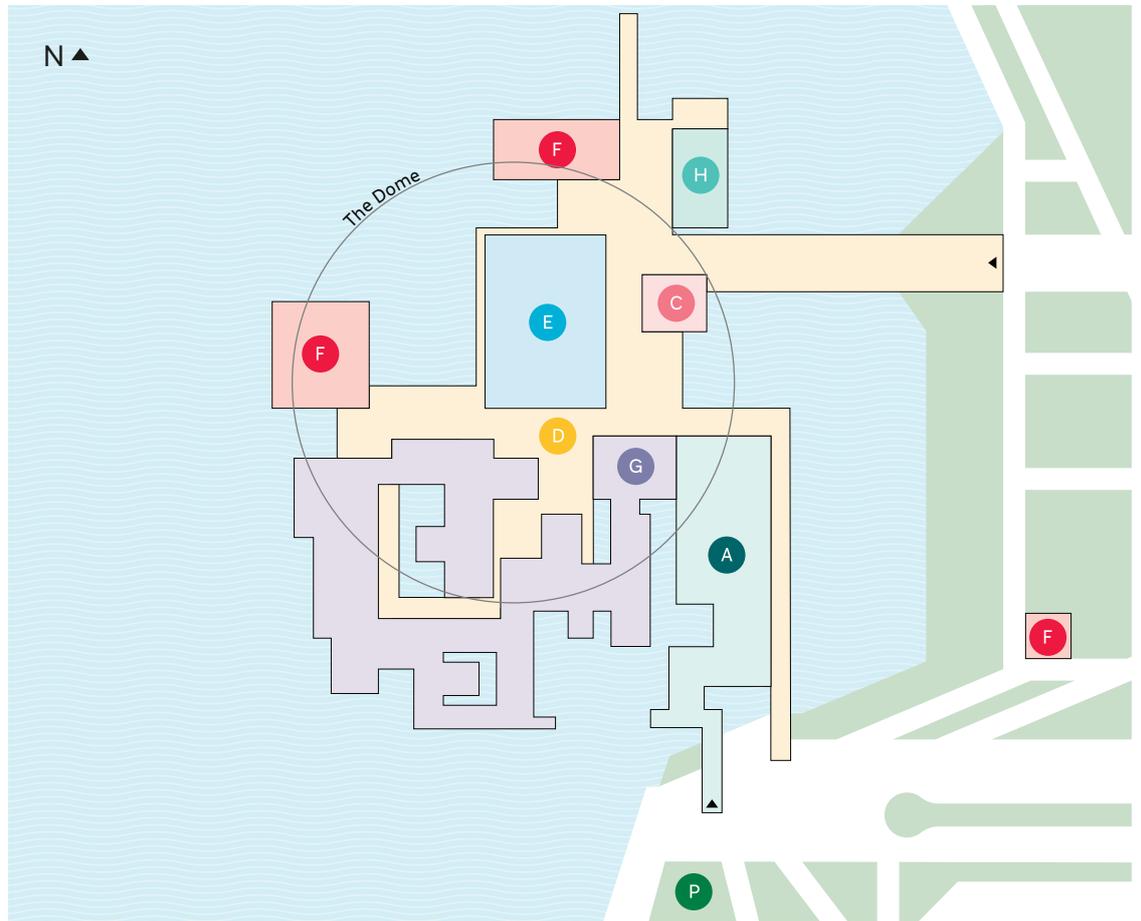




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## Hello and welcome to Louvre Abu Dhabi.

We invite you to lose yourself in our unique building and find yourself in our stories of cultural connections.

**P Park**  
Perfect for a picnic or a walk, enjoy the beautiful setting overlooking the museum and the ocean.

**A Arrival**  
Buy your ticket, book a tour, download our free mobile application, borrow a stroller or visit our boutique. We are here to help you get started.

**G Permanent Galleries**  
Stroll through the museum's galleries and discover more than 600 works of art.

**D Dome**  
Experience the epicentre of Jean Nouvel's architectural masterpiece.

**E Temporary Exhibitions**  
We present several temporary exhibitions each year created in collaboration with Musée du Louvre, our French partner museums, and other regional and international institutions.

**C Children's Museum**  
We invite children (big and small) to learn and be inspired by art through fun challenges.

**H Auditorium**  
Our 271 seat auditorium hosts a vibrant programme of lectures, talks and performances.

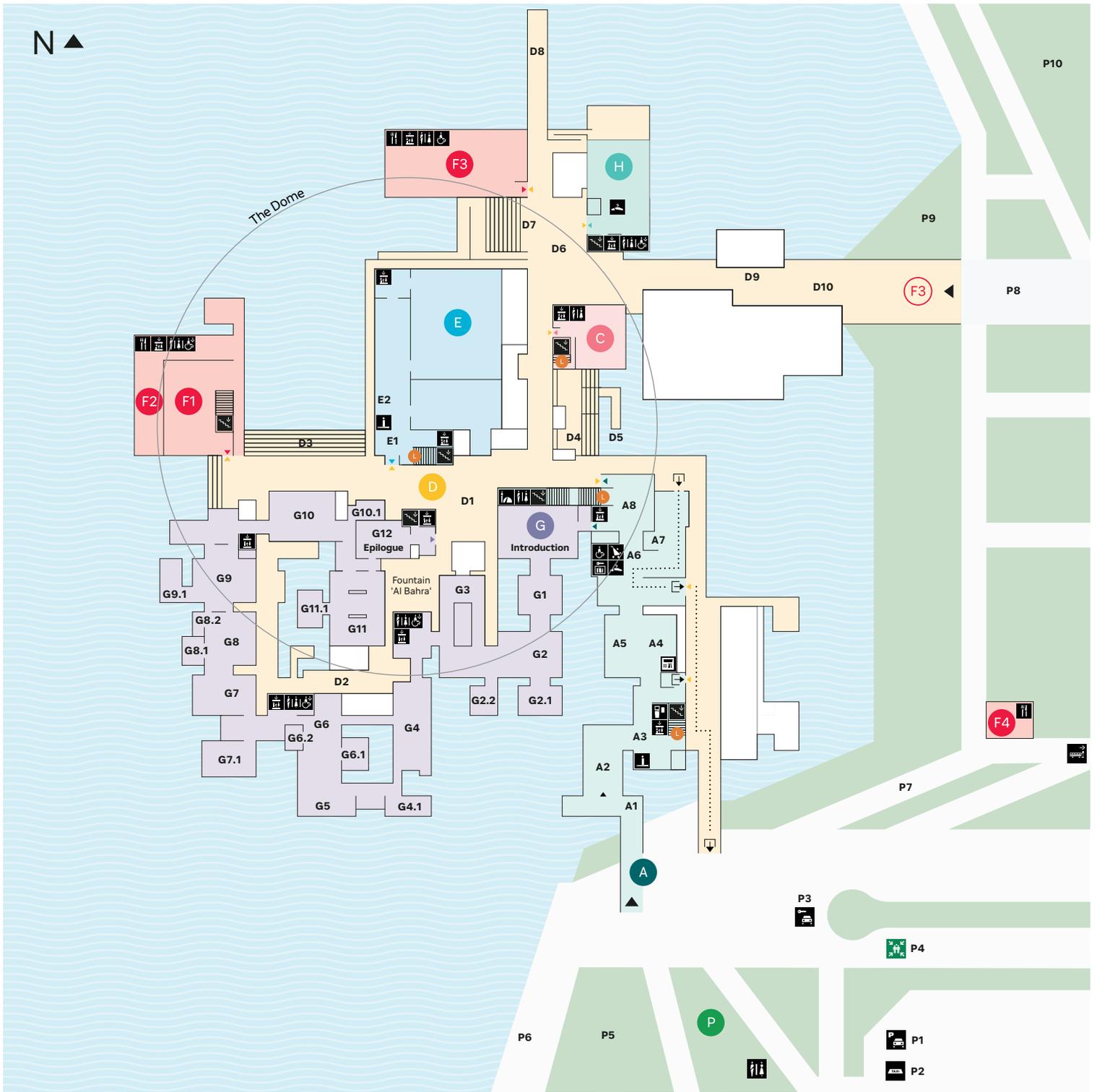
**F Cafés & Restaurants**  
Take a well-earned break and enjoy a wide selection of food and beverages in a choice of locations.

