

NEWS RELEASE

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## Summertime Adventures Await at the Penn Museum Free Admission, *Ancient Alcohol*, and More



Image: A family takes a photo with the 25,000-pound solid red granite Sphinx of the Pharaoh Ramses II, which greets visitors who use the Main Entrance at the Penn Museum. [Download here.](#)

PHILADELPHIA—The Penn Museum is offering special events throughout the summer that expand access to archaeology and anthropology.

In collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense, the Penn Museum is among hundreds of [Blue Star Museums](#) across the country that will offer **free admission to active-duty U.S. military personnel, including the National Guard and Reserves, and their families (up to 5 members)** through Labor Day on Monday, September 5, 2022. A military identification

card must be presented at the welcome desk to receive free entry. The Penn Museum is free to active-duty personnel and military veterans all year long.

As part of the [Wawa Welcome America](#) celebration throughout the region, the [Penn Museum will offer free admission](#) on **Friday, July 1, 2022, 10:00 am–5:00 pm**. Special activities include *Global Voyagers*, a 45-minute interactive seated tour that offers an introduction to the museum and highlights remarkable objects; self-guided tours, scavenger hunts, along with “I Spy” adventures; and *Cartifacts!*, touchable replica artifacts on carts available in certain galleries. The Museum Café will be open from 11:00 am–1:00 pm. [Registration is required](#).

[Ancient Alcohol: A Taste of Bygone Booze Tour and Beer Tasting](#) invites explorers ages 21+ to experience the Penn Museum in an entirely new way, **Saturday, July 23, 2022, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm**. Discover ancient beer and wine, modern-day brewing techniques, and how “drinking culture” has changed over time. At the end of the tour, taste-test [Flying Fish Exit 3 Blueberry Braggot](#), which is similar to an ancient beverage recipe revealed by a Penn biomolecular archaeologist. Tickets include museum admission and a guided tour. (\$30 for drinking adults who wish to participate in the beer tasting. \$24 for designated drivers who will not be given a beer.) All ticket holders for this event must be over 21 and [registration is required](#).

More tours included with admission and other in-person and virtual summer programs can be found on the [Penn Museum’s calendar of events](#).

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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; on First Wednesdays, open 10:00 am–8:00 pm. The Café is open Tuesday–Saturday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm. For updated safety guidelines and information, visit [www.penn.museum](http://www.penn.museum), call 215.898.4000, or follow [@PennMuseum](#) on social media.