Arty Montmartre

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** One hour

1. Admire Hector Guimard’s iconic art nouveau metro entrance (1900) on place des Abbesses.
2. Learn ‘I love you!’ in another language or 10 with Le Mur des je t’aime, a work of art in tiny gated park, Sq Jehan Rictus, off place des Abbesses.
3. On place Émile Goudeau see Le Bateau Lavoir studios of Max Jacob, Amedeo Modigliani and Pablo Picasso, who painted Les Demoiselles d’Avignon (1907) here.
4. In 1876 windmill Moulin Blute Fin, on rue Lepic, became an open-air dance hall, immortalised by Renoir in his 1876 tableau Bal du Moulin de la Galette.
5. See a man pop out of a stone wall on place Marcel Aymé. Le Passe-Muraille portrays Dutilleul, hero of Marcel Aymé’s short story ‘The Walker through Walls’.
6. Don’t miss the mural of a rabbit jumping out of a cooking pot by caricaturist André Gill, decorating the façade of celebrated cabaret Au Lapin Agile.
7. Pocket-sized vineyard, Clos Montmartre, dates from 1933. Its 2000 vines produce an average of 800 bottles of wine each October.
8. Uphill is Montmartre’s oldest building, the 17th-century manor house and one-time home to painters Renoir, Utrillo and Raoul Dufy that’s now Musée de Montmartre (www.museedemontmartre.fr).
9. In 1534 the 12th-century Église St-Pierre de Montmartre witnessed the founding of the Jesuits, who met in the crypt under the guidance of Ignatius of Loyola.
10. Lap up the local life on place du Tertre, packed with buskers, portrait artists, cafe terraces and crowds of tourists.

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

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