

# The Louvre



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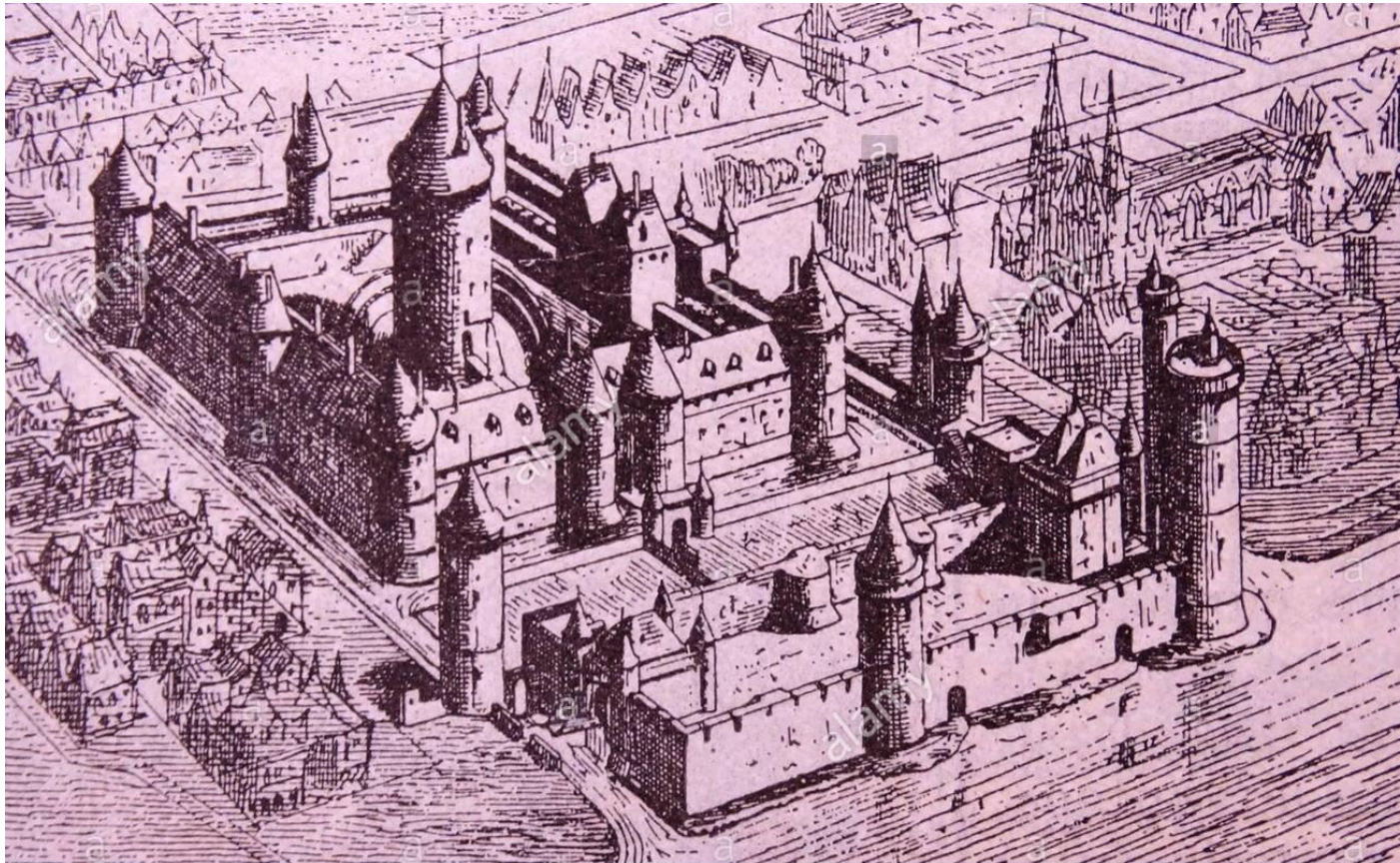
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- Located on the Right Bank of the Seine in 1st arrondissement
- Approximately 38,000 objects from prehistory to the 21st century
- Area of 72,735 square metres (782,910 square feet).

