Musée d'Orsay

Identification

EBN 257357
Name Musée d'Orsay
Alternative Name Musee d'Orsay, Gare d'Orsay
Construction Type low-rise building
Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name Europe
Country Name France
State Name Île-de-France
Metro Area Name Paris Metro Area
District (1st level) 7ème arrondissement
District (2nd level) Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin
Postcode 75343
Address (as text) 62 Rue de Lille
### Description

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<th>Facade System</th>
<th>applied masonry</th>
<th>Main Usage</th>
<th>museum</th>
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<td>Architectural style</td>
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<td>Side Usage</td>
<td>shop(s)</td>
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<td>restaurant</td>
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### Spatial dimensions

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<td>Length</td>
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<td>Escalators</td>
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<td>Width</td>
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<td>Usable Floor Area (UFA)</td>
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### Years and costs

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<th>Year (construction start)</th>
<th>1898</th>
<th>Year (last renovation)</th>
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<td>Year (construction end)</td>
<td>1900</td>
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### Features & Amenities

- One of the city’s famous buildings

### Facts

- The great hall of this structure measures 32 meters in height, 40 meters in width, and 130 meters in length.
- The Gare d’Orsay was the head of the southwestern French railroad network from 1900 to 1939, but became obsolete as the shorter platforms were no longer able to fit new longer trains.
- The structure was finally shuttered, completely, on New Year's Day 1973 when the hotel within the station was closed.
• By 1975, the Direction des Musées de France was considering converting the station to a museum to showcase French art from the mid-1800s to today. In 1977, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing took the official initiative to redevelop the station.

• The museum was inaugurated December 1, 1986 by President François Mitterrand, and opened to the public on the 9th of December.

• After 1939, the station had many uses including mail center, film set, and also for the transportation of World War II prisoners of war.

• The rail station was also built with an adjoining hotel that was meant to blend in seamlessly with the rest of the station.

• The station was built in anticipation of the 1900 World's Fair to showcase Paris to the world. It was supposed to be the world's first station able to run electric trains.

• The current structure lies on the site of the Palais d'Orsay, which was burned to the ground during the Commune Revolt of 1871.
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