

# Le Musée Du Louvre – The Louvre

It would take 100 days to see everything in the Louvre if you looked at each item for 30 seconds all day without a break.

In 1989, an enormous glass pyramid was added as a new entrance to the museum.

The existing Louvre was built in 1535, when the old castle was demolished.

About 8 million people visit the museum every year.

In 1911, the 'Mona Lisa' was stolen and was eventually returned in 1913. Today, it is kept behind bulletproof glass.

It has one of the largest collections of Ancient Egyptian artefacts, with over 50,000 items.

During the Second World War, the Nazis used the Louvre as a storeroom for stolen art.

Many of the most famous works of art in the world are kept in the Louvre, including the 'Mona Lisa' by Leonardo da Vinci.

The museum is next to the River Seine.

It was first built in 1190 to defend Paris against enemy attacks.

The pyramid was constructed to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the French Revolution.

The museum is home to 35,000 works of art and around 380,000 objects.

The Louvre is the most visited museum and art gallery in the world.