Walking Tour: 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 and steep narrow lanes, 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 many languages with the artwork Le Mur des je t’aime** (www.lesjetaime.com) in Sq Jehan Rictus.

3 **Windmill Moulin Blute Fin**, on rue Lepic, was immortalised by Renoir in his 1876 Bal du Moulin de la Galette.

4 **Le Passe-Muraille** on place Marcel Aymé portrays Dutilleul, hero of Aymé’s short story The Walker Through Walls.

5 **Uphill is Montmartre’s oldest building**, the 17th-century manor house that’s now Musée de Montmartre (www.museedemontmartre.fr; 12 rue Cortot).

6 **The 12th-century Église St-Pierre de Montmartre** (www.saintpierredemontmartre.net; 2 rue du Mont Cenis; 9am-7.30pm Sat-Thu, to 6pm Fri) witnessed the founding of the Jesuits, who met in the crypt.

7 **Take a Break... Hardware Société** (https://hardwaresociete.com; 10 Rue Lamarck; 9am-4pm Mon-Fri, to 4:30pm Sat & Sun) is great for coffee, breakfast or lunch.

**Classic Photo** A selfie in front of the city of romance’s most seductive wall, Le Mur des je t’aime.

**Lap up the local life on place du Tertre**, packed with buskers, portrait artists and cafe terraces.