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## **CULTURE MINISTER RIESTER INAUGURATES EXCLUSIVE EXHIBITION OF TOUTANKHAMON**

### **GRANDE HALLE-VILLETTE EXPECTS 1M VISITOR**

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**USPA NEWS** - The French Culture Minister, Franck Riester, inaugurates the Toutankhamon, at La Grande Halle de la Villette, in Paris 19th district. The Egyptian Culture Minister, was . The Curator of the Exhibition, was also reprint, and the happy few special guests who accompanied the two Ministers from France and Egypt. Fifty years after "the exhibition of the century" " " which had gathered more than 1.2 million visitors in 1967 in Paris " " it is a unique opportunity to rediscover the history of the most famous of the Pharaohs before the permanent installation of the artifacts within the new Egyptian Grand Museum currently under construction. Presented by the two Ministers of Egyptian Antiquities, and French Culture, at the Grande Halle de la Villette, this immersive exhibition will unveil more than 150 original objects from the tomb. More than 50 pieces from this collection will travel for the first and last time out of Egypt. The organizers say they expect, at least 1 Million visitors, from March 23rd to September the 15th. The exhibition displays in a very subtle sober visit and 150 personal belongings of the young sovereign who accompanied him in the two worlds that are life and death.

The French Minister of Culture in the company of Khaled El-Enany, the new Minister of Egyptian Antiquities, inaugurated the great exhibition The Treasure of Pharaoh Toutankhamon the Treasure, revealing his 150 unique objects at the Grande Halle de la Villette, Thursday 21 March. Franck Riester, the French Minister of Culture, was able to appreciate the visit of the exhibition Toutankhamon, which was explained during the tour, and the presence of journalists and some selected happy few guests. Franck Riester then spoke with Khaled El-Enany, Minister of Antiquities of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at the end of the visit. The exhibition unveils 150 pieces of which 50 are traveling for the first time outside Egypt and celebrates the centenary of the discovery of the royal tomb. Subsequently, the Minister of Culture visited the exhibition 100% EXPO celebrating the creation of young graduates of art schools, as part of the 4th edition of the festival 100%.

### **HOWARD CARTER'S DISCOVERY OF THE TREASURE TOUTANKHAMON PHARAOH IS UNVEILED IN PARIS IN A UNIQUE EXHIBITION**

The exclusive Treasure of Toutankhamon's exhibition priorly unveiled in Paris in 1967, reached then 1,5 Million visitors, is now back in Paris, at La Grande Halle de la Villette, Paris 19th district. The French organizers promised to be as successful with visitors traveling from all over the world, during the period March 23rd - September 15th.

One hundred and fifty thousand tickets had already been sold on the internet before the official opening on Saturday. The gradual transfer of the museum's collections from Tahrir Square to the future Giza Museum, a huge flagship project of the Egyptian government, has resulted in this exceptional 150-piece output of Toutankhamon's tomb in ten cities until 2024. The first step in Los Angeles has gathered 700,000 visitors. The exhibition unveils 150 pieces of which 50 are traveling for the first time outside Egypt and celebrates the centenary of the discovery of the royal tomb.-----

This exhibition brings together more than 150 pieces of the Great Hall of Villette tomb of this famous ephemeral pharaoh. This is a small part of the phenomenal treasure discovered in 1922 by Howard Carter in this untouched grave of the Valley of Kings. And this is probably the last opportunity to discover it in Paris.

### **THE TOUTANKHAMON EXHIBITION MIGHT HIT A NEW RECORD WITH ABOVE 1.2 MILLION VISITOR**

Will it cross the record of the first exhibition Toutankhamon in Paris, 50 years ago? It was nicknamed "the exhibition of the century", above the 1 million visitors.

In any case, 150 000 people have already bought their ticket to come to La Villette, on two thousand square meters, the treasure of the pharaoh.

And the Egyptian Minister of Antiquities warns: this is the final trip of Toutankhamon in Paris. Egypt has "built a very large museum, near the pyramids" whose opening is scheduled for the end of 2020, so "this trip of a few objects of Toutankhamon has a message:

invite tourists from around the world to come to Egypt to admire the collection Toutankhamon, exhibited in its entirety, for the first time since its discovery, "says Khaled El Anany. In 1922, 5,500 objects were discovered by Howard Carter entering for the first time in this untouched tomb of the Valley of Kings. And one of the merits of this exhibition is also to revive this wonderful archeological adventure, synthesized images, plans, photos and videos in support.-----

"Toutankhamon, the treasure of the Pharaoh" is until September 15 in Paris, the second leg of this traveling exhibition in a dozen metropolises around the world before returning to Cairo. The resources that Egypt expects from the Toutankhamon exhibition in ten cities around the world will be a "derisory" amount compared to the funding budget of the Great Egyptian Museum of Giza, said Thursday Khaled El-Enany, new Minister of Egyptian Antiquities.

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