

## Ancient Egypt in Philadelphia June 9 – 11, 2017

### Friday June 9 – Arrive and transfer to your hotel , Masonic Temple Tour

On arrival transfer on your own to the **Courtyard by Marriott**

**Philadelphia Downtown - 21 N Juniper St, Philadelphia, Pa.** At 2:15 pm, the group will assemble in the lobby to visit the extraordinary **Masonic Temple**, considered one of the greatest wonder of the Masonic world.

We will have a 3pm tour of this magnificent 1873 building (its exterior built from Upper Egypt stone). Adorned with some of the finest artifacts of Freemasonry and magnificent lodge rooms based on themes of the ancient architectural world, the Masonic Temple connects us with our past by outwardly displaying our Masonic traditions and values. A highlight will be the splendid Egyptian hall. In the evening Laura will give a quick informative chat on the University of Pennsylvania Museum that we will tour tomorrow. There will be optional dinner plans for the group – to explore a recommended restaurant in the area.

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### Saturday June 10 – Penn Museum private tour

After breakfast (on own) we will assemble in the lobby at 9:15 to transfer to the wonderful **University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**. Founded in 1887, the Penn Museum has always been one of the world's great archaeology and anthropology research museums, and the largest university museum in the United States. With roughly one million objects, the Penn Museum encapsulates and illustrates the human story: who we are and where we came from. At 10 am, we will be treated to a private tour of the Egyptian collection by **Dr. Stephen Phillips**. Dr. Phillips – who is part of the University of Pennsylvania Museum Egyptian curatorial team – is also a renowned Egyptian archaeologist and anthropologist still actively working on Giza plateau excavations.

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### Sunday June 11 -- Laurel Hill Cemetery & Glencairn Museum

After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel, storing our bags at the front desk and assemble at 9:30 to visit a breathtaking outdoor museum gem of Philadelphia: **The Laurel Hill Cemetery**. More than just a cemetery, Laurel Hill is an outdoor sculptural garden, a horticultural gem and a truly unique historical resource. It also happens to be one of the few cemeteries in the United States to be honoured with the designation of National Historic Landmark. We will have a private tour with a guide of our own to see some of the highlights, along with striking examples of Egyptian symbolism. There will also be time to enjoy the flora and natural beauty of the grounds on a late Spring morning.



Midday, we will all board ubers or taxis for a 30-45 minute ride to the suburbs to visit a one-of-a-kind and not-to-be-missed castle/museum. **The Glencairn Museum** is a museum of Eastern & Western religious history housed in a medieval-style castle – built between 1928-1939 as a private residence. Glencairn's galleries provide visitors with the opportunity to explore the religious beliefs and practices of a variety of cultures and time periods. Objects in the Egyptian Gallery are organized around religious themes like *Egyptian Gods* and *The Embalmer's Art: Mummy, Myth and Magic*. The Ancient Near East Gallery includes a scale model of the Tabernacle of Israel. The collection of Neo-Assyrian reliefs includes a large representation of a guardian spirit intended to magically protect the king's palace. And the Greek and Roman Galleries feature a life-size marble statue of the Roman goddess Minerva-Victoria. We will enjoy a private tour of the highlights of this extraordinary museum at **1pm**. After this tour, we will return to the hotel to pick up our bags (in storage) and transfer to our flights home. (transport cost to airport not included)

**Price \$575USD per person based on twin share. \$100 deposit to confirm your spot**

#### **Tour price includes:**

2 nights Accommodation at the Courtyard by Marriott Philadelphia Downtown  
4 guided cultural tours with admission; University of Pennsylvania Museum - private tour by Dr. Stephen Phillips, Glencairn Castle/Museum, Masonic Temple tour & Laurel Hill Cemetery tour  
Transportation between our hotel and the sites  
Small donation to the University of Pennsylvania Museum

#### **Not included:**

Transportation to and from Philadelphia or Airport transfers  
No meals included  
Insurance and any items of a personal nature or extra sightseeing.  
Single supplement \$210USD

#### **Cancellation details -**

**31days or more \$100 non refundable, 30days - 8 days \$200 nonrefundable , 7days or less 100% non refundable**



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