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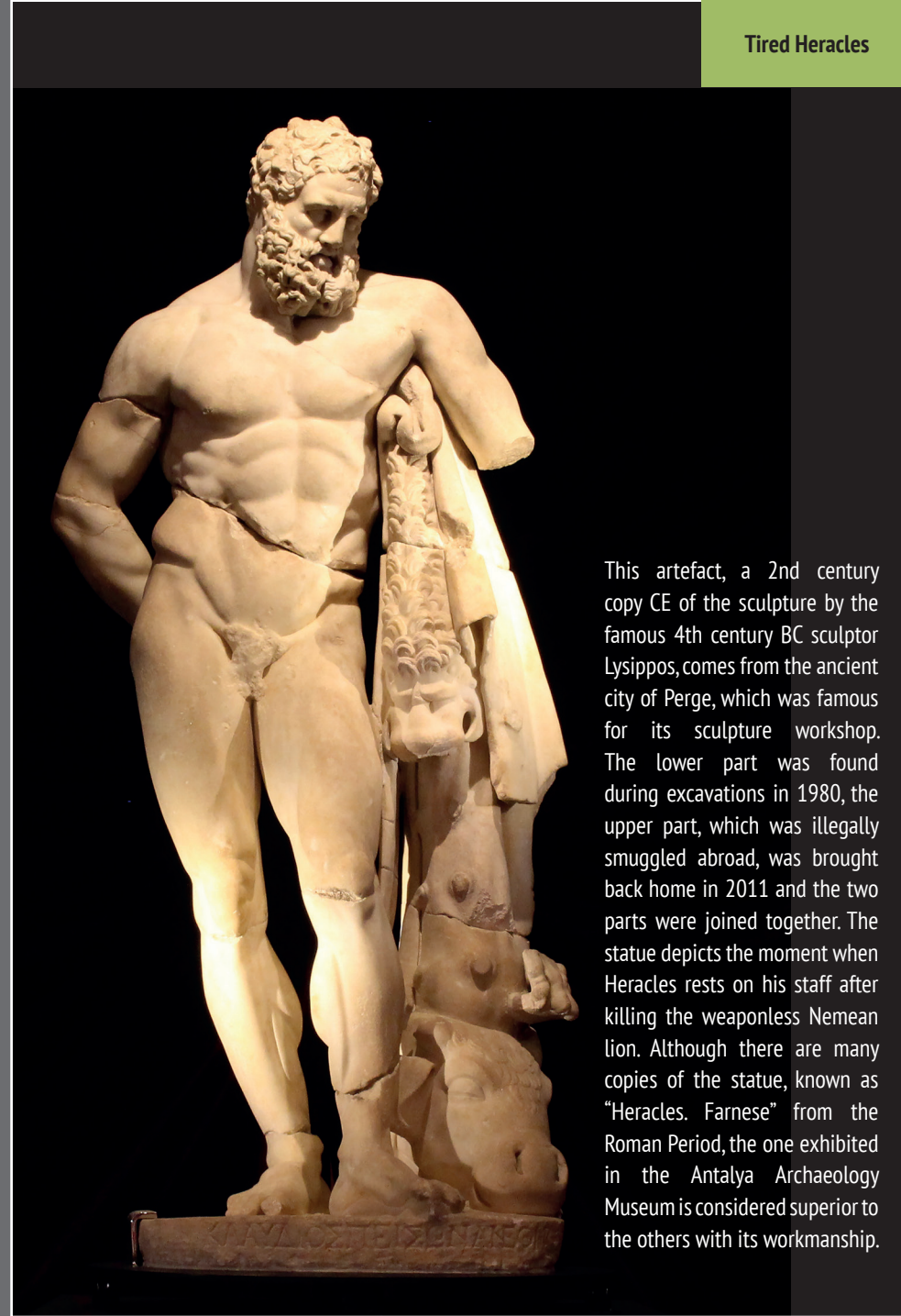
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ANTALYA ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM

