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Khufu's Boats Museum

Welcome to Khufu's Boats Museum

Here you can witness one of the most remarkable discoveries of ancient Egypt. Explore the story of the royal boats of King Khufu, carefully buried beside the Great Pyramid (about 2575 to 2545 BC). Learn how the ancient Egyptians used these vessels. See the world's oldest surviving full-sized wooden vessels and discover how these royal boats were uncovered, transported and reconstructed.

Your Visit

Your journey begins outside the museum, beside a water feature inspired by the River Nile, lined with statues of goddess Sekhmet and centred around a statue of Hapy, god of the annual flood, whose waters brought fertile mud to nourish the fields of the river valley and Delta. Walk beneath the original limestone blocks that once sealed the boat pits beside the Great Pyramid, before entering the Boats Museum and the story that unfolds inside.

Discover how the Nile shaped daily life and transport in ancient Egypt, and learn how Egyptian boats were designed and built. Explore the construction of the Great Pyramid and the lives of the nobles, craftsmen and labourers who worked on this vast royal project. Follow the discovery of Khufu's boats in 1954 and learn how the vessels were excavated, with one fully reconstructed and the other still undergoing painstaking conservation and rebuilding.

Finally, climb the sloping path around the first boat and marvel at the vessel from different heights and angles.





First Boat

This boat is one of the oldest surviving wooden vessels in the world. Measuring around 43 metres in length, it was built from more than 1,200 wooden pieces, including imported cedar and other local timbers bound together with halfa grass ropes. The deck has a closed cabin divided into two rooms, together with two large rudders and ten smaller steering oars.

The dismantled boat was discovered in 1954, inside a pit sealed with massive limestone blocks beside the Great Pyramid of Giza. Its excavation and conservation were carried out by an Egyptian team led by Hag Ahmed Youssef.

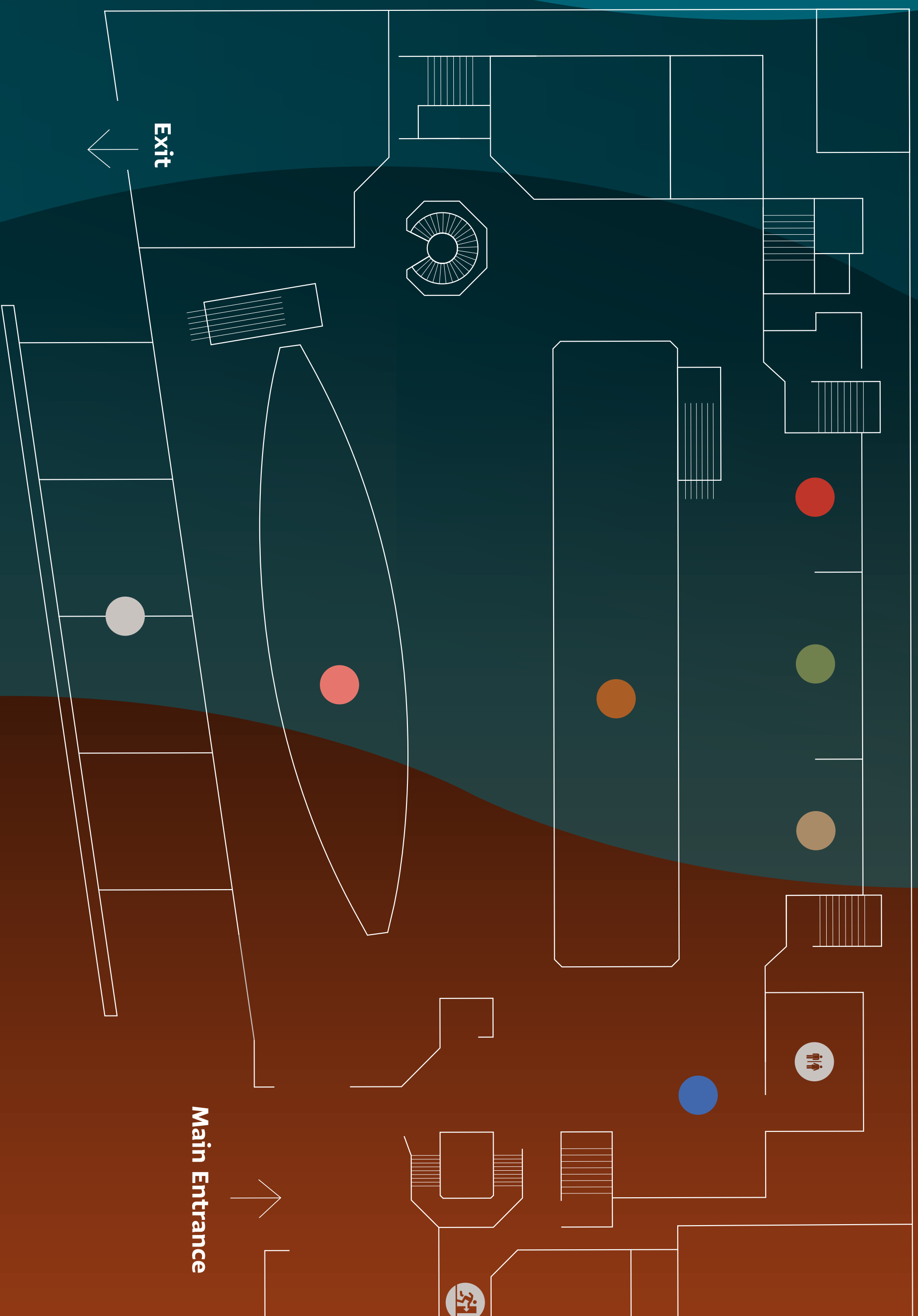


Second Boat

Discovered at the same time as the First Boat, the Second Boat lay in another sealed pit beside the Great Pyramid of King Khufu. It remained untouched for decades until an Egyptian-Japanese conservation project began to study and preserve the remains.

Between 2009 and 2021, specialists recorded, lifted and conserved around 1,600 fragile wooden fragments from the pit. Today, the boat is being reassembled in a dedicated open conservation space within the Museum. Visitors can follow the reconstruction as it happens, seeing ancient Egyptian boatbuilding methods alongside modern conservation practices.

Museum Plan



Boat Pits

Gift of the Nile

Giza Pyramids

Boats Discovery & Transportation

The Second Boat Discovery

First Khufu Boat

Second Khufu Boat