Montmartre Art Attack

This walk takes you through the heart of hilltop Montmartre, where artists lived, worked and partied hard in the 19th century. With its ivy-clad buildings, steep narrow lanes and celebrity cafe terraces used as film sets, this is cinematic Paris at its best.

Start Ⓜ Abbesses
Distance 1km
Duration 1 hour

1 Admire Hector Guimard's iconic art nouveau metro entrance (1900) on **place des Abbesses**. Deep underground, beneath a maze of gypsum mines, is one of Paris' deepest metro stations.

2 Learn how to say 'I love you' in another language or 10 with **Le Mur des je t'aime**, a work of art hidden in tiny gated park, Sq Jehan Rictus.

3 On place Émile Goudeau see where artists Max Jacob, Amedeo Modigliani and Pablo Picasso – who painted his seminal *Les Demoiselles d'Avignon* (1907) here – had art studios at **Le Bateau Lavoir**.

4 In 1876 one of two surviving windmills, the **Moulin Blute Fin** on rue Lepic, became an open-air dance hall, immortalised by Renoir in *Bal du Moulin de la Galette*.

5 Watch a man pop out of a stone wall on place Marcel Aymé. The statue portrays Dutilleul, hero of Marcel Aymé's short story **Le Passe-Muraille** (The Walker through Walls).

6 A mural of a rabbit jumping out of a cooking pot by caricaturist André Gill decorates the façade of celebrated cabaret **Au Lapin Agile**.

7 Uphill, Montmartre's oldest building – a 17th-century manor house and one-time home to painters Renoir, Utrillo and Raoul Dufy – is now the **Musée de Montmartre** (Map p66; www.museedemontmartre.fr; 12 rue Cortot, 18e; adult/child €9.50/5.50; 🕒10am-6pm).

8 In 1534 the 12th-century church **Église St-Pierre de Montmartre** (www.saintpierredemontmartre.net; 2 rue du Mont Cenis, 18e; 🕒9.30am-7pm) witnessed the founding of the Jesuits, who met in the crypt under the guidance of Ignatius of Loyola.

Take a Break... Hardware Société is great for coffee, breakfast or lunch.

9 Lap up Montmartre's local life on main square **place du Tertre**, packed with buskers, portrait artists, cafe terraces and crowds of tourists.

Cimetière St-Vincent
R St-Vincent
R de l'Abreuvoir
Sq Suzanne Buisson
R Girardon
Av Junot
Pl Marcel Aymé
R Cortot
R des Saules
R du Mont Cenis
R Norvins
R Lepic
R d'Orchampt
R Gabrielle
Pl du Tertre
FINISH
Basilique du Sacré Cœur
R Lamarck
Pl Émile Goudeau
R Berthe
R des Trois Frères
R Durantin
Passage des Abbesses
R des Abbesses
Sq J Rictus
R de la Vieuville
START
Ⓜ Abbesses

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