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10 New York Museums to Explore

Ten museums spanning art, history, design, science and city culture.

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Mix major institutions with specialist collections, and group stops by neighbourhood. Always verify closure days, timed tickets, accessibility and temporary exhibitions.

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The Metropolitan Museum of Art / Upper East Side

A major collection that can anchor a half-day culture itinerary.

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Museum of Modern Art / Midtown

Useful for pairing a focused museum visit with nearby landmarks.

3

American Museum of Natural History / Upper West Side

A strong choice for travellers who want a clear theme and substantial collection.

4

Whitney Museum of American Art / Meatpacking District

Plan enough time for the highlights and any current temporary exhibition.

5

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum / Upper East Side

A distinctive museum stop that adds variety beyond the best-known institutions.

Continue your shortlist

Five more options, followed by practical planning notes.

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9/11 Memorial & Museum / Lower Manhattan

Well suited to visitors balancing culture, architecture and neighbourhood exploring.

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Brooklyn Museum / Prospect Heights

Consider advance tickets and check whether popular galleries use timed entry.

8

Intrepid Museum / Hudson River

A practical addition for families or travellers with a specialist interest.

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Tenement Museum / Lower East Side

Combine it with nearby stops to keep the day's transport simple.

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Museum of the City of New York / East Harlem

A final option for broadening the plan beyond the city's headline museums.

SMART PLANNING

Many museums close one day each week and some use timed entry. Check official websites for free hours, luggage rules, accessibility and photography policies. Two substantial museums can already fill a day.

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<https://www.nyctourism.com/things-to-do/museums-galleries/>