

10 Museums To Check Off Your Travel List

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Museums are a classic spot to learn and enjoy the arts, culture, and history of any given country. With vast collections of artifacts, artwork, and memories, in both ancient and modern history, they are guaranteed to help any traveler become more deeply connected with the countries they visit. After all, a country is not just a physical location, but a rich culture of people within. Here is a list of 10 culturally vital museums around the world that are sure to make any traveler's experience worthwhile:

1. [TeamLab Borderless: Digital Art Museum](#) | Located in Tokyo, Japan

The TeamLab Borderless: Mori Building Digital Art Museum is described as “a group of artworks that form one borderless world. Artworks move out of rooms, communicate with other works, influence, and sometimes intermingle with each other with no boundaries” (Teamlab borderless). This unique experience allows visitors to interact with each work of art, creating valuable memories with friends and family to look back at for years to come (as well as post on social media). Explore exhibits like [Proliferating Immense Life - A Whole Year per Year](#), [Forest of Resonating Lamps - One Stroke, Hydrangea](#), and [Wander through the Crystal World](#). You won't want to miss this fully immersive experience when visiting Tokyo!

2. [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) | Located in New York City, USA

The Metropolitan Museum of Art—also famously known as “The Met”—is an absolute must-see in New York City. Missing out on the Met would mean missing out on the vast history,

fashion, culture, and famous artworks that this one-of-a-kind museum has to offer (such as Vincent van Gogh's iconic 1887 [*Self-Portrait with a Straw Hat*](#)).

Wander through exhibits like [*In America: An Anthology of Fashion*](#), [*Kimono Style: The John C. Weber Collection*](#), and [*The African Origin of Civilization*](#) too. Visiting the Met museum is sure to be the highlight of your travel to the "Big Apple."

3. [Los Angeles County Museum of Art](#) | Located in Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles, the "city of angels": famous for the Hollywood sign, Hollywood Walk of Fame, nightlife, celebrities, movies, and so much more. Ever wanted to go somewhere a little less crowded? Check out the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), the "largest art museum in the western United States, with a collection of more than 147,000 objects that illuminate 6,000 years of artistic expression across the globe" (LACMA).

The museum showcases both indoor and outdoor exhibits such as [*Archive of the World: Art and Imagination in Spanish America, 1500–1800*](#), [*Miracle Mile*](#), [*Ai Weiwei: Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads*](#), and [*LACMA × Snapchat: Monumental Perspectives*](#). These diverse and beautiful exhibitions make for a relaxing and aesthetically fascinating place to visit, away from LA's characteristically large and overbearing crowds. One significant piece of artwork immediately outside the museum entrance is the public art installation [*Urban Light*](#), featuring rows upon rows of identical street lamps. At LACMA, visitors are guaranteed to experience "new and unexpected points of view that are informed by the region's rich cultural heritage and diverse population" (LACMA).

4. [The Museum of Modern Art](#) | Located in New York City, New York

Another famous museum to visit when in the Big Apple is the Museum of Modern Art (otherwise known as the MoMA). Modern art lovers, this is a must-see! The MoMA is home to one-of-a-kind collections of modern and contemporary art, such as Van Gogh's [*The Starry Night*](#), Andy Warhol's [*Campbell's Soup Cans*](#), and Pablo Picasso's [*The Weeping Woman, I*](#). The MoMa is sure to be an exciting and enriching day trip for those visiting New York.

5. [The Louvre](#) | Located in Paris, France

One of the most renowned art museums in the world, the Louvre is a must-visit historical landmark located in Paris, France. Showcasing three acclaimed female figures in art: [*The Mona Lisa*](#) by Leonardo da Vinci, ancient Greece's [*The Winged Victory of Samothrace*](#), and Alexandros of Antioch's [*Venus de Milo*](#). Visiting the Louvre guarantees a spectacular and memorable experience during any trip to Paris.

6. [Taipei Fine Arts Museum](#) | Located in Taipei, Taiwan

The Taipei Fine Arts Museum has much to offer: it not only showcases Taiwanese modern and contemporary art, but proudly stands as the official art museum of the nation's provincial capital. The museum's mission: "To promote the preservation, research, development, and popularization of Taiwanese modern and contemporary art; to keep abreast of global trends and establish a variety of channels for exchange; to raise the general public's understanding of and participation in modern art; to help Taiwanese modern and contemporary art to thrive; and to cultivate fuller artistic attainment in the people, in the hope of forming a contemporary society with aesthetic sense and cultural perception" (Tfam. museum).

Directly outside of the museum lies the Taipei Expo Fine Arts Park, where tourists can take a leisurely stroll and bask in the surrounding scenery, as well as book a tour guide of the

[Wang Da Hong House Theatre](#). Inside the museum, guests can take in some of the museum's most popular exhibits, such as [Unearthing Light: Hung Jui-Lin](#) and [Impossible Dreams Collateral Event of the 59th International Art Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia](#). You won't want to miss out on this remarkable location when visiting Taipei.

7. [The Mauritshuis](#) | Located in Den Haag, Netherlands

The Mauritshuis is a sophisticated hot spot of Dutch culture and history, "located in the center of The Haa historical and political heart of the Netherlands" (Mauritshuis.nl). Though small, this world-class museum boasts a formidable collection of Dutch and Flemish paintings from the 17th century, the golden age of this type of art". Most famously, the museum showcases Johannes Vermeer's [Girl with a Pearl Earring](#) and "two striking historical buildings: [The Mauritshuis](#), a city palace on the Plein in The Hague, and the [Prince William V Gallery](#) at the Buitenhof" (Mauritshuis.nl).

8. [The British Museum](#) | Located in London, England

Should you ever find yourself in London, it would be a worthwhile visit to the British Museum. This museum has amassed a collection of artifacts that visitors can "immerse [themselves] in two million years of history, across six continents" (British Museum). On top of that, the museum also features boutiques such as a bookshop, family shop, collections shop, and the Grenville Room (which sells higher-end merchandise and replicas of art pieces). Guests can enjoy nearby cafes to eat and relax at, along with a library, archive, and study rooms.

9. [The Egyptian Museum in Cairo \(EMC\)](#) | Located in Cairo, Egypt

The Egyptian Museum in Cairo will prove to be a memorable day trip that illuminates the nation's great prestige and historical wonder. The "oldest archaeological museum in the Middle

East” (Egyptian Museum), the museum displays several priceless collections, with some of their masterpieces including “[*Ostrakon, Head of King to Right, Wearing Helmet Colored,*](#)” the “[*Head of Medusa*](#)” mosaic, and [*Colossal Statue of Alexander II*](#). Outside the museum, visitors will find additional historical pieces among the garden to peruse. The museum also houses an informative library where guests can learn more about Egypt’s rich culture and history.

10. [Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya \(MNAC\)](#) | Located in Barcelona, Spain

Barcelona, Spain, with its amazing architectural tradition, features the Museu Nacional d’Art de Catalunya (MNAC). Guests will be able to take in “the best collection of Romanesque mural paintings in the world and the most representative artists of Catalan Modernism, such as Gaudí or Casas, Gothic art, great European Renaissance and Baroque painters, and [a] collection of photography” (Museunacional). Visitors can learn and immerse themselves in Spain’s rich culture and history with virtual tours around the museum.

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