### Accessibility

We offer a welcoming space for all. The museum contains special facilities to accommodate the diverse needs of our visitors, including braille, wheel chair and stroller loans. Equipment is available in the Ticket Hall. If you would like any help to improve your visit, please speak to a member of staff.



Free wifi available at the museum.



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- P4 Main Assembly Point
- P5 Louvre Abu Dhabi Park
- P6 Water Taxi
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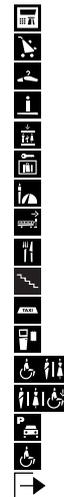
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- F2 Rooftop Bar–Art Lounge
- F3 Restaurant–Fouquet's  
Abu Dhabi
- F4 Aptitude Café



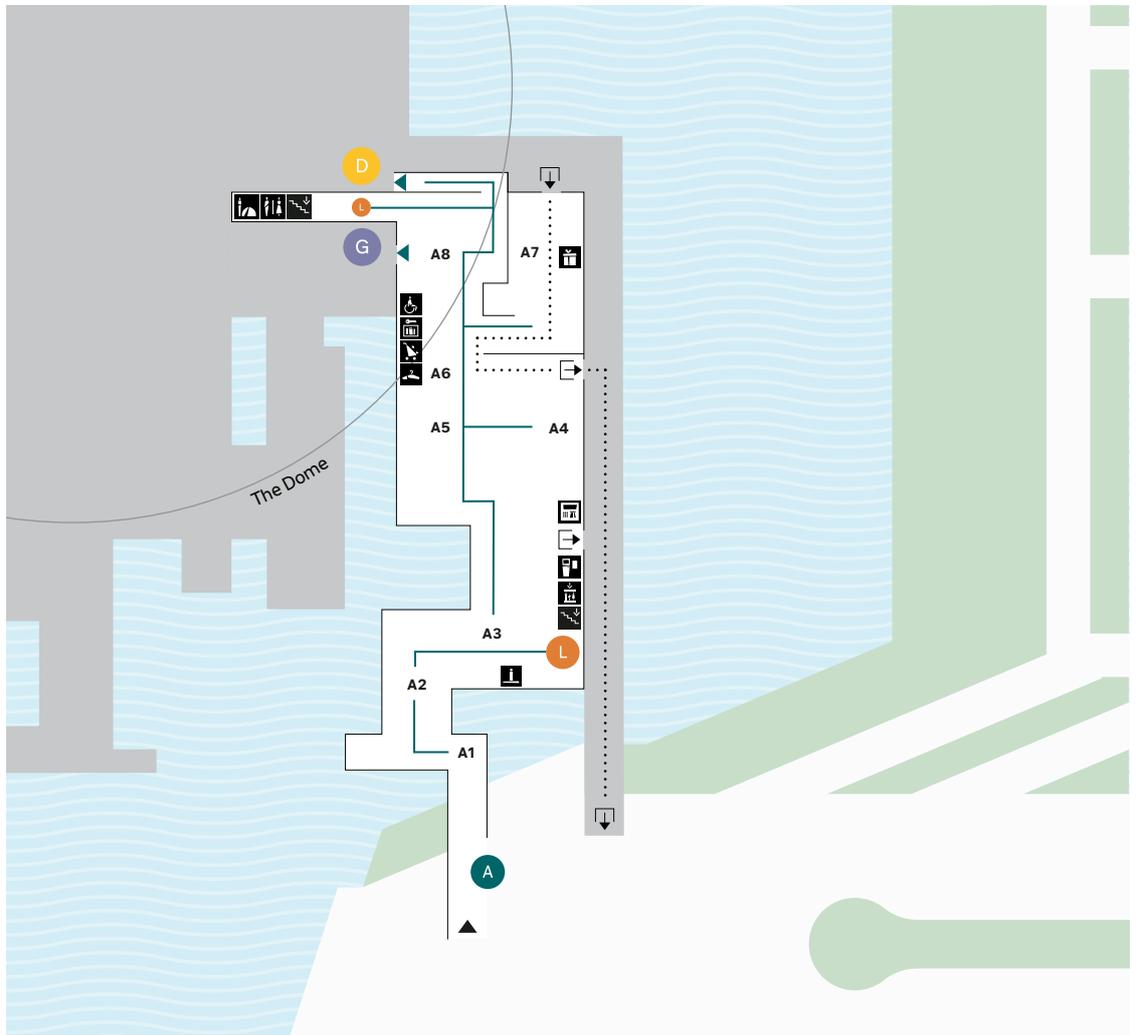
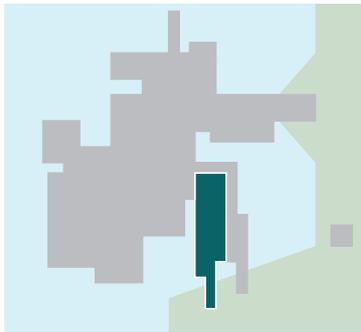
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- Lift
- Lockers
- Prayer Room
- Public Transport
- Restaurant
- Stairs
- Taxi Station
- Ticket Kiosk
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- Wheelchair Loan
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# Arrival

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- **Dome**
- **Access to Lower Ground**
- **Permanent Galleries**



Whether you have pre-booked your tickets or need to purchase some, want to download our free mobile application, have some questions, or simply want to drop off your bags. This is the place to do all that and more...

### Buying Tickets

Tickets are available from the ticket desk or from the self-service kiosks.

### Tours

Enjoy a tour with our expert guides. Book at the ticket desk.

### Toilets

Find the toilets and baby changing facilities on level -1.

### Cloakroom

The cloakroom is located opposite the Boutique. This service is complimentary.

### Boutique

Browse our selection of art books, regional handicrafts, toys and souvenirs to find the perfect gift or memento.

### Accessibility

Complimentary strollers and wheelchairs are available at the cloakroom.



Free wifi available at the museum.