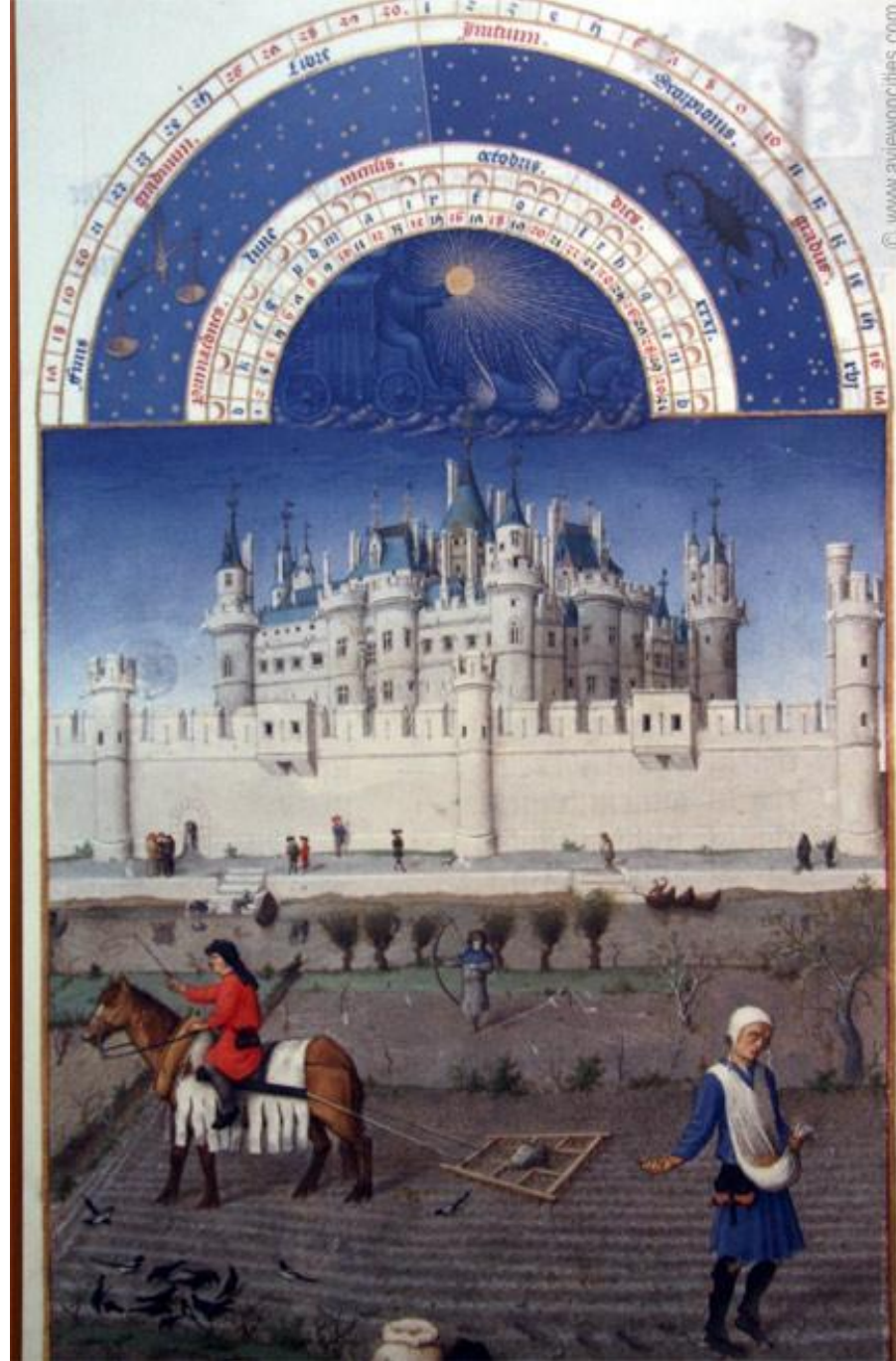


# History of Louvre

- Louvre was commissioned by King Phillippe-Auguste in 1190.
- It was originally designed as a fortress to protect the French from Viking raiders.



