GUGGENHEIM
NEW YORK

# “I want a temple of spirit, a monument.”

## Visitor Guide

**October 10–November 6, 2025**

# Always Original. Always Iconic.

The Guggenheim New York is home to one of the world's finest collections of modern and contemporary art—and is itself a masterpiece. Ascend the building's grand spiral toward the central dome while taking in the museum's special exhibitions that feature celebrated works from the nineteenth century through the present. We invite you to experience an "uninterrupted, beautiful symphony" of art and architecture, just as Wright intended.

The Guggenheim New York's first director, Hilla Rebay, commissioned Frank Lloyd Wright to design "a temple of spirit, a monument." Wright's daring concept called for innovative construction techniques to create sweeping curves that broke with Manhattan's urban grid. Since it opened to the public in 1959, the rotunda has served as a catalyst for inventive thinking, challenging artists and curators to reimagine the space for each exhibition. The Guggenheim is Wright's most visited building and widely considered one of the greatest architectural achievements of the twentieth century.

**Did You Know?**

The shape of the building is the inverse of a stepped pyramid, expanding up and out. Wright described this form as an "optimistic ziggurat."

The museum's exterior walls are only five inches thick, a stunning engineering feat made possible by Gunite, a sprayed sand and cement mixture often used in the construction of tunnels and swimming pools.

The rotunda's spiral ramp is a quarter mile long and climbs steadily at a three-degree incline. Artworks are installed at an angle of one and a half degrees, which appears straight to the human eye.

Wright had imagined visitors would experience the museum from the top down. He had originally specified a glass elevator so visitors could look out onto the rotunda while ascending to level six.

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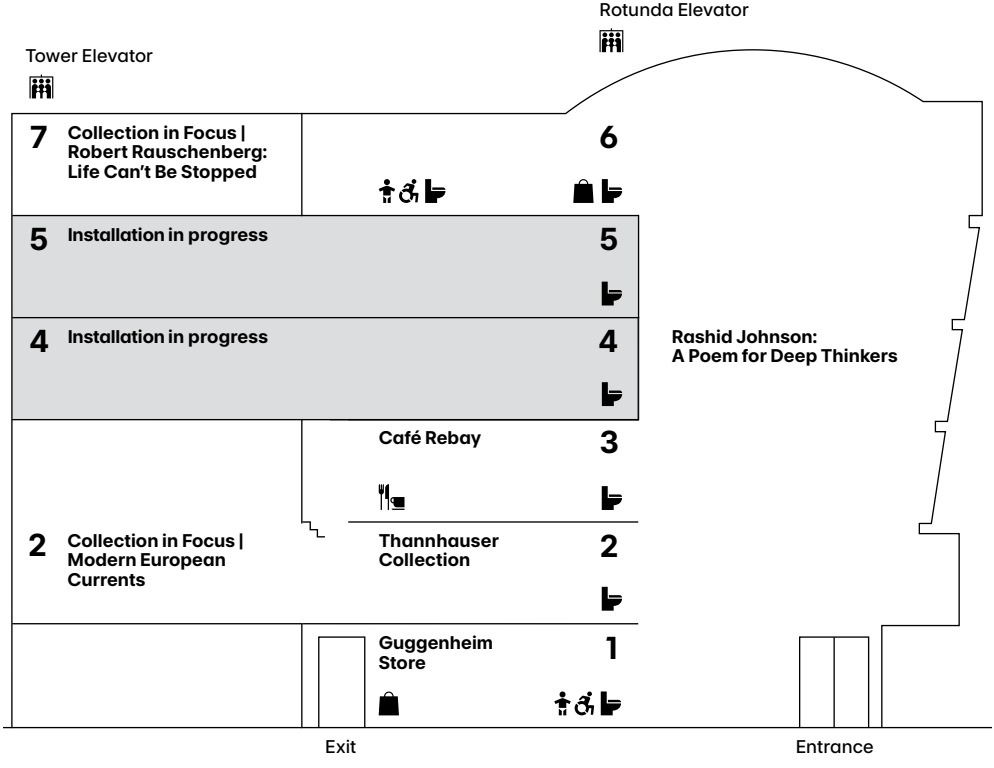
# Visitor Map

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**Policies**
Food and beverages are not allowed in the galleries.

Please do not hold phones, cameras, or other objects over the ramp wall.

Please do not touch the artwork.

Backpacks must be worn in the front or carried by hand.

**Dine and Shop**
Enjoy a latté, a glass of wine, or a snack at Café Rebay while taking in views of Central Park. Open 10:30 am–4 pm.

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# On View

## ROTUNDA

**Rashid Johnson:**
**A Poem for Deep Thinkers**
April 17, 2025–January 19, 2026

## TOWER GALLERIES

**Collection in Focus |**
**Robert Rauschenberg:**
**Life Can't Be Stopped**
October 10, 2025–May 3, 2026

**Collection in Focus |**
**Modern European Currents**
July 15, 2025–March 22, 2026

**Thannhauser Collection**
Ongoing