

WELCOME

The Oriental Institute, part of the University of Chicago, is a world-renowned center for research, focused on the study of the ancient Middle East. Our museum houses a major collection of antiquities from the regions of ancient Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Nubia, Syria, and Turkey, mainly dating from between 10,000 BC–AD 650. These lands were called the “Orient” at the turn of the last century when University of Chicago archaeologists began unearthing many of the artifacts now on view in the museum. Bilingual interactive kiosks and activity cards supply additional information about the exhibits. During your visit, stop at the Suq shop for books about the ancient world and gifts from today’s Middle East.

MUSEUM INFORMATION

MUSEUM & SUQ GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tue, Thu-Sat.....10:00 AM–6:00 PM
Wed.....10:00 AM–8:30 PM
Sun.....12:00 PM–6:00 PM
Mon.....Closed

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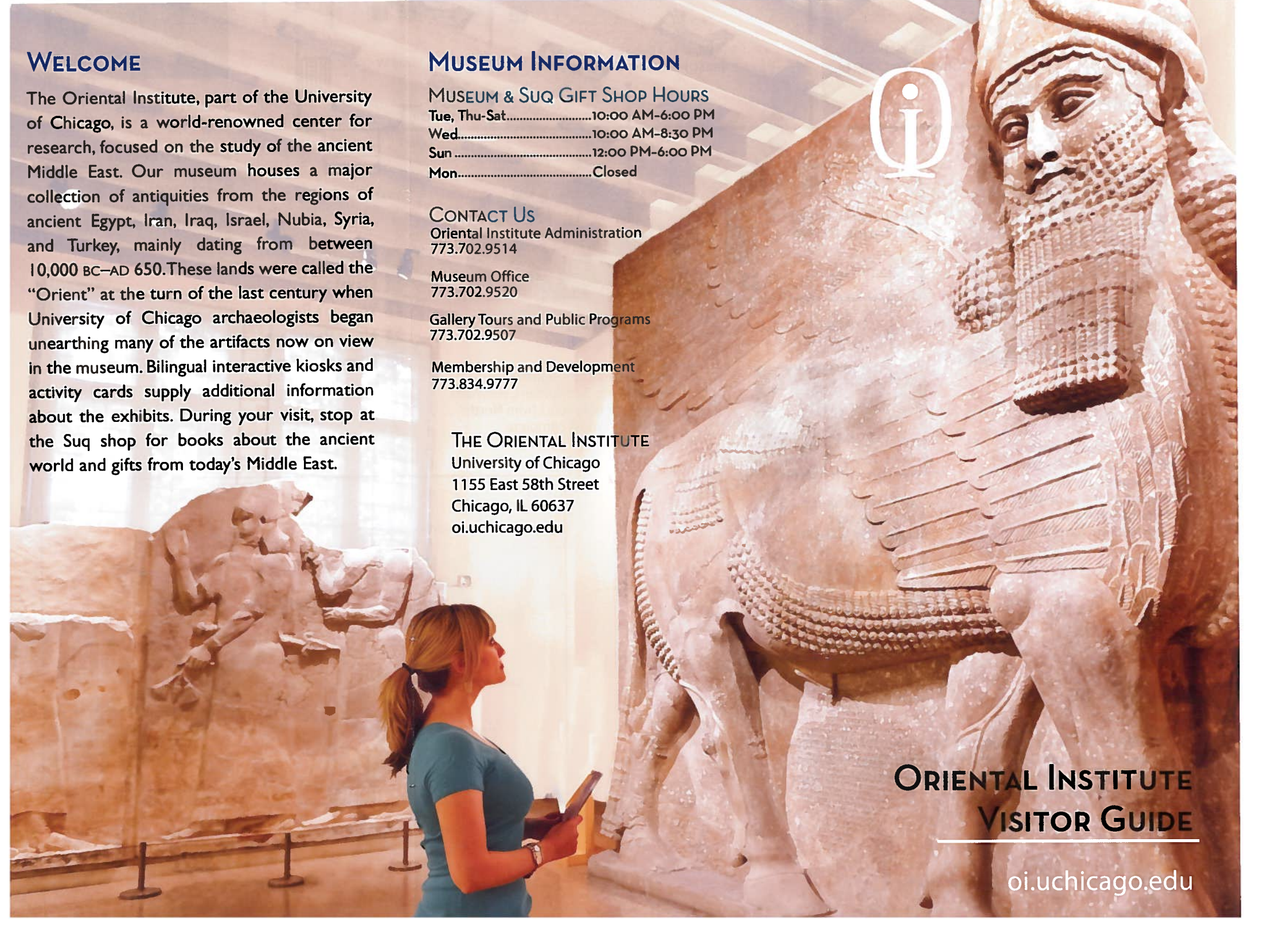
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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers are an invaluable asset to the Oriental Institute and Museum.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Lead tours
- Participate in outreach programs
- Work in the Suq gift shop
- Help in the Archives
- And much more!