### Louvre Abu Dhabi App

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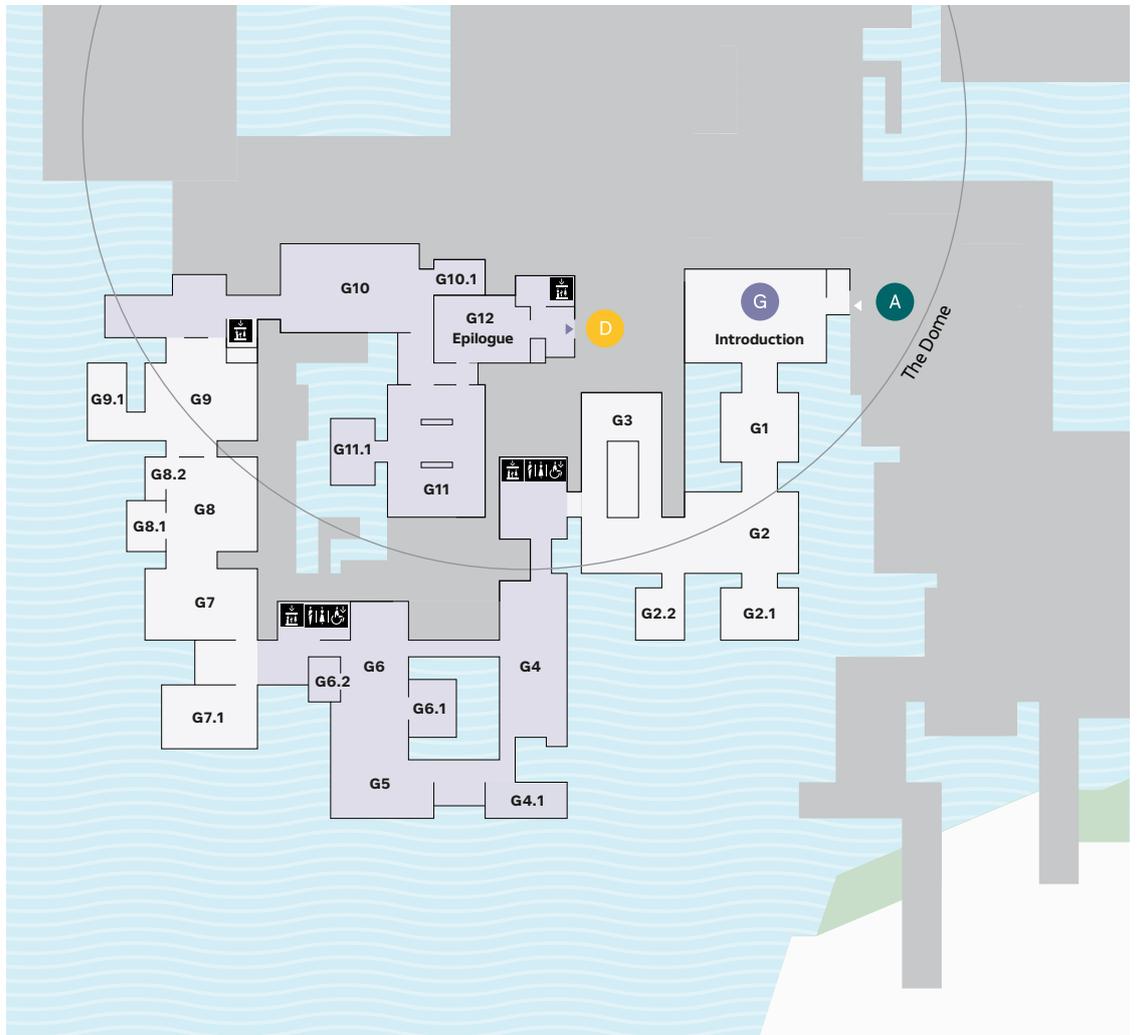
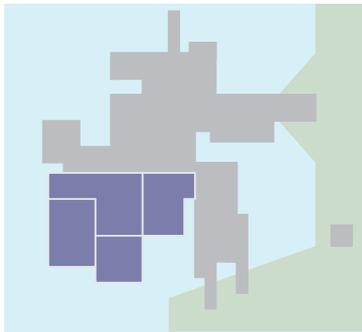


**Giuseppe Penone** Germination series of four works Leaves of Light – Tree, 2016, wTurin, Italy © Archivio Penone / Giuseppe Penone



# Permanent Galleries

**D** Dome  
**A** Arrival



## These Permanent Galleries are our beating heart.

We have started a new chapter in the world of museums by displaying artworks from different cultures side-by-side, from prehistoric times to the present day – to allow you to see similarities, points of exchange, and differences.

### An Innovative Approach

We refresh our presentation of approximately 600 exceptional artworks all year round, so there's always something new to see.

### About Our Collection

We have our own growing collection, and our curators carefully select objects from the Musée du Louvre and 12 other French partner museums, as well as other global and UAE institutions, to complement our displays. Download our app to discover the artworks on display.

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### Guided Tours

Get the most out of your visit and pre-book a tour with one of our expert guides.

Our tours offer the perfect introduction to the highlights of Louvre Abu Dhabi's permanent collection, introducing you to objects, stories, and insights from more than 10,000 years of human creativity.

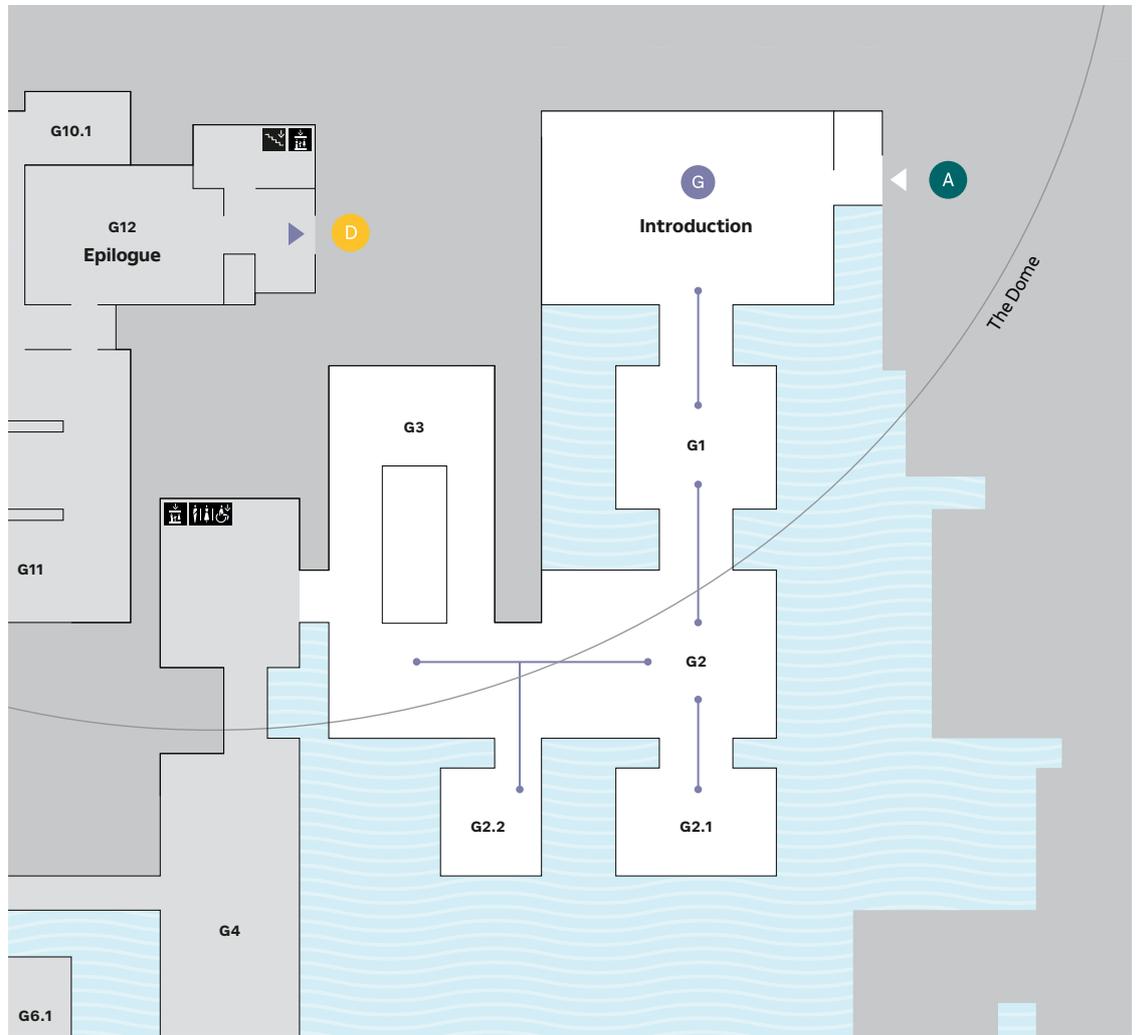
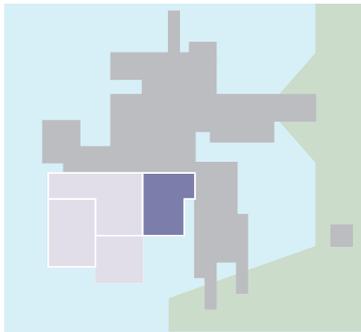




# Permanent Galleries

**1-3**  
**Ancient Worlds**  
10,000 BCE-  
500 CE

**D** Dome  
**A** Arrival



## Introduction

We tell stories of cultural connections. Here you will be able to experience artworks from different cultures throughout history, side-by-side. You might realise we have more in common than we know.

## The First Villages

**G1**  
As you begin your journey, we mark the starting point of the collective history of the world. Discover how, by around 10,000 BCE communities began to settle in the first villages, and were bound together by shared beliefs and rituals.

