

Tourism & Cultural Attractions

Ranked by Annual Attendance

Source: Individual Attractions

Rank	Name	Annual Attendance	Description	Admission	Season	Senior Officer Title
1	Yale Peabody Mus. of Natural History 170 Whitney Ave. New Haven 06520	203-432-5050 peabody.yale.edu	160,000	Dinosaur fossils, gems & minerals, Earth & space, cultures of Native Amer. & ancient Egypt	See Web for current rates, free Thurs 2-5 pm Sept-June	10-5 daily, noon-5 Sun Derek Briggs Director
2	Yale University Art Gallery 1111 Chapel St. New Haven 06510	203-432-0600 artgallery.yale.edu	150,000	Encyclopedic collection of 185,000+ works of art from ancient times to the present	Free	10-5 Tues-Sat, Sun 1-6, Thurs 'til 8 pm Sept-June Jock Reynolds Director
3	Essex Steam Train & Riverboat 1 Railroad Ave. Essex 06426	860-767-0103 essexsteamtrain.com	145,000	Scenic journey through the CT Ri. Valley aboard U.S.'s only steam train & riverboat connection	Train & boat: \$26 adult, \$17 child; train only: \$9-\$17	May 1-Oct 25, check Web for hours & holiday sched. Robert C. Bell President
4	New Haven Symphony Orchestra PO Box 9718 New Haven 06536	203-865-0831 newhavensymphony.org	120,000	Fourth oldest symphony in U.S., performs at Yale's Woolsey Hall & other CT venues	\$10-\$65	Year round Natalie Forbes Executive director
5	Yale Center for British Art 1080 Chapel St. New Haven 06520	203-432-2800 yale.edu/ycba	110,000	Largest & most comprehensive collection of British art outside the UK	Free	10-5 Tues-Sat, noon-5 Sun, closed Mon & holidays Amy Meyers Director
6	International Festival of Arts & Ideas 195 Church St. New Haven 06510	888-278-4332 artidea.org	105,000	Annual celebration of artists & thinkers from around the world	85% free, 15% ticketed	June of each year; check Web for events & times Mary Lou Aleskie Executive director
7	Kidcity Children's Museum 119 Washington St. Middletown 06457	860-347-0495 kidcitymuseum.com	100,000	Hands-on educational playground for kids ages 6 months to 8 years	\$8 adult & child, under 12 months free	11-5 Sun-Tues, 9-5 Wed-Sat Jennifer Alexander Executive director
8	Eli Whitney Museum 915 Whitney Ave. Hamden 06517	203-777-1833 eliwhitney.org	74,000	Outdoor water learning lab, 1816 barn, 1/3 scale model of Whitney's first armory	Free, fee for projects	12-5 Wed-Fri, 10-3 Sat, 12-5 Sun; summer 11-4 daily William Brown Director
9	Discovery Museum 4450 Park Ave. Bridgeport 06604	203-372-3521 discoverymuseum.org	65,000	Interactive science museum, planetarium	\$8.50 adult, \$7 sr. college stud. & child, under 5 free	10-5 Tues-Sat, 12-5 Sun, open 10-5 Mon July & Aug Jeffrey Bishop Exec.dir. (Interim)
10	Mattatuck Museum Arts & History Center 144 W. Main St. Waterbury 06702	203-753-0381 mattatuckmuseum.org	54,000	Exhibits of regional history & Connecticut artists	Sugg. donation \$5 adult, \$4 senior, free 16 & under	10-5 Tues-Sat, 12-5 Sun, closed major holidays Marie Galbraith Executive director
11	Barker Character, Comic & Cartoon Museum 1188 Highland Ave. Cheshire 06410	203-699-3822 barkermuseum.com	50,000	Newly renovated, more than 80,000 toys on display from 1873 to present	\$5 adult, \$3 child 12 & under, child 2 & under free	Noon-4 pm Wed-Sat Judy Fuerst Director
12	CRRA Garbage Museum 1410 Honeyspot Rd. Ext. Stratford 06615	203-381-9571 crra.org	33,000	Environmental education facility for children & adults, attached to regional recycling facility	\$2, 3 & under free	12-4 Wed-Fri, Sept-June; 10-4 Tues-Fri, July-Aug Sotoria Montanari Education
