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Things to do in Harlem

One last little bit of information in advance of next week: you may want to check out some of Harlem's historic spots, many of which are included on the custom map (linked [here](#)). In addition to famed sites such as the [Apollo Theater](#) or [Marcus Garvey Park](#), you might consider stopping by the [Schomburg Center](#), a research library founded in 1925 and one of the world's foremost institutions for research on Black Culture, or the [National Museum of Jazz](#). At any given time, the Schomburg has a free exhibition that you can see. If you do decide to take a wander around Harlem, we'd highly recommend the baked treats at [Levain Bakery](#) on 116th and Frederick Douglass Blvd and [Sylvia's](#), an iconic spot for soul food that opened in 1962.

Also useful is this lovely virtual walking tour of the neighborhood's architecture with the Ghanaian-British architect David Adjaye, which "walks" readers on a tour past some of the neighborhood's most beautiful buildings and historic homes, including Maya Angelou's former home (120th st), not far from Aloft, as well as Langston Hughes' former residence (127th st.), among others.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/20/arts/design/harlem-virtual-tour.html>

