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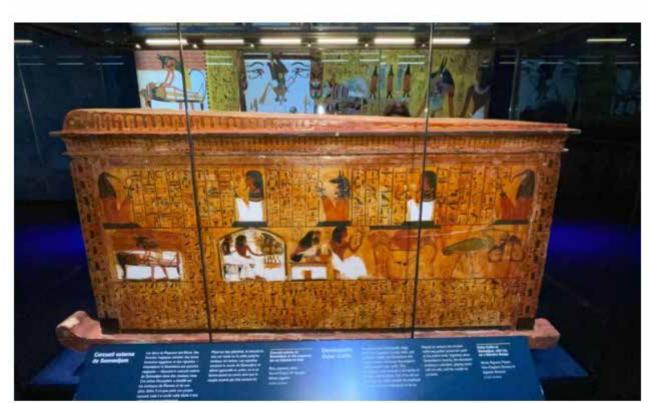
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Photos: Ramses exhibition in Paris sees huge turnout









The first day of the "Ramses the Great and the Gold of the Pharaohs" exhibition at the Grande Halle de la Villette in Paris, on Friday, brought in visitors who flocked from all over France to visit.

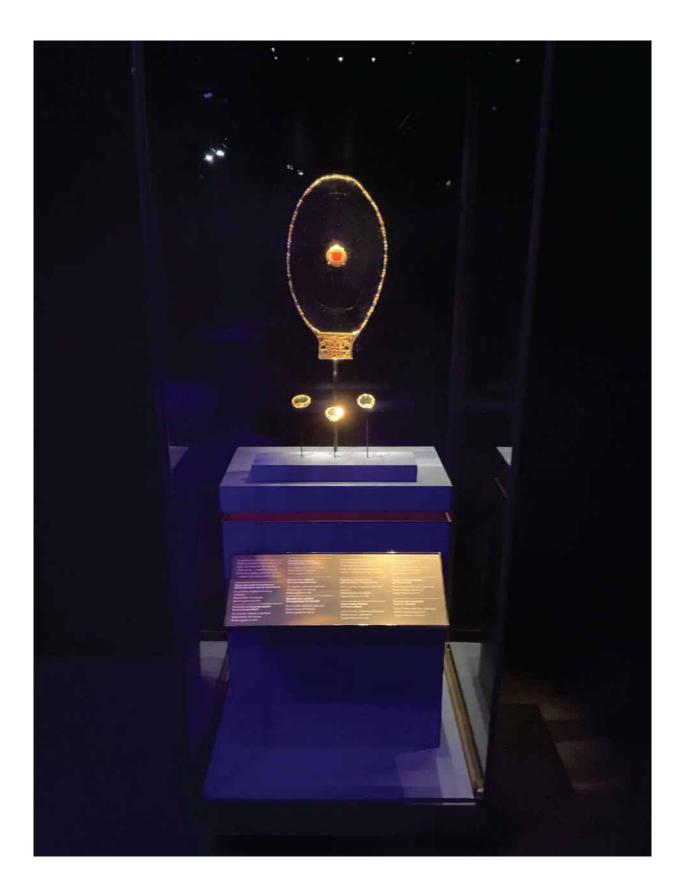


The Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities Mostafa Waziri announced that 165,000 tickets have been sold so far, and the exhibition is expected to receive 10,000 visitors daily.

