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## HIGH AND MIGHTY

New York's bustling art scene is always a revelation

SUMMIT One Vanderbilt



the places on the clock



# ALL CHARGED UP

The Big Apple is packed with creative delights, waiting to be explored

words by **Fareeda Kanga**

🕒 10:30AM  
**Green stretch**  
📍 Elevated Acre

Smack in the madness of the Big Apple, on Water Street, high above street level, lies a secret garden. A seven-tiered amphitheatre as well as views of the East River and Brooklyn are highlights of this space, which remains a secret even to many residents.

🕒 12:00PM  
**Funky trip**  
📍 The Graffiti Tunnel

Located in Washington Heights, this is a hidden gem that captivates the senses. The area was revitalised by artists who made it their canvas for bold expression. Some drew inspiration from the local community, most of whom have ties to the Dominican Republic, by including images of regional cuisine.

🕒 02:00PM  
**Bronze age**  
📍 Brooklyn Bridge Park

Don't miss artist Huma Bhabha's exhibition, *Before The End*, of four bronzes, cast from carved cork and skull fragments. Her hybridised forms, which borrow from ancient and modern cultural sources alike, exude both emotion and humour.

🕒 04:00PM  
**Shh, shh**  
📍 Whispering Gallery at Grand Central Terminal

A mysterious natural phenomenon, it allows you to hear the quietest whisper above the din of this cavernous and busy station. Just press your ear against the tile work in the domed section of walkways to hear a whispered sentence or a song, even at the most crowded times.



**FACING PAGE**  
Glass skyboxes  
at SUMMIT One  
Vanderbilt

**CLOCKWISE  
FROM RIGHT**  
Times Square gets  
artsy at midnight;  
Saga offers guests  
a four- or seven-  
course menu; The  
Whispering Gallery  
at Grand Central.



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THERE**

Air India flies  
non-stop to New  
York from Delhi and  
Mumbai.\*



**STYLISH STAYS**

- 1/ Mint House at 70 Pine – NYC** is in the Financial District, and has large studios and apartments with curated vinyls and stylised furniture.
- 2/ Gansevoort Meatpacking NYC** offers uber-cool stays in the hip district, seconds away from stylish shops and views of the Hudson river.
- 3/ The Whitby Hotel** is a design lover's dream in Midtown, just a few blocks from MoMA.

🕒 **05:00PM**  
**Sky art**  
📍 SUMMIT One Vanderbilt

This viewing gallery, featuring all-glass skyboxes, is on the 93<sup>rd</sup> floor of one of New York's tallest skyscrapers. But beside the viewing areas, it's also a theme-based multi-sensory experience that juxtaposes art, cutting-edge technology, and architecture across three floors.

🕒 **07:00PM**  
**All that jazz**  
📍 Bill's Place

This speakeasy in Harlem mimics the bygone era of a cosy living room-turned concert hall, with jazz performed by Bill Saxton, a native New Yorker and world-class saxophonist, accompanied by the Harlem All-Stars every Friday and Saturday. If you enjoy this genre of music and crave an eclectic evening, then this one's unmissable. In keeping with the theme, you can bring your own bottle of alcohol to the venue.

🕒 **09:00PM**  
**Gourmet stop**  
📍 Saga NYC

Perched atop a landmark Art Deco skyscraper in the Financial District, Saga just has to be experienced. This Relais & Chateaux outpost and two-Michelin star recipient is unlike any other dining space. The seasonal tasting menus also accommodate vegan and vegetarian options.

🕒 **12:00AM**  
**Digital delight**  
📍 Times Square  
Display Screens

*Midnight Moment* is the world's biggest and oldest digital public art programme displayed daily on one of the most iconic public canvases—the electronic billboards of Times Square. Synchronised from 11:57pm to 12am on over 92 digital displays, this is on 364 nights a year. Works of such noted artists as Nick Cave, Tracy Emin, Laurie Anderson, and Andy Warhol have been displayed here.