## The First Great Powers

**G2, 2.1, 2.2**  
Learn about the rise of kingdoms around 3,000 BCE, which was a crucial event in the history of humanity, resulting in clashes, movement of populations and the emergence of powerful hierarchies.

## Civilisations and Empires

**G3**  
Later, around 1,000 BCE, and until 500 CE, even more powerful kingdoms and empires emerge and disappear in turn all around the world. The imprint they left on their territories stimulated cultural diversity and artistic exchanges.



Introduction Gallery



**Woman Dressed in a Woollen Garment**  
2300 BCE-1700 BCE, Bactria, Central Asia



**Lion Bracelet**  
800 BCE-600 BCE, Ziwiyeh, Iran

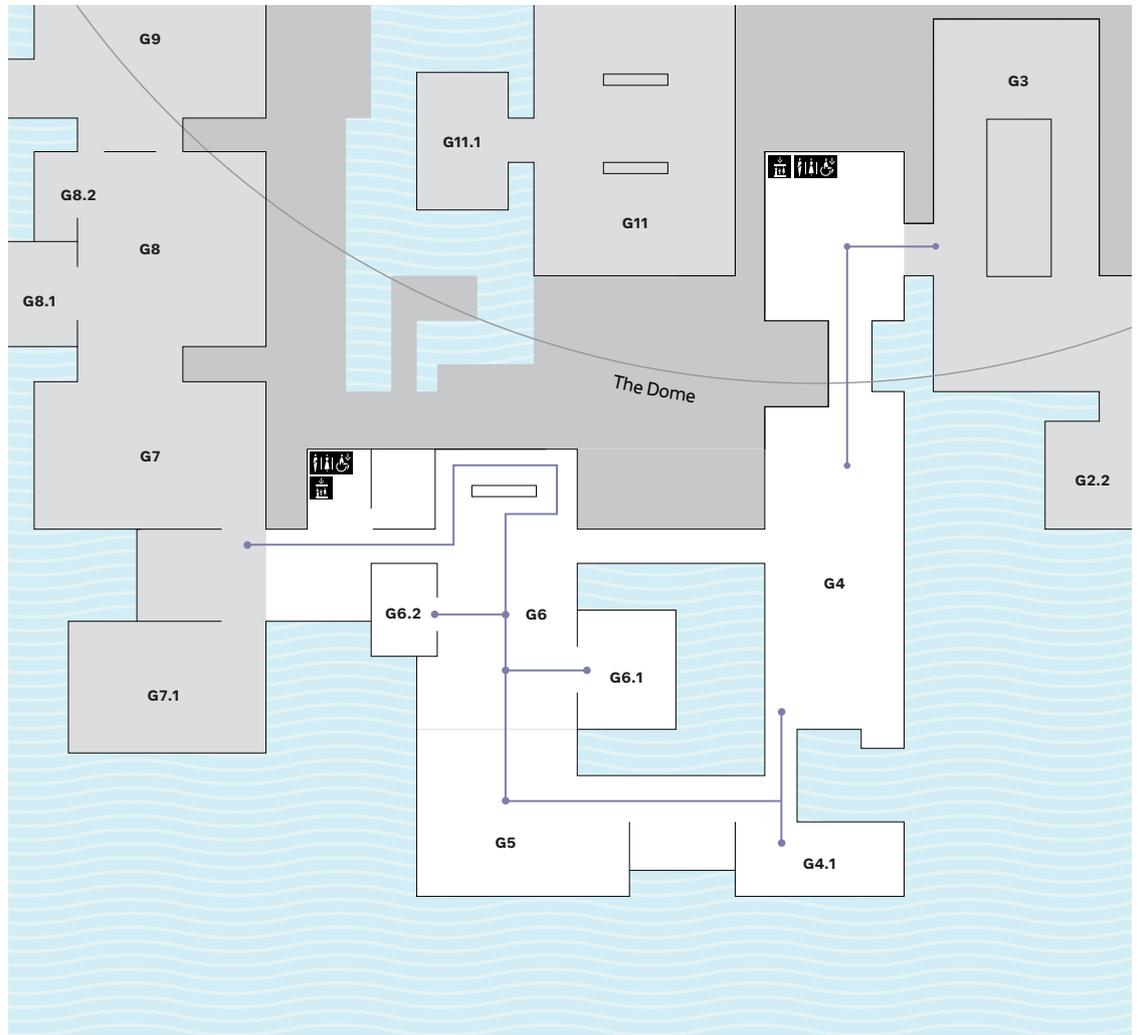
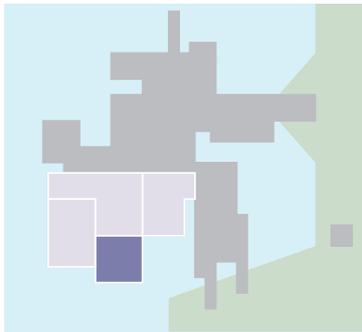


**Winged Dragon**  
450-250 BCE, Northern China



# Permanent Galleries

4-6  
Middle Ages  
500-1500 CE



## Overview Galleries 4-6

The movement of pilgrims, conquerors, and merchants catalysed thriving cultural exchanges. Civilisations in Africa, Asia, and Europe were brought into contact and transformed through the circulation of knowledge, thought and artistic expression.

## Universal Religions

**G4, 4.1**  
Beginning around 2,000 years ago, the universal religions succeeded in reaching most of the civilised areas of Europe, Asia and Africa. By addressing their message to all humanity, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam deeply transformed communities, influencing intellectual and artistic activity across continents.

## Silk Roads

**G5**  
The expansion of universal religions paralleled the development of a vast network of cross-continental land and sea routes connecting Africa, Asia, and Europe. Find out how this flourishing trade route contributed to the circulation of commodities and artistic and intellectual exchanges.

## Lords, Kings and Caliphs

**G6, 6.1, 6.2**  
Chivalry, in the West, and furusiyya, in the East, were shared models of the accomplished and educated man during the Middle Ages. These two facets of similar social groups came into contact in Spain, Sicily and the Middle East, and despite religious and political rivalries, fostered positive cultural relations.



