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9 top house museums to visit

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The world of house museums is wildly diverse and a little hard to pin down. That's part of their charm. It also makes any comprehensive list impossible. Here's a totally subjective selection that gives a sense of the range of what a house museum can offer.

The Grand

[The Mount, Lenox](#)

Novelist Edith Wharton designed this classical revival house herself, based on the principles she described in her 1897 book "The Decoration of Houses"; it boasts three acres of formal gardens.



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The Urban

Paul Revere House, Boston

Boston's densest neighborhood also contains the oldest house in downtown Boston, though it has been radically remade since the patriot lived there.



The Presidential

John Adams and John Quincy Adams birthplaces, Quincy

The oldest presidential birthplaces in the United States are just down the road from the Old House at Peace Field, where four generations of the Adams family lived.



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The Kid-friendly

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Newbury

This 17th-century manor now fosters farm animals in cooperation with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and offers a variety of hands-on activities.



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The Modern

Gropius House, Lincoln

Walter Gropius, founder of the Bauhaus movement, designed this small but architecturally dramatic house as his family home when he moved to Massachusetts to teach at Harvard in the 1930s.



HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND

The Literary

Orchard House, Concord

Louisa May Alcott wrote “Little Women” at a small “shelf desk” upstairs; the majority of furnishings on display were owned by the Alcott family.



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The Technological

Willard House and Clock Museum, North Grafton

Three generations of Willards made clocks in this rural workshop starting in 1766; more than 80 are now on display.



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The Political

Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, Adams

The great suffragist was born in 1820 in this homestead built by her father. It now displays period textiles and furnishings, as well as memorabilia from her life and career.



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The Religious

Mary Baker Eddy Historic House, Swampscott

There are no fewer than 8 (!) Mary Baker Eddy homes in Massachusetts and New Hampshire; she was renting an apartment in this house in 1866 when she experienced a transformational healing that led to the founding of Christian Science.



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