

# 8 big openings of 2012

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What's new — or newly reopening — in 2012? So much. Here are eight notable attractions.

» Egypt's minister of state for antiquities recently announced the partial reopening of the Avenue of Sphinxes in Luxor, which had been closed for renovations. The department will unveil a 500-foot stretch of the 1.7-mile avenue, lined with hundreds of the mythical creatures, in mid-March.

Details: [www.egypt.travel](http://www.egypt.travel).

» The Greater Cleveland Aquarium debuts Saturday, Jan. 21, with 40-plus tanks swimming with sand sharks, native brook trout, piranhas, madtom catfish and more. The attraction is in the FirstEnergy

Powerhouse on the west bank of the Flats.

Details: [greaterclevelandaquarium.com](http://greaterclevelandaquarium.com).

» Practice those Spidey skills on the new SkyPoint Climb on Australia's Gold Coast. The country's highest external building walk starts on Level 77 of the residential Q1 tower and mounts nearly 300 stairs to the summit, almost 900 feet above sea level. Tours by day or at twilight begin Saturday, Jan. 14.

Details: [www.skypoint.com.au](http://www.skypoint.com.au).

» The Mob Museum, aka the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, makes its mark in downtown Las Vegas on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Housed in a former federal courthouse, the attraction focuses on the colorful and contentious history of organized crime and law enforcement.

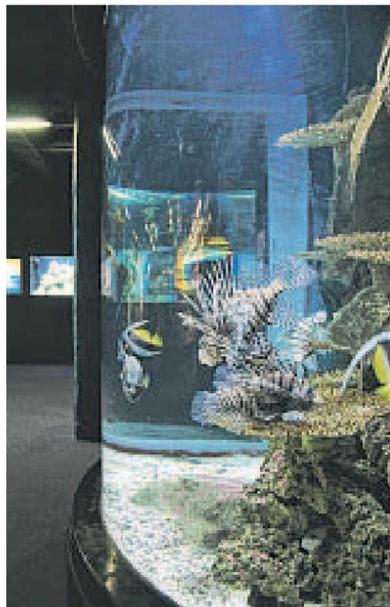
Details: [www.themobmuseum.org](http://www.themobmuseum.org).

» LeMay-America's Car Museum rolls out the hot wheels Saturday, June 2. The Tacoma, Wash., venue will feature a four-story museum and up to 500 cars, trucks and motorcycles, including the LeMay collection, which earned a Guinness record for amassing more than 3,500 vehicles in the mid-1990s.

Details: [www.lemaymuseum.org](http://www.lemaymuseum.org).

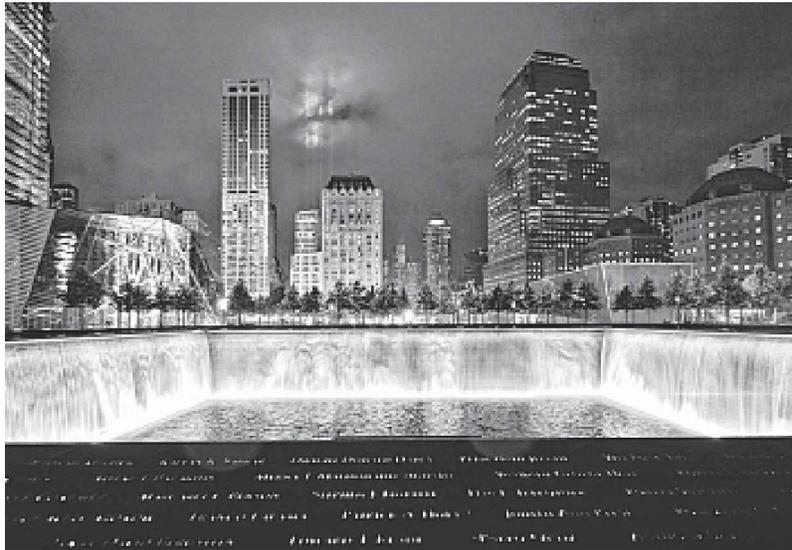
» Three to watch for in New York: In the second half of the year, the Museum for African Art will move to a new location at the corner of Fifth Avenue and East 110th Street, on Museum Mile; the Museum of Mathematics will open late this year at 11 E. 26th St.; and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum is set to open at the World Trade Center site on that unforgettable date.

Details: [www.africanart.org](http://www.africanart.org), [momath.org](http://momath.org), [www.911memorial.org](http://www.911memorial.org).



Find 5,000-plus fish in the Cleveland aquarium, opening this month. [GREATERCLEVELANDAQIUM](http://GREATERCLEVELANDAQIUM)





The National September 11 Memorial (pictured) opened in 2011. The museum opens in September 2012. NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



SkyPoint Climb is Australia's highest external building walk with breathtaking 360 degree views of the Gold Coast region. KIT DE GUYMER

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