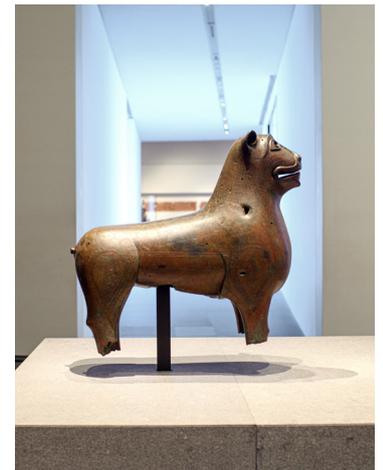
Universal Religions Gallery



Calligraphic Panels with Quranic Verses  
1300-1400, Iran or Central Asia



Seated Avalokiteshvara (Guanyin)  
1050-1150, Shanxi province, China

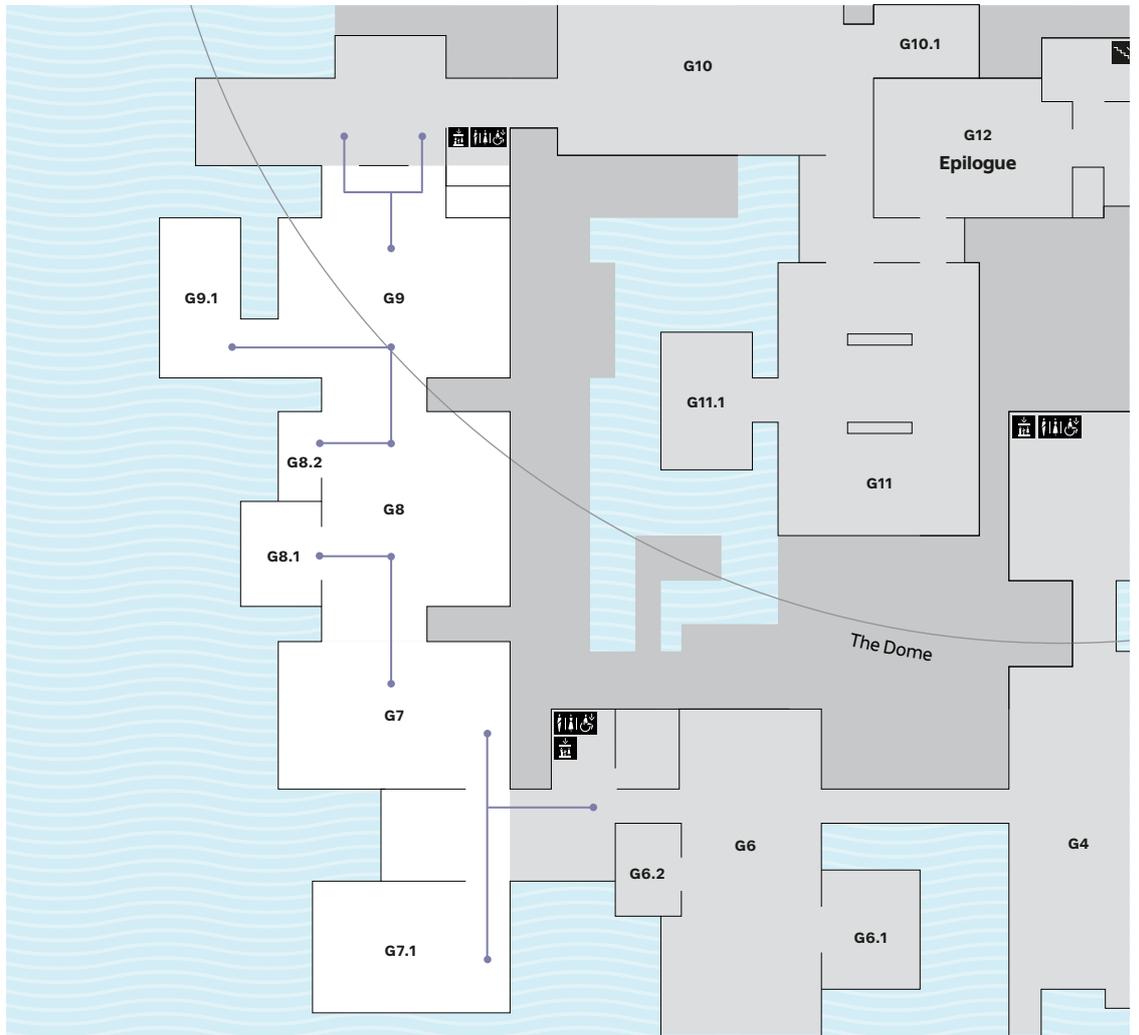
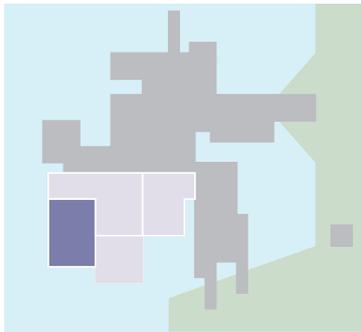


Monumental Lion  
1000-1200, Spain or southern Italy



# Permanent Galleries

## 7-9 Early Modern Times 1500-1850



### Overview Galleries 7-9

At the end of the 15th Century, navigators encountered new civilisations for the first time. A more global economy developed in which art and culture in Europe, China, and the Islamic world flourished.

### First Globalisation G7, 7.1

The territorial and commercial expansion between the 15th and 18th centuries brought radical changes. The emergence of new empires transformed societies as rulers made art a tool of government and a display of power.

### World Empires G8, 8.1, 8.2

New systems of global exchange and the emergence of new empires transformed societies and territories, resulting in the displacement of people. Artists and craftsmen visualised these developments and explored new materials and techniques.

### Towards a Modern World G9, 9.1

By established global trade networks, affluence was no longer exclusively the privilege of monarchs but was increasingly attainable by a large segment of society, the middle class. The spread of manufactured products transformed economies and stimulated consumption.



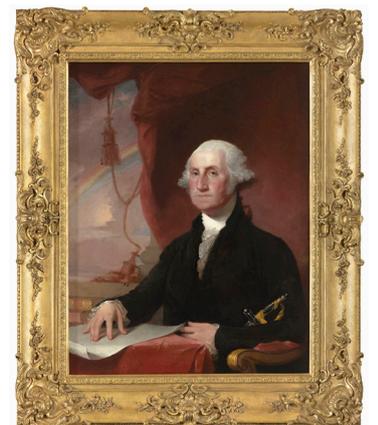
Pair of folding screens  
c.1625, Japan



Portrait of an African Lady Holding  
a Table-clock 1560, Florence, Italy



Dish with Tulips and Carnations  
1565-1570, Iznik, Turkey



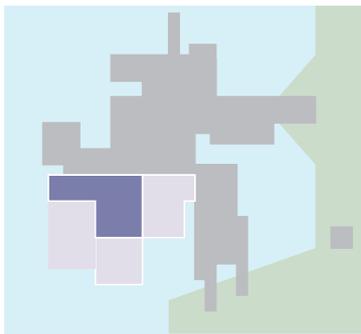
Gilbert Stuart Portrait of George  
Washington, 1822, USA



# Permanent Galleries

**10–12**  
**Modern Era**  
1850–Present day

**D Dome**



## Overview Galleries 10–12

The Industrial Revolution, technological advancements, socio-political changes, colonial expansion and later decolonisation paved the way for a wider range of artistic and cultural exchanges. The period saw the invention of photography, cinema, and abstract art.

## Multiple Modernities

### G10, 10.1

The technical advancements of the Industrial Revolution opened new horizons, facilitating the circulation of goods and people, as well as information, images, and artistic movements. This gave 19th century artists many new sources of inspiration.

## A Global Stage

### G11, 11.1

During the 20th century, artists reflected the changes and uncertainties resulting from two world wars. These factors, alongside the consequences of industrialisation, led to the emergence of new global movements such as Abstraction and Surrealism.

## Epilogue

### G12

Presenting a new thematic every two years, Epilogue brings the visitor's journey to an end while marking a new beginning – an opportunity to question, reflect, and broaden one's perspective.



