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and the amassing of art treasures , today the Louvre offers a world-class collection of both French and foreign art. The outer shell of a museum , however , no matter how artistic or historic cannot alone make a museum truly great. The inner collections are of course of paramount interest to both the art researcher and art lover alike. The Louvre does not disappoint them. Three of the Wests premier works of art are here : the statues Victory of Samothrace and Venus de Milo accompany Leonardo do Vincis most famous painting , the Mona Lisa. These alone attract art devotees from around the world , but far more awaits them. The French painting collection is , not surprisingly , unsurpassed. Other major painting collections include works from the middle ages and Renaissance. The treasures of the French royalty are on display here , too , such as their bronzes , miniatures , pottery , tapestries , jewelry , and furniture. Greek , Roman , Egyptian , and Mesopotamian antiquities as well as early Christian artifacts are also considered important collections. This clearly is not a museum to be seen in one morning ! Finally , the site of the museum complex contributes to the mystique of the Louvre. Paris has long been considered one of the worlds most charming cities , with tis endless winding streets amidst spectacular royal and religious architecture. The fortress built by King Philip Augustus was situated on the right bank of the Seine , overlookingat that timesplendid bucolic scenery. Today this prime location is within walking distance of many major Parisian tourist attractions , like the Cathedral of Notre Dame , the Royal Palace , and the National Library. One could easily spend a whole

week touring the heart of Paris centered around the Louvre. Taken altogether , then , the Louvre holds its own as one of the best museumsif not the bestamong the dozens of major and internationally famous art museums around the world. Its many and varied buildings , the unparalleled collection of prestigious works of art , and the delightful site of the grounds overlooking Frances most famous river all contribute to make the Palais du Louvre a must-see attraction for the serious art connoisseur and art museum-goer alike. Meet you at the Louvre ! 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目 直接下载。 详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)