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Five Ways to Highlight African, African American History in February

PHILADELPHIA – Throughout February, the [Penn Museum](#) will celebrate African and African American history through a variety of activities and programs.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 11:00 am: Exploring Ancient Egypt/*Second Saturdays*

Discover what life was like in Ancient Egypt with a family-friendly tour, design-your-own cartouche, scavenger hunt, a “games station,” and write-your-name in hieroglyphs. In addition, at 2:30 pm, there is a free film screening of the Science Channel’s documentary *Lost Kingdom of the Black Pharaohs* in Harrison Auditorium. [Advance registration is suggested.](#)

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10:00 am: *CultureFest! African & Diasporic Cultures*

Hosted in partnership with [Artvolution](#), the Penn Museum brings contemporary and traditional practices across Africa and the African Diaspora together for an all-day, family-friendly festival. Experience the cultures of Africa and the African Diaspora through art-making, mask-making, live musical and dance performances, drumming, interactive dance workshops, a storytelling circle, workshops for all ages, and an African-inspired marketplace.

CultureFest! is sponsored by NBC 10 | T 62.



Each day throughout February, 1:00 pm: *Daily Dig*

The *Daily Dig* is a 15-minute pop-up talk that encourages Museum guests to “dig a little deeper” into one artifact. Every day in February, to celebrate Black History Month, the *Daily Dig* will focus on a different object in the Africa or Egypt Galleries. Included with Museum admission.

Every weekend, the Penn Museum hosts **Global Guides Tours** of its new **Africa Galleries**. Global Guides are immigrants from Africa who share their own firsthand knowledge to lead one-of-a-kind tours with a personal touch. Included with admission, **Global Guides Tours** are Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 pm.

Interactive, private tours of the Africa Galleries are available on **Sunday, Feb. 16 at noon** or **Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6:00 pm**: Trace the paths of key objects—from their African makers to the Museum—with a Graduate Guide who will explain how this innovative approach advances ongoing conversations about museum collections acquired in colonial contexts. \$15 per person includes a private tour and admission to the Penn Museum for the entire day.



As part of its ongoing *Building Transformation* project, the Penn Museum has unveiled more than 10,000 square feet of reimagined spaces, including its new **Sphinx Gallery**; a suite of **Africa Galleries**; a **Mexico and Central America Gallery**; the historic **Harrison Auditorium**; and its stunning new **Main Entrance**.

About the Penn Museum

Since 1887, the Museum has transformed understanding of the human experience. Dedicated to building connections between cultures, the Museum welcomes everyone to uncover the ancient past, gain an understanding of our shared humanity, and find one’s own place in the arc of human history. For more information, visit www.penn.museum or call 215.898.4000.

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