**Auguste Rodin** Monument of Victor Hugo, after 1900 (cast in 2012), Paris, France



**Édouard Manet** The Bohemian, 1861–62, France



**Yup'ik Mask**, 1890–1910, Alaska, ca.



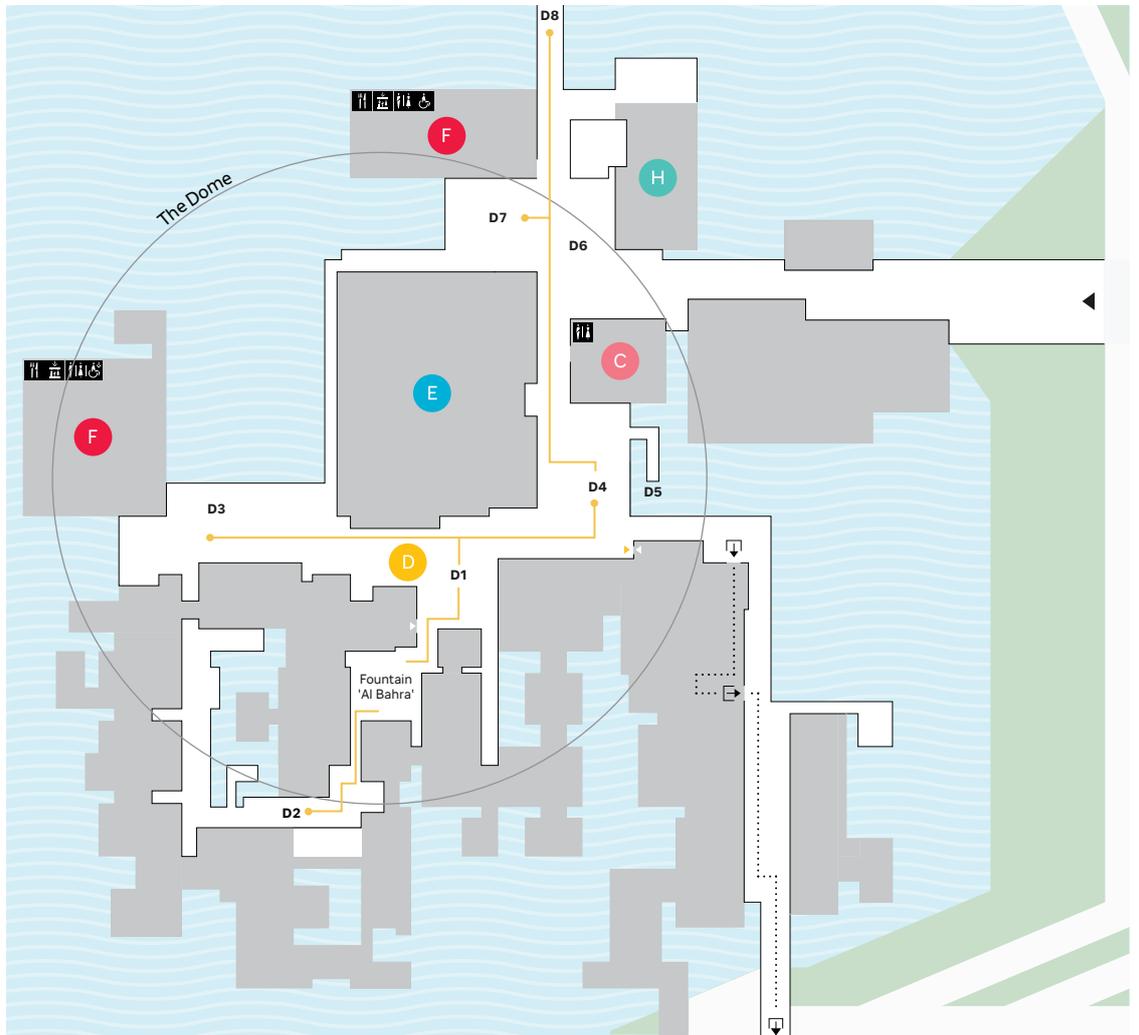
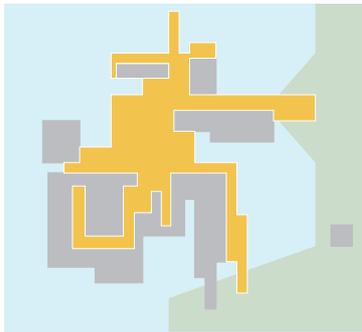
**Cy Twombly** Untitled I-IX (panel IV pictured), 2008, Italy © Cy Twombly Foundation



# Dome

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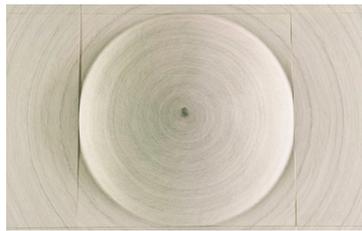
**Explore... Wander... Lose yourself** in our breath-taking architecture and iconic dome, which are masterpieces in their own right. Amongst countless photo opportunities, discover our display of outdoor artworks – here are a few of our highlights.

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**Giuseppe Penone**  
Germination series of four works  
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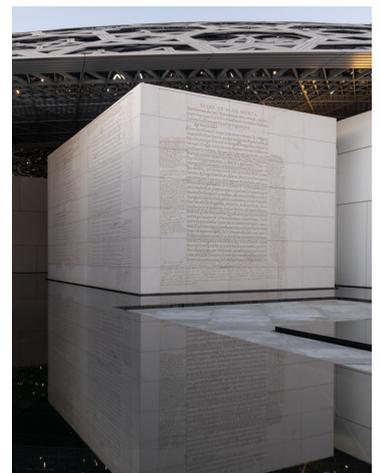


**Giuseppe Penone**  
Germination series of four works,  
Propagation, 2016, France  
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**Fountain 'Al Bahra'**  
Octagonal Fountain and its flooring  
1700–1800, Damascus, Syria

D2



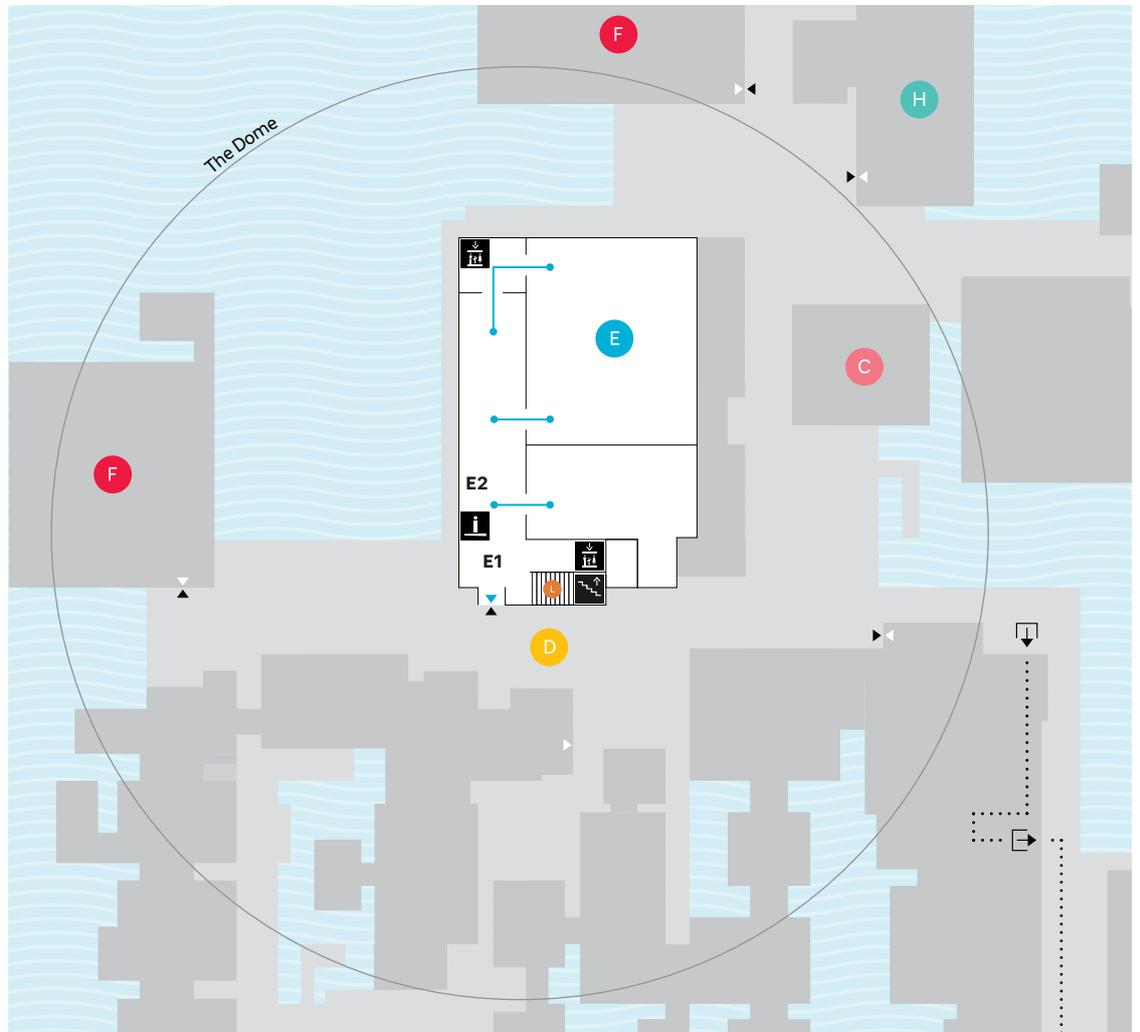
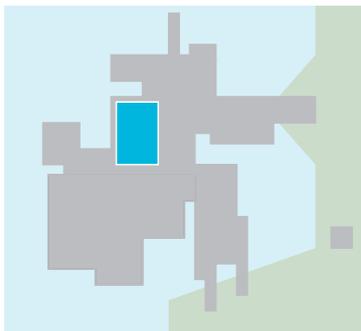
**Jenny Holzer**  
For the Louvre Abu Dhabi 03  
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# Temporary Exhibitions

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### What's On?

