

The Louvre comes to Abu Dhabi

The Louvre Abu Dhabi, the first foreign branch of the Parisian landmark, will house a permanent collection of more than 600 artworks from across the world representing different civilisations and periods in history

Dome: Measures 180m in diameter, shading two-thirds of museum. Structure appears to float over water, as its four supporting pillars are hidden within building

Architect
Jean Nouvel

Construction
2009-2017

Estimated cost
\$1.3 billion

“Museum city”: 23 galleries housed in 55 buildings scattered around dome, built to resemble Arab village

Geometry: Almost 8,000 metal “stars” repeated at various sizes and angles in eight layers to create lace-like form

Outer dome

Stainless steel

Inner dome

Aluminium

► **“Rain of light”:** Gaps in roof allow sunlight to filter into gallery spaces, reminiscent of overlapping palm trees

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Dhabi



UAE

Saadiyat Island
The Gulf

Abu
Dhabi

Louvre
Abu Dhabi

5km
3 miles

