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# Press release Prix Versailles 2024: The World's Most Beautiful Museums

For the first time in its history, the Prix Versailles, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, is unveiling the World's Most Beautiful Museums List for 2024: seven newly opened or reopened museums that simultaneously serve creativity, the reflection of local heritage and ecological efficiency, and that leave extraordinary imprints on their environments.

They will all be competing for three 2024 World Titles – Prix Versailles, Interior and Exterior – whose laureates will be announced at UNESCO Headquarters by late November.

Jérôme Gouadain, Secretary General of the Prix Versailles, is delighted that the momentum established by museum buildings will now be better recognised:

"Museums provide singular settings conducive to intercultural dialogue. Bolstered by technology, they now deliver ever more immersive experiences, participate in the dissemination of knowledge and help form the tastes of their visitors.

By creating the World's Most Beautiful Museums List, we also wanted to emphasise the importance of wonder, which elevates the human gaze and allows us to be surprised.

Because of what they are, and what they are intended to be, museums fully contribute to the goals of intelligent sustainable development."

The other World Selections – Hotels, Restaurants, Emporiums, Airports, Campuses, Passenger Stations and Sports – will be announced between July and September.



# PRIX VERSAILLES

# WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL MUSEUMS LIST 2024

#### **A4 Art Museum**

Chengdu, China

# **Grand Egyptian Museum**

Giza, Egypt

# Smritivan Earthquake Museum

Bhuj, India

### Simose Art Museum

Hiroshima, Japan

### **Paleis Het Loo**

Apeldoorn, Netherlands

# **Oman Across Ages Museum**

Manah, Oman

# **Polish History Museum**

Warsaw, Poland