Scan to discover our library of podcasts and be guided through the exhibition by passionate experts.



### Free Activity Guides for Children

Ask at the exhibition entrance for our guides for children.

### Exhibition Boutique

Browse our exhibition-inspired collection in the Temporary Exhibition Lobby.

### Cultural Programme

From talks and performances to masterclasses and concerts inspired by the exhibition, visit the website to see what's on this month.

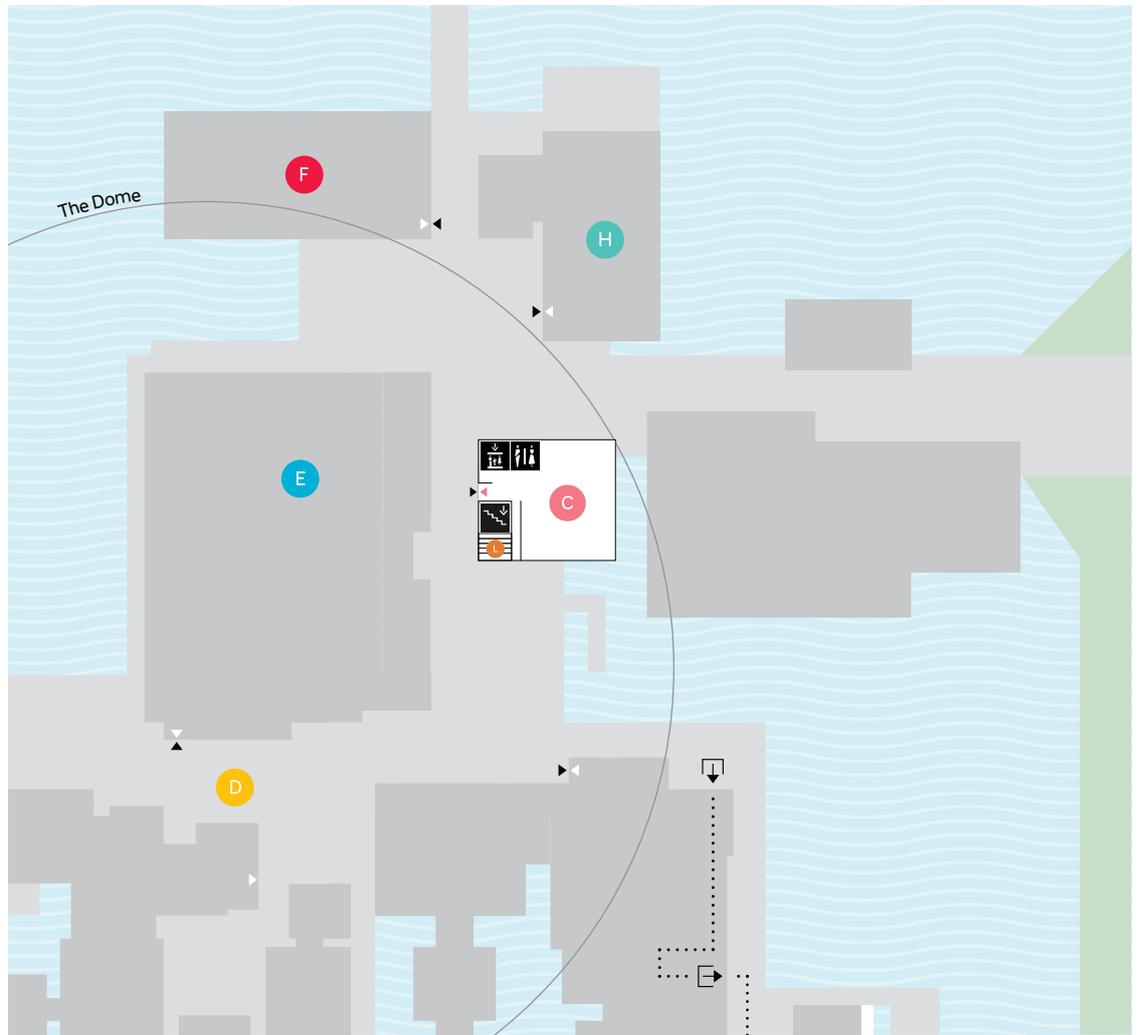
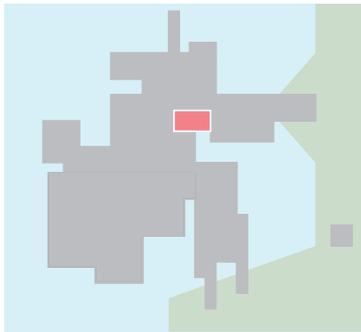


From One Louvre to Another 2017 exhibition



# Children's Museum

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**Calling all children (and the child inside!).** We invite you to learn and be inspired by art through fun challenges. There's a lot to discover in the Children's Museum with hands-on activities that bring history to life. What are you waiting for?

### Kids, This is For You!

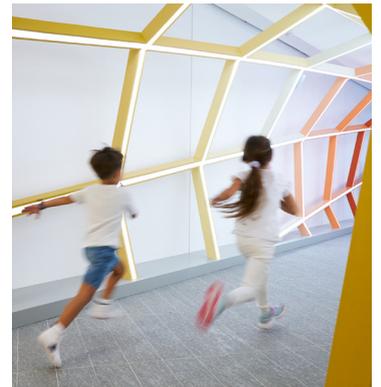
The Children's Museum serves as a bridge to the rest of Louvre Abu Dhabi, helping young visitors to get the most out of the museum. (Perfect for children aged 4 to 10).

### School Groups

Visit the museum with your school, college or university. To book and for further details on the guided tours and workshops we offer, email the education department at [education@louvreabudhabi.ae](mailto:education@louvreabudhabi.ae)

