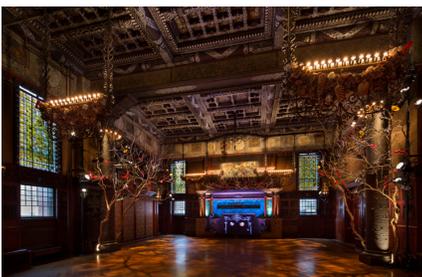


# ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR



## EXPLORE NYC'S BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Summer Streets Architectural Walking Tour invites the public to embark on a self-guided walking tour of some of New York's most diverse and interesting architecture along the city's main arteries - Park Avenue, Lafayette Street and Centre Street. Spanning the Summer Streets route from Central Park to the Brooklyn Bridge, the tour is arranged in six sections and includes more than 50 buildings, providing a vibrant cross-section of the city's history and architectural legacy. By encouraging the celebration of the city's streets beyond their everyday function, the purpose of the tour is to empower participants to engage with their built environment and view the city in a new light.

The Summer Streets route cuts through several historically definitive neighborhoods of Manhattan, illuminating the intersections of geography, historical period, economics and social class. From the neo-Federal mansions of the Upper East Side and the modernist corporate skyscrapers of Midtown, to the Romanesque Revival lofts below Astor Place and the grand Beaux-Arts civic monuments downtown, the architectural language of New York speaks volumes. Learn how Cornelius Vanderbilt's railroad enabled the development of Midtown, witness the sprawling legacy of architectural firm McKim, Meade & White, and glimpse a vision of the city's future in some of the last decade's most exciting buildings.

For a taste of the tour, some of the highlights include: the iconic transportation hub - Grand Central Terminal, revolutionary architectural landmarks - Lever House and the Seagram Building, scandal-ridden Tweed Courthouse, and historic buildings commissioned by some of New York's most prominent residents, including the Vanderbilt Hotel and the original Astor Library. In addition, the tour also features cutting edge contemporary buildings like 40 Bond and the Cooper Union's new 41 Cooper Square.

Participants can follow the self-guided tour by picking up a copy of the physical map at the Astor Place Rest Stop, printing the PDF at home, or following along on an interactive iPhone app. Download the CultureNOW Museum Without Walls app to access the tour and exclusive photos and podcasts.

[www.culturenow.org/smart\\_phone\\_apps](http://www.culturenow.org/smart_phone_apps)

