

While it seems that Da Vinci never did invent a cryptogram, you'll find his volumes, inventions and art here:

- in nearby **Torino** the Royal Library (in the Palazzo Reale) is the keeper of an amazing self-portrait of Da Vinci, as well as his **Codex on the Flight of Birds**, which he studied intensely to produce his flying machines;

- in Leonardo's home town of **Vinci** (near Florence), a few museums pay homage to their local homeboy. You'll find here hundreds of his models and inventions, including water skis and hangliders.

Museum Leonardiano di Vinci
www.leonet.it/comuni/vinci

More inventor than artist, his drawings and paintings are to be found in collections large and small. Also look out for works by the man who saw his pupil's talent surpass his own, Verocchio:

Florence, Uffizi Gallery

Baptism of Christ
 Annunciation
 Arno Landscape
 Adoration of the Magi
London, National Gallery
 Antique Warrior
 Virgin of the Rocks
 Burlington Hse Cartoon

London, Windsor Castle

Man's Neck & Shoulder
 Foetus in the Womb
 Two Views of the Skull
 Five Grotesque Heads
 Coition of Hemisected Man & Woman
 Bird's-Eye View of Landscape

Venice, Galleria dell'Accademia

The Vitruvian Man
 Proportions of the Human Figure

Rome, Vatican Museums

St. Hieronymus



IN SEARCH OF MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene has long held fascination for Christians and non since biblical times. According to the French, she actually finished her days in their fair land.

Elsewhere in the Louvre, you can find another statue of a penitent Mary Magdalene by Claude Michel (or Clodion), in white marble so realistic it almost seems like a life-casting.

Napoleon's Petit Appartements

Mary's tooth is kept in a silver & copper reliquary, at **New York's Metropolitan Museum**.



DA VINCI'S MILAN

Da Vinci spent 17 years in Milan while working for the Sforza Duke. In fact, Milan's **Sforzesco Castle** is home to the **Trivulzianus Codex** detailing architectural, religious and literary endeavors of this great man.

Milan's own **Science Museum** (not far from the Last Supper) also hosts many of the Leonardo-designed inventions, faithfully reproduced in every detail.

It is only fitting that one of Da Vinci's most remarkable creatures ended up in Milan. This horse in bronze, although not made by the Maestro, was inspired by an American pilot totally taken by Da Vinci's studies of the animal and his attempts to make this bronze beast. Decades later and after the careful sculpting by Japanese-American artist, Nina Akamu, and everyone's dream became a reality. The horse is fittingly set in front of Milan's Race Track, not far from the city center.
Ippodromo di San Siro
www.leonardoshorse.org

The **Codex Atlanticus** is kept in the **Biblioteca Ambrosiana** right in the center of Milan. Here, the Maestro tackles all kinds of subjects from astronomy and geometry to botany and zoology, but the pages have since been dispersed and some are to be found in the **Royal Windsor Collection**.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL



Lincoln Cathedral was the stand-in for Westminster Abbey for the *Da Vinci Code* film. It's set in the heart of the town of Lincoln in England's Lincolnshire. According to world-renowned architect and art historian, John Ruskin, "*the Lincoln Cathedral is out and out the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles.*"
www.lincolncathedral.com



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Louvre opening times

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day except Tuesday and until 9.45 pm on Wed & Fridays

Bars, Cafés, Restaurants & Shops inside open 'til 10 p.m., even Sundays but, we prefer: *Le Café Marly*, enjoy a meal or a café crème out on the terrace overlooking the Pyramids. *Pâtisserie*, just across the street when leaving the Cour Carrée to the right of the church. Absolute Bliss.

Le Fumoir, for those who can't get enough of the fuming Parisiennes, to the left of the church and excellent smoking locale.

Angelina's, a must for all visitors to Paris, nearest the Tuileries entrance for brunch or their exquisite Hot Chocolate or famed Mont Blanc dessert.



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