### Family Events

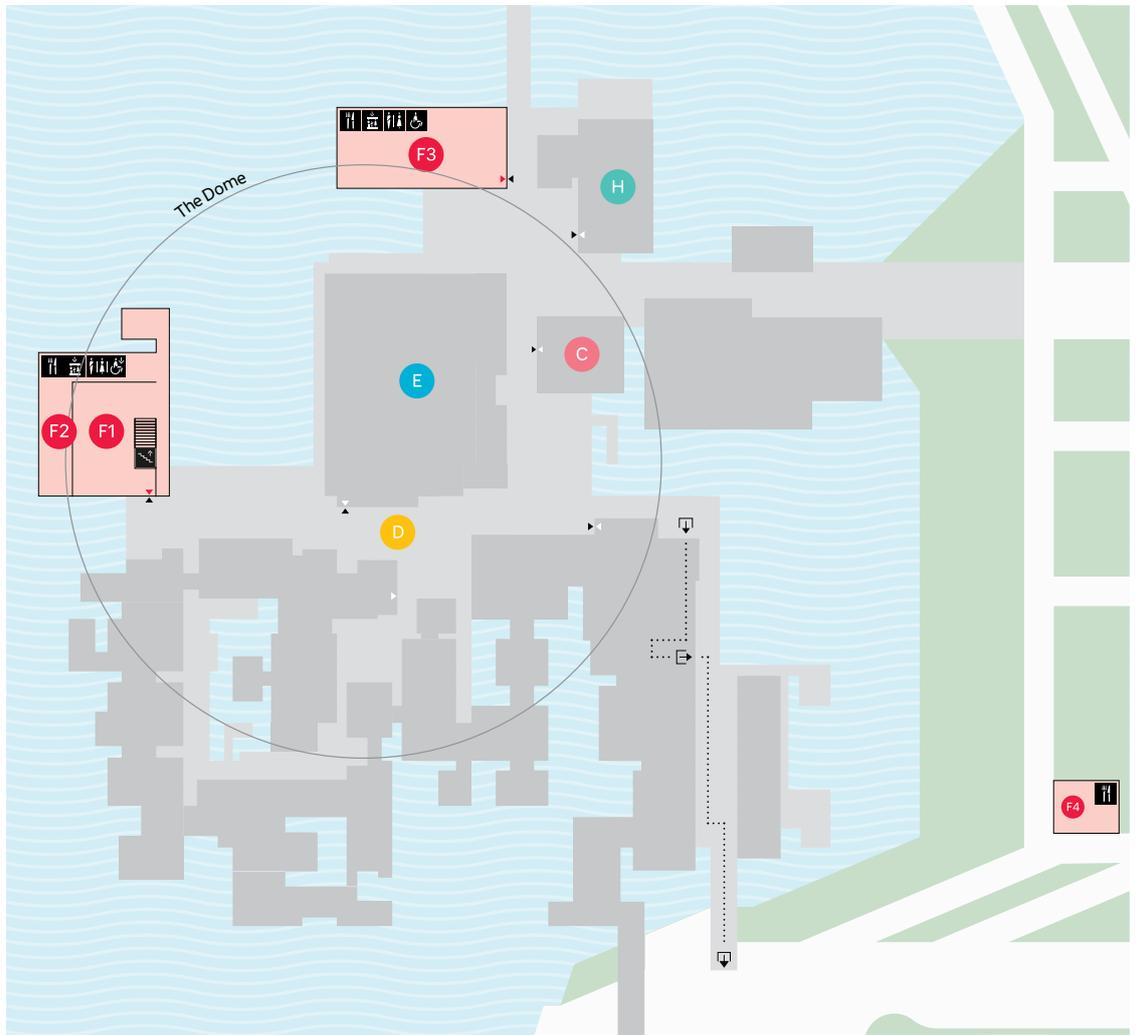
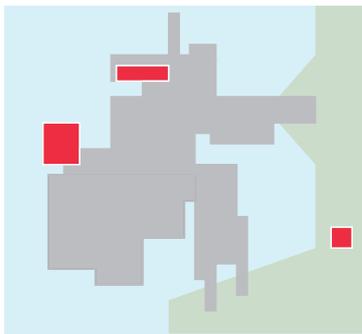
Don't forget to ask about our regular events and activities for children, guaranteed to keep little ones busy.





# Cafés & Restaurants

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**Need a moment to relax and reflect?** Whether you fancy a light bite to eat at our Museum Café, a sundowner at our rooftop bar, or a fine dining experience, there's something for every taste...

**F1**  
**Museum Café**  
 Enjoy a relaxed dining experience, whether it's for a 'grab and go' lunch or a sit-down meal.



**F2**  
**Rooftop Bar - Art Lounge +1**  
 Don't miss breathtaking sunset views while enjoying a light bite and refreshing sundowner.



**F3**  
**Restaurant – Fouquet's Abu Dhabi**  
 The world-renowned restaurant brings fine French brasserie dining to the UAE. Enjoy an after dinner drink in their speakeasy-style Marta Bar.



**F4**  
**Aptitude Café**  
 The destination of choice for true coffee aficionados. Enjoy an all-day menu, with a spectacular view of Jean Nouvel's breathtaking architecture.



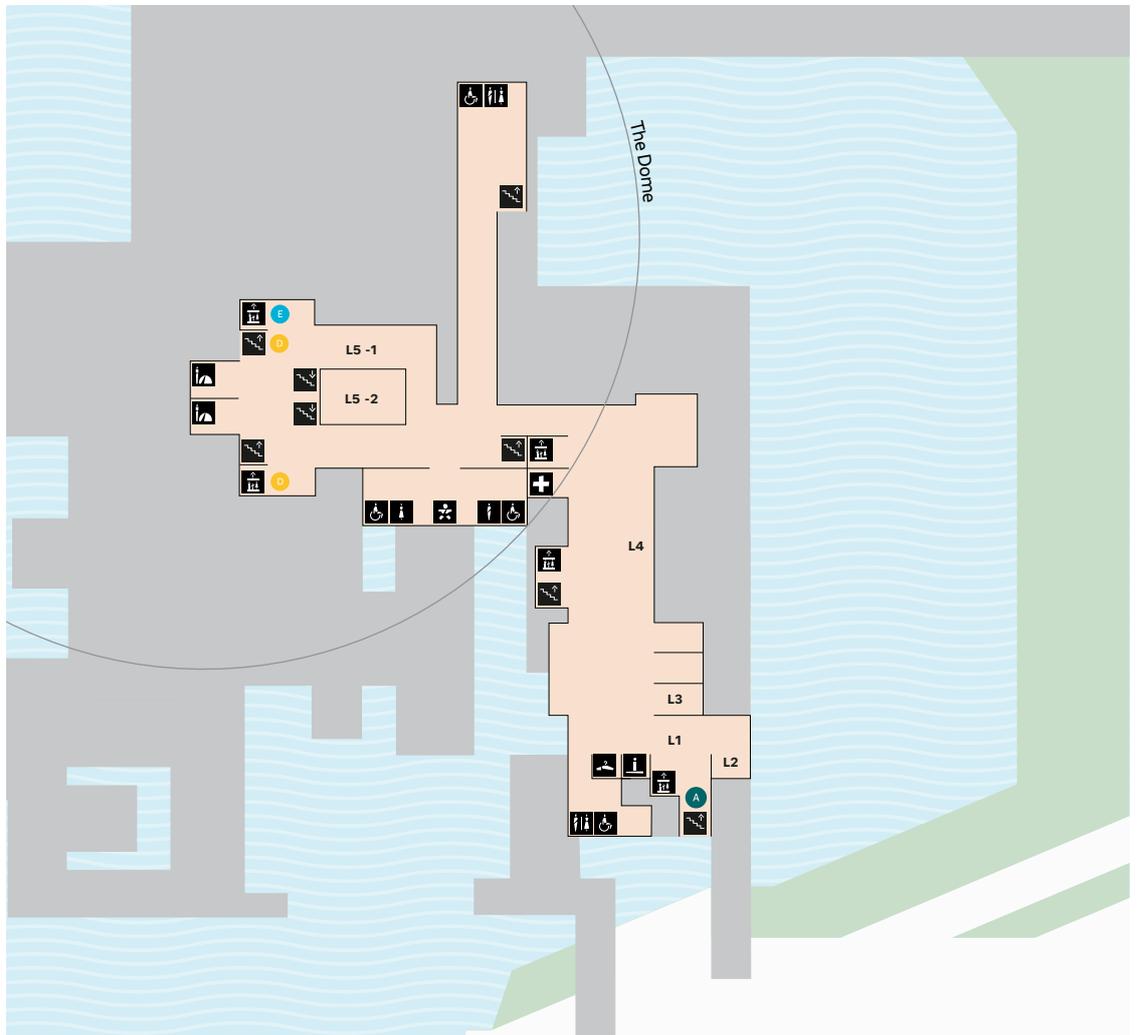
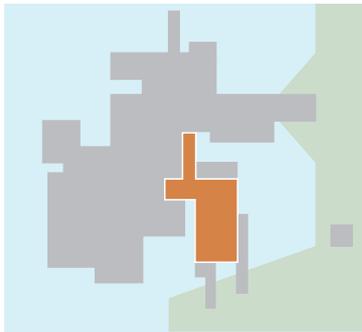


# Lower Ground

- L1 Groups Area
- L2 Multi-Faith Room
- L3 Art Studio 1
- L4 Research Centre
- L5 Forum -1
- Lower Forum -2

### Access to:

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### STAY CONNECTED

Free wifi available at the museum



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Join the Members to benefit from unlimited entry to our galleries and major exhibitions, special offers, priority reservations and exclusive events.