A UNIQUE JOURNEY TO THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION



Each of the works exhibited in Antalya Archeology Museum, which is considered one of the leading museums not only in Türkiye but in the whole world, is among the masterpieces of its kind. Undoubtedly, the main reason for this wealth is that it is located in a settlement like Antalya, which houses the magnificent cities of the Lycian, Roman and Byzantine civilizations and is a witness to the history of mankind. Neanderthal skeletal fragments excavated at Karain Cave, magnificent sculptures found at Perge, one of the ancient sculpture workshops, Elmalı coins called the "Treasure of the Century" and the finds made during the excavations at St. Nicholas Church are priceless. The museum was elected "Museum of the Year" by the Council of Europe in 1988, thanks to the artifacts it contains, and was awarded the "Excellence Award" in 2016.



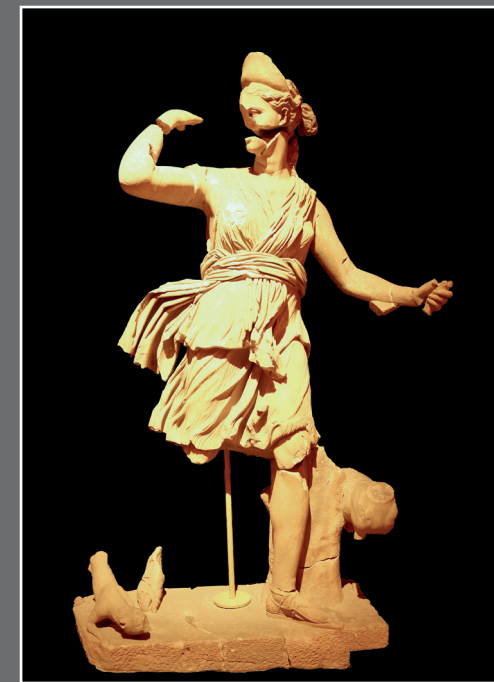
Tired Heracles

This artefact, a 2nd century copy CE of the sculpture by the famous 4th century BC sculptor Lysippos, comes from the ancient city of Perge, which was famous for its sculpture workshop. The lower part was found during excavations in 1980, the upper part, which was illegally smuggled abroad, was brought back home in 2011 and the two parts were joined together. The statue depicts the moment when Heracles rests on his staff after killing the weaponless Nemean lion. Although there are many copies of the statue, known as "Heracles. Farnese" from the Roman Period, the one exhibited in the Antalya Archeology Museum is considered superior to the others with its workmanship.



Sarcophagi Hall

Sarcophagi, in which important and wealthy persons were laid after their death in ancient times, are also works which reflect the understanding of the time. In their decorations were depicted both simple floral motifs and very complex figural scenes. Most of the sarcophagi seen on Tombs Hall belong to Perge Ancient City. The most interesting are the Domitias Tomb, belonging to a man and a woman who seem to be together even after death, the tomb of Heracles, on which the 12 missions of Heracles are depicted, and the Garland Sarcophagus, on which floral motifs and figures are embroidered.



Emperors Hall

The sculptures of the Roman emperors, all found during the excavations in the ancient city of Perge, are among the masterpieces of Roman art. In addition to the statues of the emperors, the Belly Dancer Statue, which is one of the symbols of the Antalya Museum, is also exhibited here. This sculpture, which was assembled in pieces after its discovery, is one of the most admired works in the museum with its monumentality, fine details and liveliness.



Coins Hall, Artefacts, and Icons

The most important finds of this section of the museum are the "Elmalı coins", known as the "Treasure of the Century". The most valuable pieces that make this collection worthwhile, which includes the coins minted by the cities included in the union formed against the Persians, are the commemorative coins, of which there are very few specimens in the world, excavated after the Greeks defeated the Persians. It is possible to see the finds, jewels and icons and learn the Anatolian coinage tradition and techniques in the hall.