



## Souvlakihut Adds its Own Flavour to "The Kings of Mykonos"

Greek restaurant franchise Souvlakihut is celebrating the release of 'The Kings of Mykonos: Wog Boy 2' by adding four new Mediterranean Meal Platters to its menu and running several competitions that include giving customers a chance to win a trip for two to Mykonos.

The Mediterranean Meal Platters comprises of the Rhodes Burger, Mykonos Seafood, Corfu Kransky and Santorini Caesar. All platters are served with salad, pita bread, chips and the Souvlakihut special 'secret' sauce.

The franchise is running a mix of online and offline competitions, with prizes ranging from a trip to Mykonos and double Gold Class movie passes, to Souvlakihut's family platters and new Mediterranean Meal Platters. For the in-store competition, patrons will need to fill out an entry form in store to enter and the winner will be drawn for the \$11,400 prize on 30 June at 11am. There are also 100 runner-up prizes for The Wog Boy 1 DVD.

"We wanted to have a bit of fun with this, so thought we'd run some of our own competitions on Facebook and Twitter," said co-founder and Managing Director of Souvlakihut, Bill Fotiadis. "With the movie being released today, we're encouraging our fans and followers to tell us what they think about it and rewarding the most unique movie review each week with a voucher for one of our Mediterranean Meal Platters."

"As the characters in the movie are so iconic, we're also asking our customers to hunt for their local 'Wog Boy' by taking pictures of any Steve Karatmisis and Frank look-alikes and submitting them to our Facebook page," added Bill. "The fan with the most votes each week receives a double Gold Class movie pass and a voucher for our family platter."

Both social media competitions are open now, with 'Find your Local Wog Boy' ending on the 31 May and 'Wog Boy 2 review shout outs' ending on the 8 June.

# Divers explore sunken ruins of Cleopatra's palace

**ALEXANDRIA, Egypt** — *Plunging into the waters off Alexandria Tuesday, divers explored the submerged ruins of a palace and temple complex from which Cleopatra ruled, swimming over heaps of limestone blocks hammered into the sea by earthquakes and tsunamis more than 1,600 years ago.*

The international team is painstakingly excavating one of the richest underwater archaeological sites in the world and retrieving stunning artifacts from the last dynasty to rule over ancient Egypt before the Roman Empire annexed it in 30 B.C.

Using advanced technology, the team is surveying ancient Alexandria's Royal Quarters, encased deep below the harbor sediment, and confirming the accuracy of descriptions of the city left by Greek geographers and historians more than 2,000 years ago.

Since the early 1990s, the topographical surveys have allowed the team, led by French underwater archaeologist Franck Goddio, to conquer the harbor's extremely poor visibility and excavate below the seabed. They are discovering everything from coins and everyday objects to colossal granite statues of Egypt's rulers and sunken temples dedicated to their gods.

"It's a unique site in the world," said Goddio, who has spent two decades searching for shipwrecks and lost cities below the seas.

The finds from along the Egyptian coast will go on display at Philadelphia's Franklin Institute from June 5 to Jan. 2 in an exhibition titled "Cleopatra: The Search for the Last Queen of Egypt." The exhibition will tour several other North American cities.

Many archaeological sites have been destroyed by man, with statues cut or smashed to pieces. Alexandria's Royal Quarters — ports, a cape and islands full of temples, palaces and military outposts — simply slid into the sea af-



Stunning find: Recently excavated artefacts are shown aboard the Princess Duda research boat, anchored in the harbour off Alexandria, Egypt. A team of divers using advanced technology is exploring the ruins

ter cataclysmic earthquakes in the fourth and eighth centuries. Goddio's team found it in 1996. Many of its treasures are completely intact, wrapped in sediment protecting them from the saltwater.

"It's as it was when it sank," said Ashraf Abdel-Raouf of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, who is part of the team.

Tuesday's dive explored the sprawling palace and temple complex where Cleopatra, the last of Egypt's Greek-speaking Ptolemaic rulers, seduced the Roman general Mark Antony before they committed suicide upon their defeat by Octavian, the future Roman Emperor Augustus.

Dives have taken Goddio and his team to some of the key scenes in the dramatic lives of the couple, including the Timonium, commissioned by Antony after his defeat as a place where he could retreat from the world, though he killed himself before it was completed.

They also found a colossal stone head believed to be of Caesaron, son of Cleopatra and previous lover Julius Caesar, and two sphinxes, one of them probably representing Cleopatra's father, Ptolemy XII.

Divers photographed a section of the seabed cleared of sediment with a powerful suction device. Their flashlights glowing in the green murk, the divers

photographed ruins from a temple to Isis near Cleopatra's palace on the submerged island of Antirrhodos.

Among the massive limestone blocks toppled in the fourth century was a huge quartzite block with an engraving of a pharaoh. An inscription indicates it depicts Seti I, father of Ramses II.

"We've found many pharaonic objects that were brought from Heliopolis, in what is now Cairo," said Abdel-Raouf. "So, the Ptolemaic rulers reused pharaonic objects to construct their buildings."

On the boat's deck, researchers displayed some small recent finds: imported ceramics and local copies, a statuette of a pharaoh, bronze ritual vessels, amulets barely bigger than a fingernail, and small lead vessels tossed by the poor into the water or buried in the ground as devotions to gods.

Alexandria's Eastern Harbor was abandoned after another earthquake, in the eighth century, and was left untouched as an open bay — apart from two 20th century breakwaters — while modern port construction went ahead in the Western Harbor. That has left the ancient Portus Magnus undisturbed below.

"We have this as an open field for archaeology," Goddio said.

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## Crisis Hits Greek Tourism as Cancellations Soar



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(The Image Bank/Getty Images)The season got off to a late start this year. It is mid-May, there is bright sunshine in the skies over Greece, and Dimitris Fassoulakis is standing on the abandoned terrace of his hotel on the southern coast of Crete. The lobby and the restaurant are empty, and there is no one in the pool. "Pick a spot," says the manager, spreading his arms widely.