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Five Don’t-Miss Moments at This Year’s Archtober Festival

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New York architecture fanatics everywhere can rejoice: Archtober has arrived. In its fourth annual iteration, the monthlong festival throws a spotlight on the importance of architecture and design in the five boroughs, calling special attention to the city’s rich built history and exciting future. In addition to a lineup of lectures, openings, and workshops, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York Chapter–sponsored initiative highlights a “Building of the Day,” with on-site tours led by the architects themselves.

Here are five events not to miss this Archtober.

1. AIA’s New York chapter puts its own spin on the architecture tour: a boat ride. Guides from the AIA will share their wisdom as the cruise circles the tip of Manhattan, passing architectural marvels aplenty. October 3, 10 am and 1:30 pm, Classic Harbor Line

2. Nothing short of an institution in Long Island City’s thriving arts scene, SculptureCenter is slated to reopen with a much-buzzed-about expansion from architect Andrew Berman. October 5, 2–5 pm, 44-19 Purves Street, Long Island City

3. The Guggenheim museum will sponsor a six-hour-long Wikipedia edit-a-thon, during which new and experienced writers are invited to enhance the website’s catalogue of museum architecture. October 7, 2–8 pm, The Guggenheim, 1071 Fifth Avenue

4. New York’s Architecture for Humanity chapter will host a day of design doing good, with volunteer opportunities throughout the city, including beautifying a bike lane in Queens, painting a Brooklyn public school, and helping to rebuild Hurricane Sandy–ravaged homes in Far Rockaway. October 25, all day, multiple locations

5. One of the most highly anticipated new museum buildings of the decade, the Whitney will offer a sneak peek inside. Scott Newman, partner at Cooper, Robertson & Partners, who designed the space in collaboration with the Renzo Piano Building Workshop, will present new images of the museum at the New York School of Interior Design. October 29, 6 pm, The New York School of Interior Design, 170 East 70th Street

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