

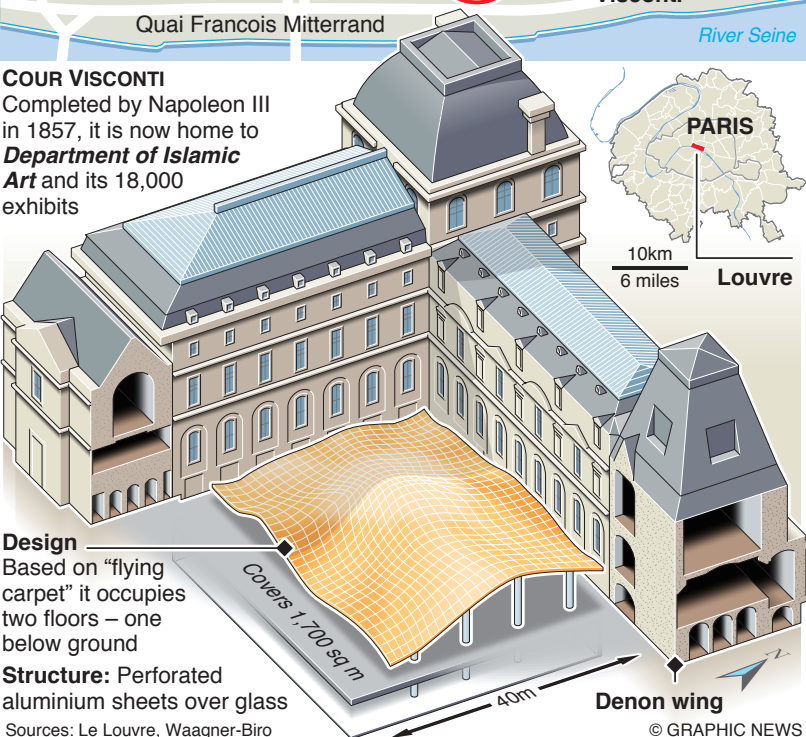
France's new Islamic art gallery

The Louvre museum in Paris has constructed a \$131 million wing that will house precious artworks gathered from all over the Islamic world



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Completed by Napoleon III in 1857, it is now home to **Department of Islamic Art** and its 18,000 exhibits



Design

Based on "flying carpet" it occupies two floors – one below ground

Structure: Perforated aluminium sheets over glass

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Denon wing

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