NYC Architecture - ARLIS Local Guide

While a person could spend years exploring New York City architecture, the following guide is intended to provide a bite-sized overview of some of the city’s architectural highlights. The built works in this list are organized geographically as well as by era. For more extensive detail and specific guides, see the “Detailed Online Guides” section below, as well as the brief bibliography of NYC architecture guides.

NYC Classics

Empire State Building
http://www.esbnyc.com/
350 5th Ave. (Midtown)

Woolworth Building
https://woolworthtours.com/
233 Broadway. (Lower Manhattan)

Bayard-Condict Building
http://www.nyc-architecture.com/SOH/SOH052.htm
65 Bleecker Street. (NoHo)
1899. Architect: Louis Sullivan [the only Louis Sullivan building in NYC].

Flatiron Building
http://www.aviewoncities.com/nyc/flatiron.htm
175 5th Ave, New York, NY 10010 (Flatiron District)
Grand Central Terminal
http://www.grandcentralterminal.com/info/tours
89 E. 42nd Street. (Midtown)
1903. Architects: Reed and Stem; Warren and Wetmore.

Chrysler Building
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chrysler_Building
405 Lexington Avenue. (Midtown East)

Radio City Music Hall
http://www.radiocity.com/tour
1260 Avenue of the Americas. (Midtown)

Midcentury Masterpieces

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
https://www.guggenheim.org/
1071 5th Avenue. (Upper East Side)

The Ford Foundation
320 East 43rd Street. (Midtown)

Lever House
http://www.som.com/projects/lever_house
390 Park Avenue between 53rd & 54th Streets. (Midtown)

Seagram Building
http://www.375parkavenue.com/History
375 Park Avenue. (Midtown)

U.N. Building
http://visit.un.org/content/location
801 First Avenue at 45th Street. (Midtown East)
Lincoln Center
http://www.lincolncenter.org/visit
65th Street at Columbus Avenue. (Lincoln Square/Upper West Side)

Met Breuer (formerly Whitney Museum)
http://www.metmuseum.org/visit/met-breuer
Madison Avenue and East 76th Street. (Upper East Side)

Contemporary Architecture

New Museum of Contemporary Art
http://www.newmuseum.org/building
235 Bowery. (Lower East Side).
Opened 2007. Architects: SANAA.

The High Line
http://www.thehighline.org/
Runs from Gansevoort Street at the south to 34th Street at the north, primarily above 10th Avenue. (Meatpacking/Chelsea/Hudson Yards)

Governors Island The Hills
https://govisland.com/hills
Outlook Hill, Governors Island. (Governors Island)

The Whitney
http://whitney.org/about
99 Gansevoort. (Meatpacking District)
2015. Architects: Renzo Piano Building Workshop, Cooper Robertson.

Brooklyn Bridge Park
http://www.mvvainc.com/project.php?id=3&c=parks
334 Furman Street, Brooklyn. (Dumbo/Brooklyn Heights waterfront, Brooklyn)
World Trade Center Transportation Hub
https://www.panynj.gov/wtccommission/transportation-hub.html
Southeast corner of Fulton Street and Greenwich Street. (Lower Manhattan)

VIA 57 West
http://www.archdaily.com/794950/via-57-west-big
West 57th Street at West Side Highway

Contemporary Monuments

Irish Hunger Memorial
http://bpcparks.org/whats-here/parks/irish-hunger-memorial/
Vesey Street at North End Avenue. (Battery Park City)

African Burial Ground National Monument
https://www.nps.gov/afbg/index.htm
290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007 (Lower Manhattan)
2006. Architect: Rodney Léon

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center
https://www.911memorial.org/
180 Greenwich St, New York, NY 10007 (Lower Manhattan)

Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park
http://www.fdrrfourfreedoms.org/
1 FDR Four Freedoms Park, Roosevelt Island, NY 10044

New York City AIDS Memorial
https://nycaidsmemorial.org/
200-218 W 12th St, New York, NY 10011 (West Village)
19th and 20th-Century Monuments

General Grant National Memorial
https://www.nps.gov/gegr/index.htm
*W 122nd St & Riverside Dr, New York, NY 10027 (Morningside Heights)*
1897. Architect: John Duncan.

Statue of Liberty
https://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm
*Liberty Island, New York Harbor. (NY Harbor)*

Grand Army Plaza
https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/grand-army-plaza
*Intersection of Eastern Parkway, Flatbush Avenue, and Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. (Park Slope/Prospect Heights, Brooklyn)*

Washington Square Arch
http://washingtonsquareparkconservancy.org/visit-us/
*Washington Square Park, north side at 5th Avenue. (Greenwich Village)*
1895. Architects: McKim, Mead, and White.

Detailed Online Guides

New York City What's Out There® Cultural Landscapes Guide
From the National Park Service and The Cultural Landscape Foundation. Focus is on cultural landscapes, including parks, plazas, and historic structures, whether vernacular or high-style.

New York City’s Most Iconic Buildings, Mapped
From Curbed New York. Includes historic buildings and contemporary icons.

New York Architecture Guide 2017
from blogger/architect Virginia Duran. Downloadable pdf list
**List of National Historic Landmarks in New York City**
On Wikipedia; useful for reference.

**Brief Bibliography of Recent NYC Architecture Guides**


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