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

oi.uchicago.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/

Call 773.702.1845 for more information



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Public Education offers a wide variety of programs including family events, school programs, adult education classes, symposia, concerts, films, and much more!

Contact us for information regarding guided tours and school programs including the Kipper Family Archaeology Discovery Center hands-on experience, as well as online and print resources for teachers.



PUBLIC EDUCATION:

oi.uchicago.edu/museum/education/

TOURS:

oi.uchicago.edu/museum/tours/

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

oi.uchicago.edu/calendar/

CALL:

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GALLERY MAP AND GUIDE INSIDE.

BECOME A MEMBER

JOIN TODAY!

Your membership directly supports the work of our world-renowned scholars and the programming that shares their research with the public.

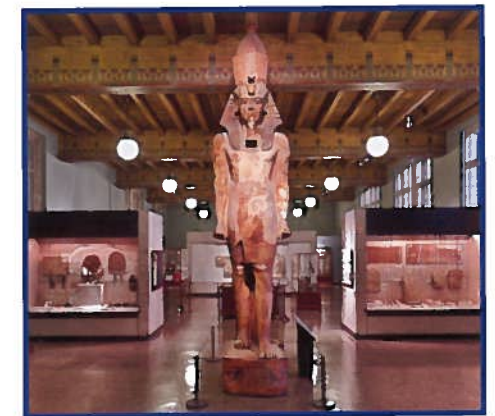
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

- 10% Suq discount and free audio tour rental
- News & Notes magazine and E-Tablet newsletter
- Special invitation to Members' events and lectures
- Discounts on programs, courses, and symposia
- Access to the Research Archives
- The Oriental Institute Annual Report
- 20% off Journal of Near Eastern Studies
- Programs to domestic and global destinations

Associate and Breasted Society level members are entitled to exclusive benefits. Visit us online at oi.uchicago.edu/getinvolved or call 773.834.9777 for more information.

Membership at the Oriental Institute is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

BE PART OF THE DISCOVERY



The Oriental Institute Museum

EGYPT

A colossal statue of King Tut invites you to explore writing, kingship, mummification, and life in ancient Egypt.



PERSIA (Present-day Iran)

Monumental sculpture, pottery, and metalwork trace the rise of states and empires in ancient Iran.



NUBIA (Present-day Egypt & Sudan)

Discover 4,000 years of Nubian history through pottery, sculpture, and luxury objects from southern Egypt and Sudan.



SPECIAL EXHIBITS GALLERY

Temporary exhibits feature a variety of themes and regions of the Middle East. Make sure to check what is currently on display!

ANATOLIA (Present-day Turkey) AND SYRIA

Pottery, clay tablets, metalwork, and monumental sculptures document the Hittites and their neighbors in ancient Turkey.



ASSYRIA (Present-day Iraq)

See carved reliefs and artifacts from the Assyrian empire and its neighbors.



