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The Wright Brothers National Memorial
Kitty Hawk, North Carolina
 70' wide x 114' long - exhibit hall
 70' wide x 142' long - hangar
 30' wide x 63' + connecting corridors

Located in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright Brothers National Memorial commemorates Wilbur and Orville Wright's historic first flight in 1903. In advance of that flight's 100th anniversary, the First Flight Centennial Foundation and National Parks Service partnered with Sprung to build two structures at the site: an 11,000-square-foot auditorium with seating for up to 1,000 people, and an 8,000-square-foot exhibition hall that features a hangar door at one end to allow for vintage aircraft to be brought indoors for display.

Chosen for their durability, cost-effectiveness and adaptable, clear-span interiors, the two structures (which feature a Sprung-supplied connecting corridor between them) were designed and engineered to withstand the challenging winds that can hit North Carolina's Outer Banks.



Getty Museum
Los Angeles, California
 40' wide x 90' long

When the Getty Museum needed a showcase enclosure for a temporary exhibit called "Cave Temples of Dunhuang: Buddhist Art on China's Silk Road," directors turned to Sprung for a solution. The museum wanted to recreate China's magnificent Mogao Grottoes, which were carved into a cliff face centuries ago and decorated with Buddhist wall paintings and sculptures.

Sprung designed and delivered a fully insulated, 40' x 90' structure, which was assembled carefully in the museum's plaza. Because the travertine tiles on the museum's plaza floor could not be drilled into, ballast weights were used to hold the structure in place.

When completed, the structure was able to house three full-scale replica cave temples, which had been created by artists from the Dunhuang Academy's Fine Art Institute. The structure also featured beautiful graphic reproductions of various Mogao artifacts on its exterior.



The Military Museums
Calgary, Alberta
 50' wide x 80' long
 50' wide x 100' long

When leaders at the Military Museums of Calgary were looking for additional space to accommodate a new Cold War exhibit that included three aircraft (a CF-18 Hornet, a CF-104 Starfighter and an F-86 Sabre), they realized that a conventional bricks-and-mortar structure would be too expensive. So, they turned to Sprung for a fast and cost-effective solution.

Sprung delivered two large, clear-span structures, which were designed to resemble Cold War-era Hardened Aircraft Shelters. Featuring daylight panels, convenient personnel doors and eye-catching exterior graphics, the structures blend in beautifully with the rest of the buildings on the grounds.

"We now have a new wing to our museum that's twice as large, at half the price. Visitors marvel at the structures, the aircraft and the displays. Thank you Sprung for helping our vision come true years earlier than we would have dreamed!"

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