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TÜRKIYE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY



Exterior of Istanbul Archaeological Museum © GoTürkiye

New York - May 17, 2024: Türkiye celebrates [International Museum Day](#) tomorrow by focusing on some of the country's most classic institutions, specializing in this year's concentration on "Museums for Education and Research," that emphasizes learning, discovery and cultural understanding.

Istanbul Archaeological Museum: "Home of The World's Firsts"

The [Istanbul Archaeological Museum](#) houses many of the world's firsts - from the earliest known love poem, to the oldest known written peace treaty, to the oldest known law collection. The museum is one of a three-museum complex



Collection of busts at Istanbul Archaeological Museum © GoTürkiye



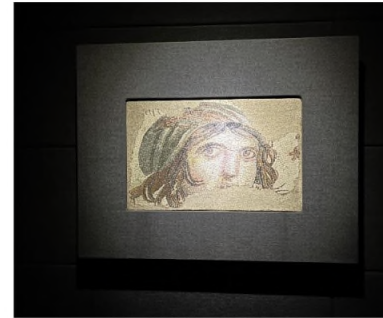
Collection of statues in Antalya Archaeological Museum © GoTürkiye

Antalya Archaeological Museum: The World's Largest Open-Air Museum

In the heart of the Turkish Riviera sits the world's largest open-air museum: the [Antalya Archaeological Museum](#). Dedicated to the ancient regions of Lycia, Pamphylia and Pisidia, the museum is filled with artifacts from excavations in the surrounding region and is home to what is considered one of the world's most important collections of archeology.

Zeugma Mosaic Museum: The World's Largest Mosaic Collection

The [Zeugma Mosaic Museum](#) houses over 26,000 square-feet of mosaics, making it the largest mosaic museum in the world. All of the mosaics are from the ancient city of Zeugma, with some being up to 2,000 years old, including the legendary "Gypsy Girl" mosaic.



"Gypsy Girl" Mosaic © GoTürkiye



Exhibit in the Museum of Troy © GoTürkiye

The Night Museum Project & the Golden Age of Turkish Archaeology

Türkiye has declared 2024 a year highlighting the "Golden Age of Archaeology." The total number of active excavations and archaeological digs in Türkiye is expected to reach 750 by December 2024, and 800 by mid-2026. Additionally, significant ancient cities and museums, including the [Museum of Troy](#), will be part of the Night Museum Project, aimed at keeping museums and archeological sites open and illuminated as late as midnight.

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