Le Louvre Museum

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Introduction

- ★ The Louvre was originally a royal palace. In 1793, the French Monarchy moved to the Palace of Versailles, and the first Louvre Museum was open to Public. It had approximately 563 pieces to exhibit.
- ★ Now it is one of the magnificent structures in the world, it attracts footfalls of about 15,000 tourists each day. Napoleon expanded its collection to 5000 pieces.
- ★ The 1st Louvre consisted of a thick cylindrical dungeon surrounded by towered walls. It was built in several phases.
- ★ The pyramids is the most recent addition to the museum.

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The pyramids

It is a large glass and metal pyramid designed by Chinese-American Architect I.M.Pei. It is surrounded by three smaller pyramids.

Visitors entering through the pyramid descend into the spacious lobby then ascend into the main Louvre buildings.

More than just an entrance in the palace courtyard, the great pyramid has become a symbol of the Louvre.

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