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WHAT: "Tall Buildings," at MoMA QNS, the Museum of Modern Art's temporary facility in Queens, N.Y.

WHEN: Now through Sept. 27.

WHY GO: In this major architectural survey of 25 structures, the focus is squarely on current trends and future possibilities. Drawings, photos and architectural models examine works -- some built, some in progress, some unrealized -- designed by Frank Gehry, Norman Foster and other top names.

DON'T MISS . . . the interesting but discarded ideas for the **World Trade Center site**, as well as Adrian Smith's 1998 proposal for 7 S. Dearborn St. in Chicago. At 2,000 feet -- nearly 50 percent higher than the Empire State Building -- the unbuilt structure would have been the **world's tallest building**. **ADMISSION:** \$12.

EXTRAS: New York is home to a couple of projects by featured architects. Rem Koolhaas's **Prada store** in SoHo (575 Broadway at Prince Street) is a futuristic emporium, while Santiago Calatrava's time capsule near the **American Museum of Natural History** at 79th Street and Columbus Avenue is a stainless-steel flower that will open in 3000. If you're still high on tall buildings, check out the **Skyscraper Museum** at its new home in Manhattan's Battery Park (39 Battery Pl., 212-968-1961, www.skyscraper.org).

PACKAGES: Hilton properties have a "MoMA/Amtrak" package that includes lodging, two tickets to the show and Amtrak Guest Reward points. Participating hotels include the **Waldorf Astoria** (from \$269 per night), the **Embassy Suites** (from \$219) and the **Hilton New York** (from \$229). Details: 877-NYC-HILT, www.hiltonfamilynewyork.com/specials.php. **Amtrak** has a separate special offering 20 percent off some tickets between Washington and New York. Details: 800-USA-RAIL, www.amtrak.com. Use promo code V873 when buying online. Deal not valid on the Acela.

INFO: **MoMA QNS** (33rd Street at Queens Boulevard, 212-708-9400, www.moma.org).

-- **Seth Sherwood**

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