- In late 15<sup>th</sup> century the original fortress was demolished and the wing along the Seine river was built.
- 1546 Lovre was converted by Francis I into the main residence of the French Kings
- The palace was extended during the 16<sup>th</sup> century by architect Pierre Lescot



- In 1682, Louis XIV chose to leave the Louvre primarily as a place to display the royal collection, including, from 1692, a collection of ancient Greek and Roman sculpture.



- The museum opened on 10 August 1793
- The collection is divided among 8 curatorial departments:
  - Egyptian Antiquities;
  - Near Eastern Antiquities;
  - Greek, Etruscan and Roman Antiquities;
  - Islamic Art;
  - Sculpture;
  - Decorative Arts;
  - Paintings;
  - Prints and Drawings





- During the Second Empire (19<sup>th</sup> century) the Louvre was expanded again with the addition of the Richelieu wing.

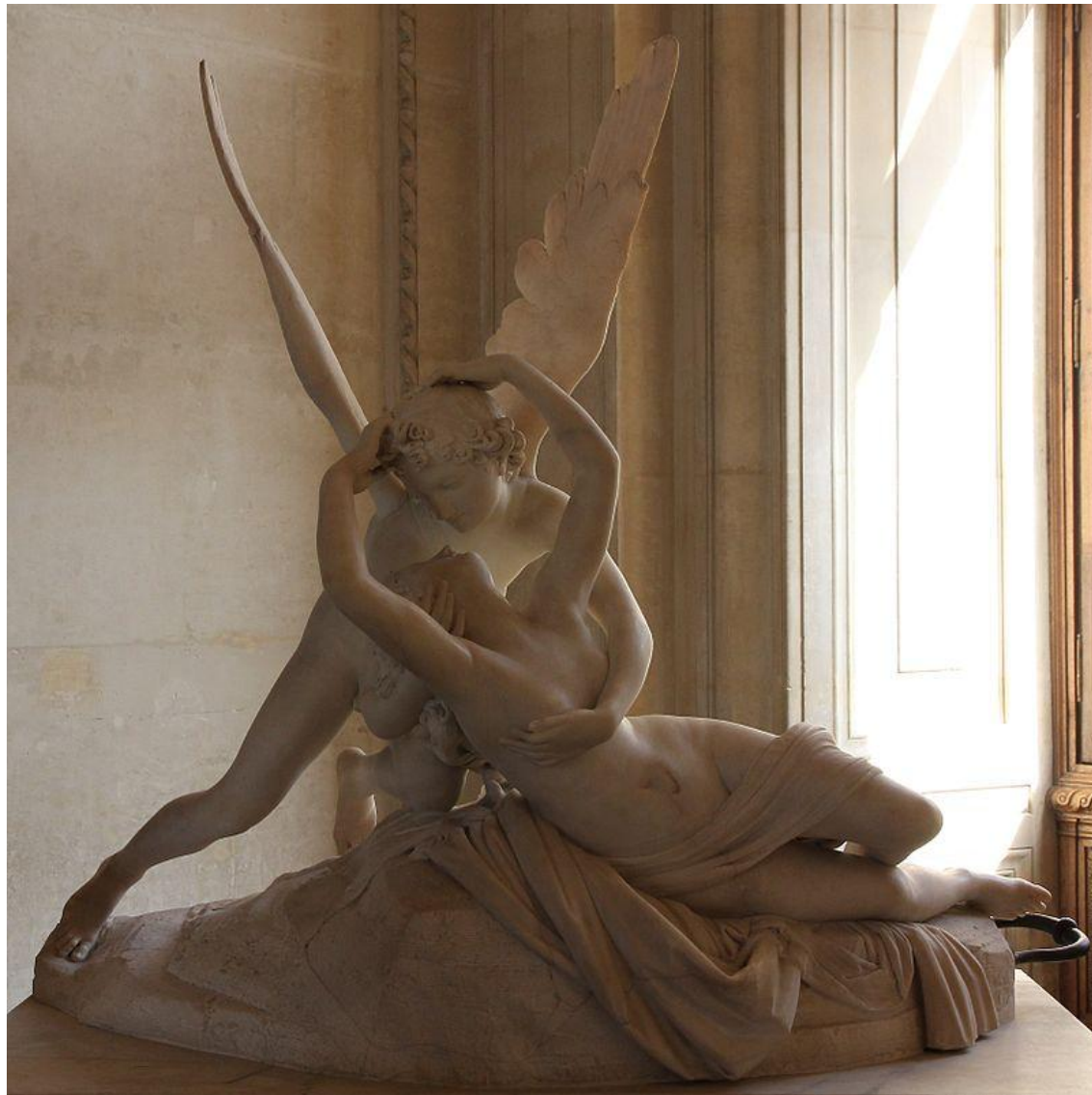
# Louvre Pyramid

- The Louvre Pyramid was built in 1989 by the renowned American architect I.M. Pei.
- It functions as the museum's main entrance.
- The glass pyramid allows the sunlight to enter the underground floor.

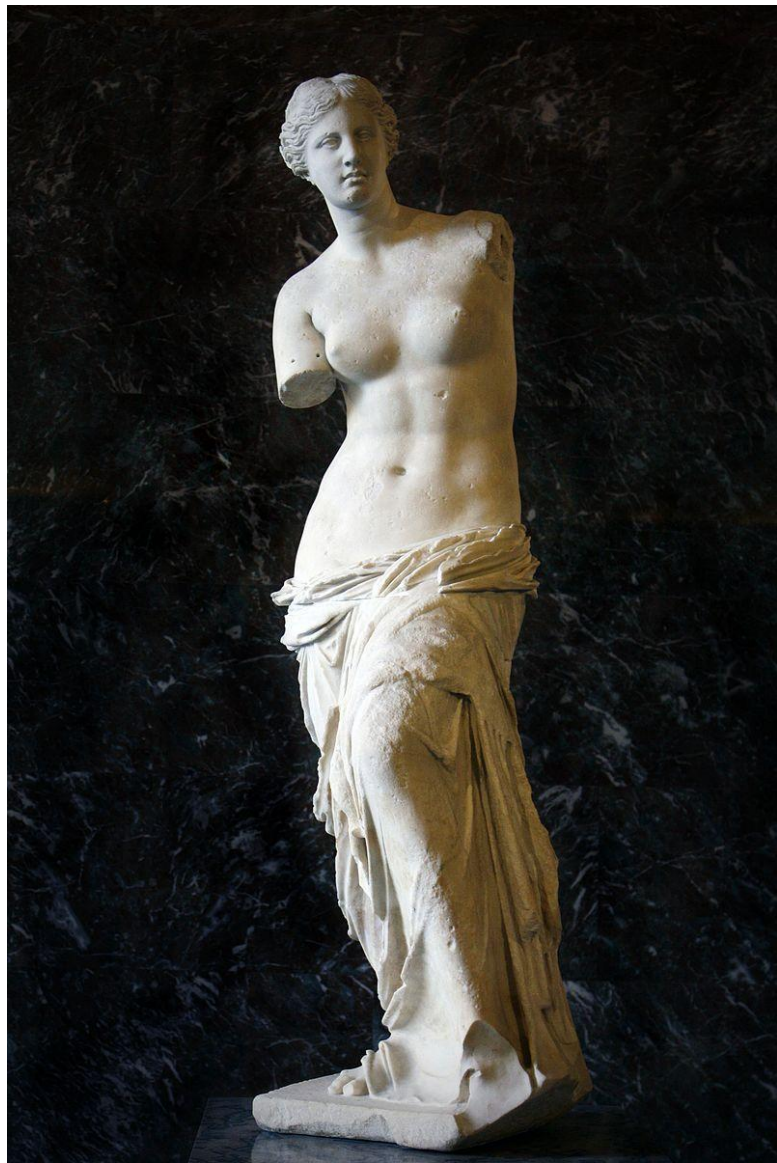








- Antonio Canova's Psyche Revived by Cupid's Kiss



● Venus of Milos



● Seated Scribe



Winged Victory

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