WELCOME TO THE LOUVRE

The origin of the Louvre dates back to the 1200s. Once a royal residence, it became a museum in 1793 during the French Revolution and is now home to artworks dating from the 7th millennium BC to the 1850s. The collections are displayed on 5 levels, in 3 interconnecting wings named after three prominent figures from French history: Richelieu (1585–1642), chief minister of King Louis XIII, Sully (1559–1641), chief minister of King Henri IV, and Denon (1747–1825), first director of the Musée du Louvre.

SULLY WING — LEVELS -1, 1 AND 2

The Pavillon de l’Horloge

Intended to serve as an introduction to your visit, the Pavillon de l’Horloge will help you understand the history of the Louvre palace and the presentation of the museum’s collections. You will see how the original medieval fortress became a museum (Level -1), discover the diversity of its collections with a selection of artworks (Level 1) and be updated with its latest news (Level 2).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Louvre Audio Guide
65 rental of an Audio Guide (on Nintendo 3DS™ XL) at the museum’s ticket area; collect your guide on Level -1

Louvre App: My Visit to the Louvre
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Activities, tours and workshops
Group reception area under the Pyramid, Level -2

Walking sticks, folding stools, pushchairs, baby carriers and wheelchairs are available free of charge for visitors who need them. Visitor assistance area, Level -2

Cafés and restaurant
‘Paul’, a French-style bakery; the ‘Angélina’ tearoom (with terrace); the Bistrot Benoît, a restaurant with traditional French cuisine; cafeterias, takeaways and cafés (some with a terrace).

Bookshop – museum shops
The main book and gift shop in the Allée du Grand Louvre is open on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays until 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays until 9:45 p.m.

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Museum
Open daily except Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and until 9:45 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Rooms begin closing at 5:30 p.m., and at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

To improve the visitor experience, the museum started work on a major renovation project three years ago. However, access is guaranteed to 90% of the permanent collections on weekdays and 100% at weekends.

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Dominique-Vivant Denon Research Centre (Porte des Arts)
A research and resource centre, open to individuals on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Viewing room for prints and drawings (Porte des Lions)
From Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., by prior request. Contact: cabinet-des-dessins@louvre.fr

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Petite Galerie
Learn to enjoy and understand art, its history and its techniques. From October to June every year, the Petite Galerie proposes a new theme as a starting point for an exploration of the whole museum.

LEVEL 0
Near Eastern Antiquities
Mesopotamia, Iran
(5000 BC–AD 700)

LEVEL 1
Decorative Arts / Europe
(500–1850)

LEVEL 2
Paintings / Northern Europe
(1350–1850)

LEVELS -1 AND 0
Sculptures / France
(500–1850)

LEVEL 1
Cabinet of Prints and Drawings

LEVEL 0
Near Eastern Antiquities
Iran, the Levant, Arabia
(7500 BC–AD 700)

LEVEL 0
Greek Antiquities
(500–30 BC)

SULLY WING

LEVELS 0 ET 1
Egyptian Antiquities
(4000–30 BC)

LEVEL 1
Decorative Arts / Europe
(1650–1800)

LEVEL 1
Greek and Roman Antiquities
(700 BC–AD 500)

LEVEL 2
Paintings / France
(1650–1850)
ALSO AT THE LOUVRE...

The Carrousel and Tuileries Gardens
The Carrousel Garden is laid out around the triumphal arch of Napoleon I (reigned 1804–1815), which once marked the entrance to the Tuileries palace. Beyond the Carrousel is the famous Tuileries Garden, a masterpiece of garden design with its beautiful flower beds and shaded groves. The two gardens also form an open-air sculpture museum.

The Musée Eugène-Delacroix
Across the river Seine, at a 15-minute walk from the Louvre, visit the apartment, studio and garden where the painter Eugène Delacroix spent the last years of his life. The museum displays artworks, letters and memorabilia relating to Delacroix.

Admission free for a same-day or next-day visit on presentation of the Louvre admission ticket.
Open daily, except Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

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5 minutes

From the Louvre to the Musée Eugène-Delacroix
15 minutes

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