13	Knights of Columbus Museum 1 State St. New Haven 06510	203-865-0400 kofc.org	26,000	Religious history & art with perm. & temp. collections & exhibitions, incl. K of C history	Free & free parking in the museum garage	May 1-Sept 1, 10-5 daily; Sept-Apr, 10-5 Wed-Sun Carl A. Anderson President
14	Barnum Museum 820 Main St. Bridgeport 06604	203-331-1104 barnum-museum.org	23,000	Museum chronicling life & times of P.T. Barnum	Admission subject to change	10-4:30 Tues-Sat, noon-4:30 Sun Kathy Maher Executive
15	Conn. River Museum & Steamboat Dock 67 Main St. Essex 06426	860-767-8269 ctrivermuseum.org	20,000	Celebrating the cultural & natural history of the Connecticut River	\$7 adult, \$6 senior, \$4 child	10-5 Tues-Sun Jerry Roberts Executive director
16	Yale Univ. Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library 121 Wall St. New Haven 06520	203-432-2977 library.yale.edu/beinecke	17,500	Books, manuscripts, Gutenberg Bible, Audubon bird prints, sculpture garden	Free	9-7 Mon-Thurs, 9-5 Fri, 12-5 Sat Frank M. Turner Director
17	Shore Line Trolley Museum 17 River St. East Haven 06512	203-467-6927 bera.org	17,000	Oldest continuously operating suburban trolley line, displays of vintage trolley cars	\$8 adult, \$6 senior, \$4 child 2-15	Trolley 10:30-4:30; open daily Mem.-Labor Day William Wall President
18	Connecticut Children's Museum 22 Wall St. New Haven 06511	203-562-5437 connecticutchildrensmuseum.org	16,500	Activities, creating readers literacy prog., educ. field trips, family visits, observation beehive	\$7.50	12-5 Fri & Sat Sandra Malmquist Director
19	Housatonic Museum of Art 900 Lafayette Blvd. Bridgeport 06604	203-332-5052 housatonicmuseum.org	15,500	Collections of Rodin, Picasso, Matisse, Miro, Chagall, artifacts	Free	Changing hours, see Web site Robbin Zella Director
20	New Haven Museum 114 Whitney Ave. New Haven 06510	203-562-4183 newhavenmuseum.org	12,000	Exhibits chronicle New Haven history to the present, research library	\$4 adult, \$3 senior, \$2 student, 12 & under free	10-5 Tues-Fri, 12-5 Sat, 1st Sun 12-4 free Walter Miller President & CEO
21	Schooner Inc's S/V Quinnipiack 60 S. Water St. New Haven 06519	203-865-1737 schoonerinc.org	10,000	Public sails on tall ship S/V Quinnipiack plus environmental educ. programs & specialty sails	\$10-\$35	Apr-Oct, see Web site for schedule Kristen Andrews Executive director
22i	Amistad America Inc. 746 Chapel St. New Haven 06510	860-912-9224 amistadamerica.net	5,000	Freedom Schooner Amistad shares the lessons of the Amistad incident of 1839	Dockside tours free, call for programs available	Visit Web site for ports of call, dates & times Gregory Belanger CEO & exec. dir.
22i	Gen. David Humphreys House 37 Elm St. Ansonia 06401	203-735-1908 derbyhistorical.org	5,000	Restored 1698 home of General Washington's aide-de-camp	\$5 adult, \$3 senior & child 8-16	1-4 Mon-Fri Sept-June, 9-12 Mon-Fri July & Aug Robert Novak Jr. Executive director
22i	John Slade Ely House Center for Contemporary Art 51 Trumbull St. New Haven 06510	203-624-8055 elyhouse.org	5,000	3-5 curated & thematic group exhibitions of contemporary regional artists per year	Free	11-4 Wed-Fri, 2-5 Sat & Sun Paul Clabby Curator
22i	Osborne Homestead Museum-Kellogg Environ. Center 500 Hawthorne Ave. Derby 06418	203-734-2513 ct.gov/dep/kellogg	5,000	Colonial revival home depicting life & times of Frances Osborne Kellogg, & envir. ctr.	Donations	10-3 Thurs-Fri, 10-4 Sat, 12-4 May-Oct., see Web Diane Chisnall Joy Director