Paris, France - The Louvre: East Façade by Claude Perrault



The East Façade of the Louvre in Paris, France, designed by Claude Perrault.

The Louvre was originally built in 1190 to serve as a fortress to protect the city of Paris. Over the years, however, it became a royal residence, and French kings added new wings and remodeled old ones. Louis XIV constructed the east wing, designed by Claude Perrault and featuring a flat roof and Italian balustrade. After the king was deposed, the Louvre was turned into a museum, housing works of art that had been owned by the king and nobles who fled the revolution. It became known as one of the greatest repositories of art in the world, (1936).

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