KHORSABAD (Present-day Iraq)

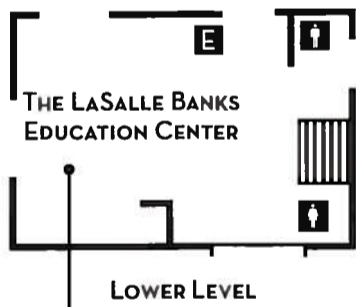
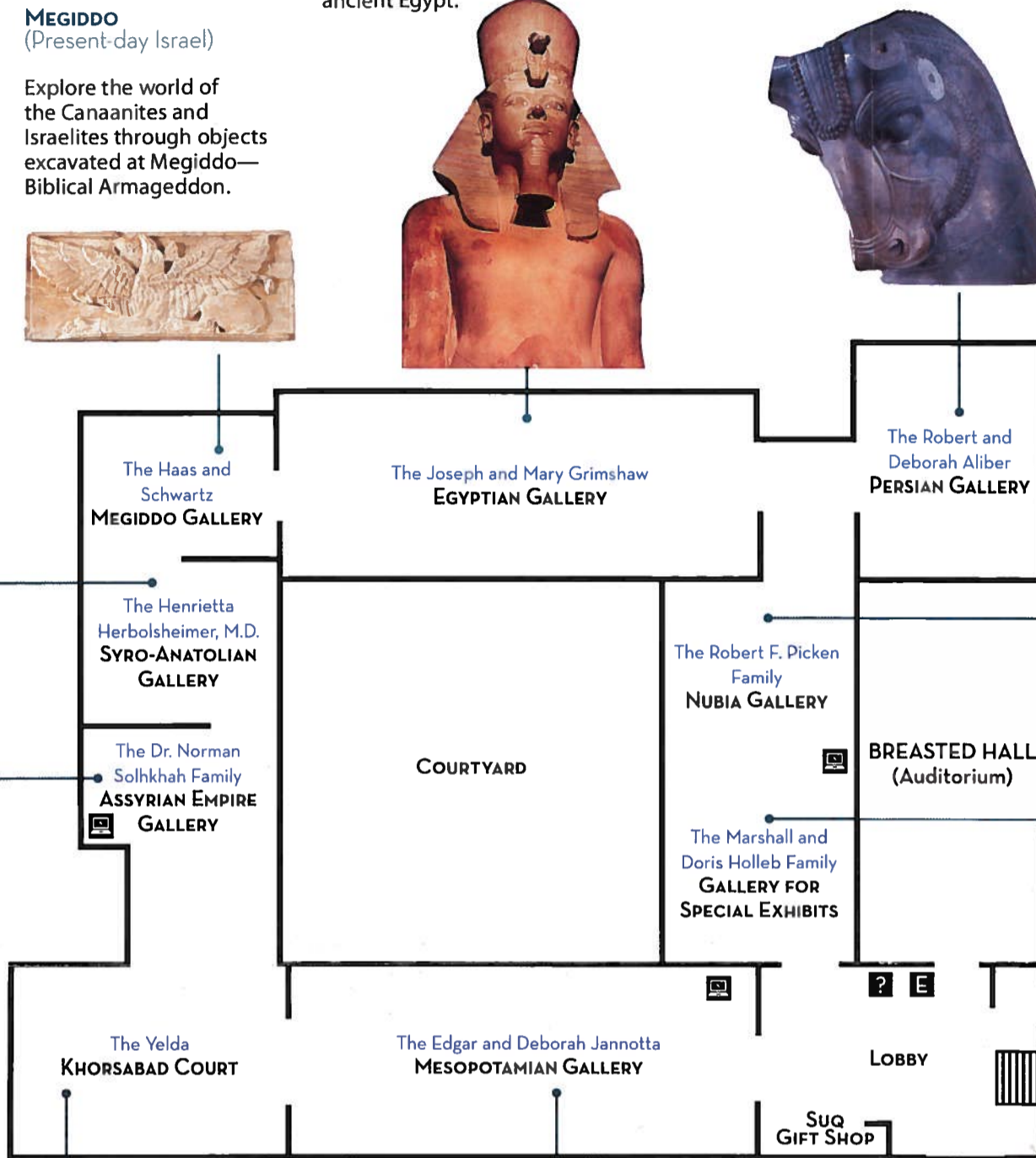
A 40-ton sculpture of a human-headed winged bull reigns over the recreation of a courtyard from the palace of Assyrian King Sargon II.



THE KIPPER FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY DISCOVERY CENTER

Available to groups by appointment. Hands-on activities teach you how to "dig" and interpret artifacts like a real archaeologist.

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MESOPOTAMIA (Present-day Iraq)

Learn about the world of the Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and their neighbors from North America's most complete Mesopotamian collection.

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The Museum's permanent galleries are devoted to specific areas of the ancient Middle East.