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# 50 Museums To Blow Your Mind (Lonely Planet)



## Synopsis

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For some of the photos, like on the cover and the first two pages, there isn't info about where the museums are or what they're called. It's a quirky book, which is a plus. (I was hoping for art and history museums.)

I love it.

Quirky fun. Definitely not a challenging read. Fun for armchair traveling and maybe a real visit to the Hair Museum someday!

This book had the potential to be great. However, the authors tried a bit too hard to be funny, failing badly in the effort. Too much "cute" , not enough real information about the museums.

Good writing style but not the information I was seeking. Maybe fewer museums & more depth.

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