

Top 7 Museums and Art Galleries in the World

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Visiting some of the world's iconic cities on holiday naturally leads to deciding what to do once you get there.

City tours and iconic landmarks will always be high on the bucket list, although taking a few hours downtime to explore some of the finest museums and art galleries in the world can provide an insight into the history and cultural tapestry of your chosen destination.

Listed below are our choices for discerning museum and art gallery visits allowing you to gaze upon some of the most renowned ancient sculptures and artistic visions the world has ever seen.

Le Louvre, Paris, France

The Louvre's glass pyramid entrance shocked many when it was unveiled in 1989, although the striking design erected in the former palace of the kings of France has grown to become an iconic symbol for the entirety of famous world history.

The sheer scale and size of the Louvre ensures it's a location worth visiting several times over, with precious ancient treasures on display including Egyptian relics and Mesopotamian antiquities. It's the stunning range of Italian Renaissance paintings and Romantic art alongside the likes of Leonardo da Vinci's 'Mona Lisa' that interest most visitors.



The Acropolis Museum, Athens, Greece

The quirky glass and concrete structure, designed by Swiss architect Bernard Tschumi, containing precious finds from the original Acropolis site is truly remarkable.

Life-like stone carvings of animals provide intrigue, while the marble frieze spanning the length of the top floor is a memorable focal point, having stretched over the top of former Acropolis temple Parthenon.

The ground floor is no less fascinating however, with a transparent glass floor offering visitors a glimpse of findings from small settlements showcasing aspects of ancient Athenian life.



The Prado, Madrid, Spain

Madrid's enduring premier attraction, The Prado was originally built in 1775 as a science museum, although today it contains an expansive collection of the finest works collected by Spanish royalty through the years.

Over two million visitors enter through its doors each year, after which you are privy to one of the greatest art collections in the modern world. It's early Flemish collections are a notable highlight, as are an unrivalled display of Spanish art by art world luminaries such as Velázquez and Goya.

A recent extension includes an attraction glass-fronted building where restaurant, café areas and a new sculpture gallery exist to ensure The Prado can be an enjoyable day out for discerning art enthusiasts.



Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Van Gogh fans visiting Amsterdam simply must visit the Van Gogh Museum, containing the largest collection of his works than anywhere else in the world. Iconic paintings include Sunflowers, Almond Blossom, The Bedroom, Wheatfield under Thunderclouds, and several of his most notable self-portraits. Multimedia guides available in a variety of languages help understand the vibrant genius Van Gogh portrayed for much of his life, while seasonal exhibitions featuring Van Gogh works look further into his creative relationship with the world around him.



Museum Island, Berlin, Germany

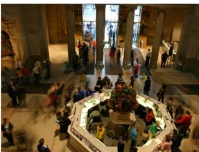
Berlin's art and museum scene ranks among the best in Europe, allowing you to journey through the lengthy history of the region and marvel at its impressive collection of fine art and treasures extending with historical relevance. The UNESCO listed Museum Island encompasses five heavily adjacent museums on the river Spree, combining to offer a diverse exploration of Ancient Islamic art, Egyptian and prehistoric finds, and an expansive sculpture collection at Bode Museum.



The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, New York

If you can tear yourself away from the many iconic landmarks offered in the Big Apple, a discerning choice for art lovers looking to unwind after a day's sightseeing would be the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Alongside having the enviable accolade of the largest museum in the Western Hemisphere, its collection of over two million items offers an equally broad and thrilling journey through ancient antiquities of yesterday, leading up to the present day.

The Greek and Roman galleries found on the first floor provide an indication of the museum's focus on some of the most prized European paintings in the world, with Rembrandt, Vermeer, Degas, and Rodin all on display.



Galleria Borghese, Rome, Italy

Storing one of the world's greatest private art collections, a visit to Rome is made all the richer for a trip to Galleria Borghese. Assembled in the garden of Borghese Borghese, an art and art collector and member of the city's famed Borghese family, visitors find access to famous structures including Apollo and Neptune and more recent additions made by later generations.



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