.8183.