

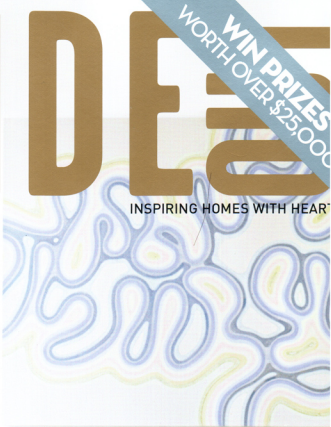
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WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO BE PART OF THE WORLD'S MOST VIBRANT METROPOLIS - NOT ONLY THE HUB OF STYLE AND DESIGN, BUT A CULTURAL FEAST AND SHOPPING PARADISE? WORDS PAUL PICKSLY

Whether you've walked its famous avenues or become familiar with it on-screen, New York is one of the world's best-loved cities. Most of us can list its landmarks as if they were our own - Brooklyn Bridge, the Chrysler Building, the Empire State ... but this city has other tourist treasures.

The New Museum ([www.newmuseum.org](http://www.newmuseum.org)) opened at the end of 2007 as a home for contemporary art, but its unique look, which resembles a series of precariously stacked boxes, makes it a standout.

The Austrian Cultural Forum building ([www.acfny.org](http://www.acfny.org)), designed by architect Raimund Abraham, is one of Manhattan's most important - and amazing - landmark buildings. At only eight metres wide and 25 metres deep, it still manages to accommodate 24 storeys. Worth a look!

Accommodation heavyweights, like the Carlyle, Lowell and Four Seasons, can be found on the Upper East Side, but some great newcomers, such as The Bowery Hotel ([www.theboweryhotel.com](http://www.theboweryhotel.com)), are cropping

up in low-rise neighbourhoods, giving them fantastic views of the East Village and beyond. Rooms at The London NYC ([www.thelondonnyc.com](http://www.thelondonnyc.com)) are spacious (not very New York!) and are in elegant grey, beige and limeswash - all designed by David Collins. Gordon Ramsay oversees the restaurant here, which also adds hype.

New York is synonymous with shopping, so spend time in Greenwich Village checking out its specialist stores. Highlights include Butik ([butiknyc.com](http://butiknyc.com)), owned by model-photographer Helena Christensen, hip travel store Flight 001 (96 Greenwich Ave, 212-989-0001) and apothecary C.O. Bigelow (414 6th Avenue, 212-533-2700).

The Lower East Side has several vintage clothing retailers you should visit, including Dear.55 (55 Clinton Street, 212-673-3494) and Edith Machinist (104 Rivington Street, 212-979-9992). The Nolita neighbourhood has become a magnet for young designers and cutting-edge style. For starters, check out I Heart (262 Mott Street, 212-219-9265).

Take time out from sightseeing in The Bowery Hotel lobby (above), have what she's having at Katz's Delicatessen (above right), or pull on some classic American denims at Earnest Sewn (below right).

**GO SHOPPING ...** ★ **Dusica Dusica** ([www.dusicadusica.com](http://www.dusicadusica.com)) is the place for handcrafted shoes and bags at a reasonable price. ★ **Earnest Sewn** ([www.earnestsewn.com](http://www.earnestsewn.com)) sells great all-American denim. ★ **Espasso** ([www.espasso.com](http://www.espasso.com)) in Tribeca has a terrific collection of vintage and modern Brazilian furniture. ★ **The End Of History** (548½ Hudson Street, West Village) is packed with vintage glass, ceramics and furniture - much of it from the 1950s and '60s. ★ **Katz's Delicatessen** ([www.katzdeli.com](http://www.katzdeli.com)) is something of a New York institution - famous for its food as well as the location for Meg Ryan's 'faking scene' in *When Harry Met Sally*. ★ **Zakka** ([www.zakkacorp.com](http://www.zakkacorp.com)) bookstore stocks art books and T-shirts designed by the in-house team.



## THINGS TO DO

1. **Visit the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum** that houses historic and contemporary design in the beautiful Andrew Carnegie Mansion. Open seven days a week - catch the Lexington Avenue 4, 5 and 6 subways. (2 East 91st Street.)
2. **See New York in miniature** at the Queens Museum of Art. Built by Robert Moses for the 1964 World's Fair, this 9335 square foot model is an exact replica of New York City up to 1992. (Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens.)
3. **Shop for a bargain** in one of the many weekend flea markets held at various locations around the city, including The Nolita Market (268 Mulberry Street), Hell's Kitchen (West 29th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues), and The Antiques Garage (112 West 25th Street).
4. **Rent a rowboat** from Loeb Boathouse and paddle your way around Central Park. It's open daily from April to October.
5. **Grab a table at MoMA** (the Museum of Modern Art). Choose between the formal dining room overlooking the sculpture garden or casual bar room. (11 West 53rd Street.)
6. **Enjoy late night revelry** at 230 Fifth. It boasts a stunning rooftop space where you can sip a cocktail and enjoy the spectacular city skyline.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.hamptonjitetney.com](http://www.hamptonjitetney.com) (Luxury charter coaches for Manhattan and further afield).  
[www.centralpark.com](http://www.centralpark.com) (complete guide to where and what at the famous park). [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) (transport info for buses, subway and rail).

