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Free Admission for Kids 17 and Under
During Penn Museum’s “Winter Break,” Dec. 27–30



Image: A family explores the interactive elements of the Mexico and Central America Gallery. Available for download [here](#).

PHILADELPHIA—Kids under 17 will receive **free admission** during [“Winter Break”](#) at the Penn Museum, **December 27-30**, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

Back by popular demand and extended to four full days, Winter Break offers indoor museum adventures for families looking to enhance their holiday experiences with history and vibrant cultures from around the world.

Along with the self-guided *Amazing Artifacts* tour featuring QR codes to help guests “dig deeper” into each object, young artists can create paper mosaics at a free “Creation Station” in the Museum’s Asia Galleries all day.

Each day at 11:00 am, kids can learn about the principals of Kwanzaa through inspirational stories with Paul D. Best, “Our Sun Paul,” from Keepers of the Culture, Inc., Philadelphia’s Afrocentric storytelling group.

At 1:00 pm, guests can join the “Daily Dig,” a 15-minute “deep dive” into one artifact on display—what it is, how it was used, and what it can tell today’s researchers about the people who lived in that region during that time.

With [galleries](#) dedicated to life in [Ancient Egypt](#), [Rome](#), [Greece](#), [Mexico and Central America](#), [Africa](#), the [Middle East](#), [Asia](#), and [Native American Voices](#), the Penn Museum showcases 10,000 years of human history. Its new interactive, multi-sensory [Eastern Mediterranean Gallery: Crossroads of Cultures](#) highlights how the region that now encompasses Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Territories was a cosmopolitan hub whose innovations (like the alphabet and the roots of major faiths) shaped today's world.

In addition, the [U-2 Spy Planes & Aerial Archaeology](#) exhibition zooms in on select artifacts and 15 large-scale images that offer 70,000-foot-high views of ancient sites—illustrating how top-secret reconnaissance materials from the Cold War help today's archaeologists to decode the past.

All Winter Break activities are included with general admission. [Tickets are now available online.](#)

Holiday Gift Ideas

Starting at \$65 for individuals or \$110 for an entire household (including two adults and all children under 18), a [Penn Museum Membership](#) provides unlimited general admission for one year, plus access to exhibition previews and exclusive events, while simultaneously supporting a 135-year-old historic gem in the City of Philadelphia. Members also receive discounts on programs, 10% off at the [Museum Café](#), and 15% off at the [Museum Shop](#).

By using the code **Holiday2022!10!** at the Shop, everyone receives 10% off of select merchandise, including stunning jewelry and accessories, from Tuesday, November 22 through Sunday, December 4. Later in the month, the sale continues from Sunday, December 18 through Saturday, December 24.

Holiday Schedule

The [Penn Museum](#) will be closed on November 24; December 24; December 25; December 31; and January 1, 2023.

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About the Penn Museum

Home to over a million extraordinary objects, the Penn Museum has been highlighting our shared humanity across continents and millennia since 1887. In expanding access to archaeology and anthropology, the Penn Museum builds empathy and connections between cultures through experiences online and onsite in our galleries.

The Penn Museum is open Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm. The Café is open Tuesday–Thursday, 9:00 am–3 pm and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. For updated information, visit www.penn.museum, call 215.898.4000, or follow @PennMuseum on social media.