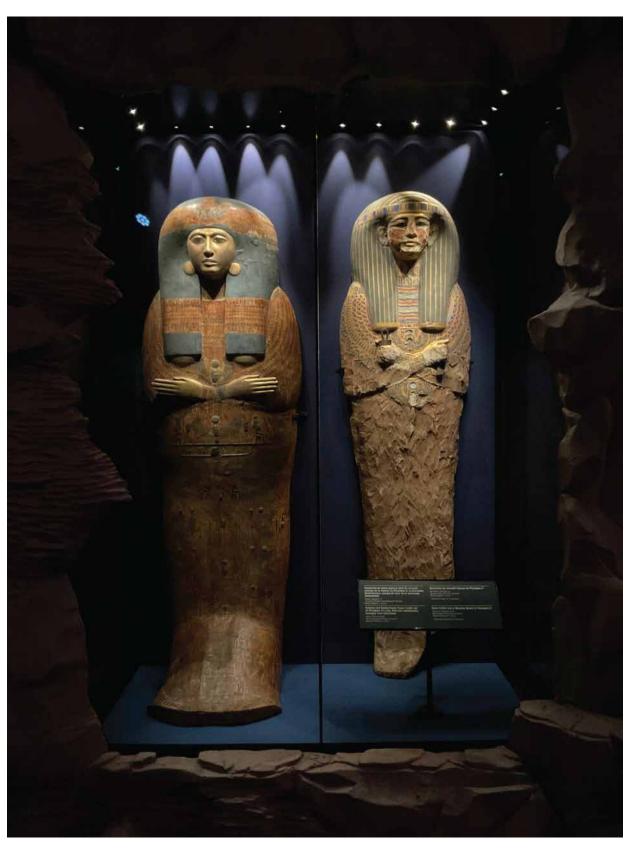




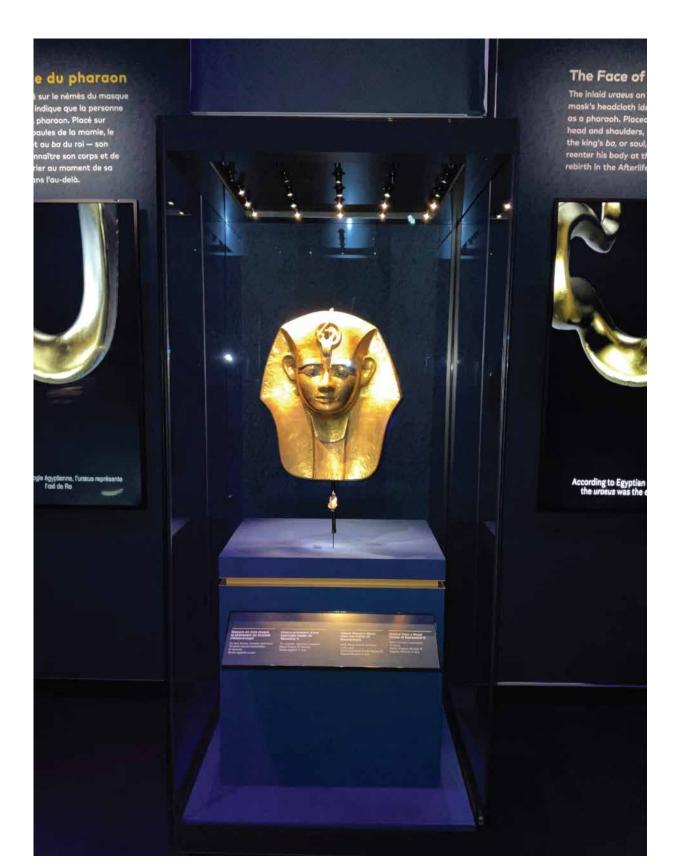
The exhibition includes 181 unique artifacts that highlight some of the holdings of the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir, that date back to the era of King Ramses II, and some artifacts from the discoveries of the Egyptian mission in the Bubasteion area in Saqqara.



It displays distinct aspects of ancient Egyptian civilization, especially in the Middle Ages, modern times, and even late times.



The exhibition displays a collection of statues, ornaments, cosmetics, paintings, stone blocks decorated with inscriptions, and statues of deities in the form of birds and animals, in addition to some colorful wooden coffins.



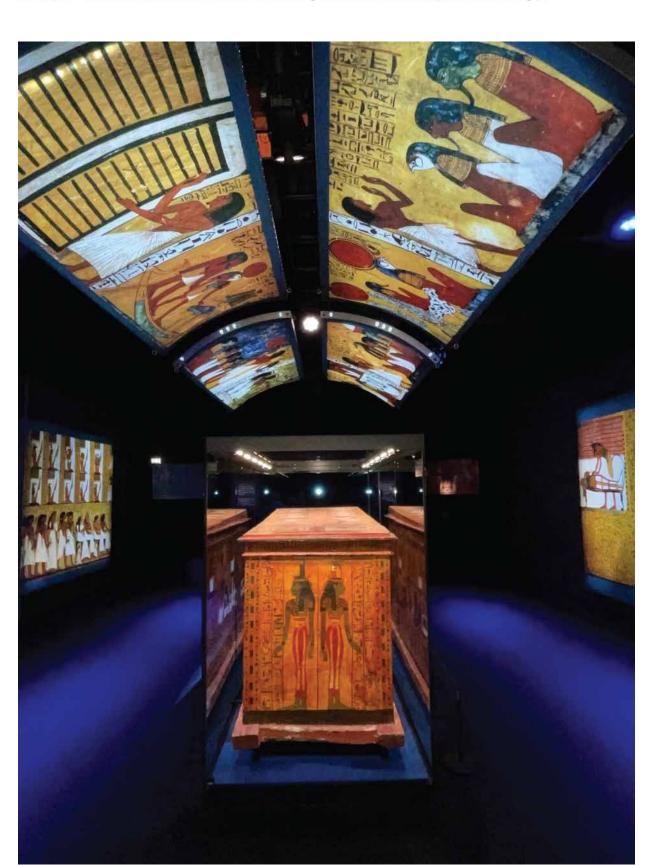
It is the first time that the sarcophagus of King Ramses II is displayed outside Egypt in this exhibit, which comes in appreciation of the French scientists who providing assistance in the restoring the mummy of King Ramses II in 1976.



It features a set of videos that tell the history of King Ramses II and the battles he led, as well as virtual visits that take the visitor on a journey through history with King Ramses II.



The exhibition also allows the chance for its visitors to tour the Abu Simbel Temple and Nefertari's tomb through virtual reality technology.



The exhibition will continue in Paris until September 17.

