



THE GOLDEN AGE *of* KING MIDAS

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You may have enjoyed the American Friends of Turkey lecture, now visit the exhibit in Philadelphia.

On Saturday, October 22, AFOT friends will be traveling by train from Washington to Philadelphia to view the world exclusive exhibition developed by the Penn Museum in partnership with the Republic of Turkey. More than 120 dazzling objects from the 3,000 year-old cultural capital of the Phrygians, including those from a spectacular royal tomb, are on special loan from Turkish museums.

Gordion, located in what is now central Turkey, was continually inhabited for nearly 4,000 years and is one of the most important archaeological sites in the Near East. Its heyday was during the first millennium BCE when it was the royal capital of the powerful Iron Age kingdom known as Phrygia. Gordion's fabled King Midas with his mythical "golden touch" and asses' ears was an actual historical figure, and the monumental burial mound that bears his name was probably one of his first building projects, ca. 740 BCE. In 1957, archaeologists from Penn Museum excavated this spectacular royal tomb containing astonishing objects from the time of Midas.

Join us for this informal event:

- Meet at the gate for the train ride to Philadelphia, the museum visit, lunch and the return trip to Washington.*
- Purchase your own train tickets and meet AFOT friends at the gate.
- Pay your own museum entrance fee (\$20 adults; \$18 age 65+; \$15 for students with ID; and free for Penn Museum members).
- Buy your own lunch.

*Saturday, October 22, \$110 (Value Coach seat) round-trip on Amtrak NE Regional #152 at 8:07 am from DC to Philadelphia, returning to DC at 4:35 pm on NE Regional 71, or later if you choose, of course.

No AFOT registration or fee is required. However, to help us know to expect you, please email Jane Firor at jfiror@gmail.com or call at 202 262-9546.



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