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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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