

## DESTINATIONS

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## STREET ART TOURS

In search of instant Instagram gold? Check out these urban art tours, writes **Katie McGonagle**



### BERLIN, GERMANY

Berlin's street art owes its origins to the Berlin Wall which, in the 1980s, became a blank canvas for political expression – but only on the western side. After the fall of the wall in 1989, artists were invited to even things out with the mile-long East Side Gallery. Its 105 works range from Dmitri Vrubel's famous Fraternal Kiss between Soviet leader Brezhnev and east German president Honecker, to the Trabant car – an icon of East Germany – breaking through the wall.

**Book it:** Viator offers a three-hour Berlin Street Art Private Bike Tour taking in the East Side Gallery and other districts from £22. [viator.com](http://viator.com)

### SANTIAGO, CHILE

While Valparaiso, Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires get more attention for their artistic leanings, there's a run-down residential district in the suburbs of Santiago that has been transformed by street art initiative the Open Sky Museum. In 2010, artists came from across South America and Europe to San Miguel, filling every available wall with murals depicting messages of social injustice, local culture and images of Chile's history.

**Book it:** Urban Adventures' In Focus: The Residents of Art Street is a three-and-a-half-hour tour of San Miguel, including a meal with a local family, from £46. [urbanadventures.com](http://urbanadventures.com)



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### MIAMI, US

Working-class Wynwood has transformed over the past decade from a district of run-down warehouses in to a hub for creative types, bringing hipster bars, quirky restaurants, start-up businesses and innovative art galleries. Combine a tour of its 200 colourful murals, spread across 50 city blocks, with the annual Art Basel festival for maximum artistic enjoyment.

**Book it:** Do Something Different has a two-hour tour Wynwood Art & Beer tour starting at £51. [dosomethingdifferent.com](http://dosomethingdifferent.com)

### PERTH, AUSTRALIA

Melbourne has Hosier Lane and Sydney its Bondi Beach Wall, but did you know Perth's flourishing street art scene is catching up? The city's youthful vibe and ongoing urban development have given rise to hundreds of incredible murals adorning bars, coffee shops and just about every spare wall, from a black-and-white portrait of Alfred Hitchcock on the side of the art deco cinema, to an enormous fresco on the corrugated iron façade of furniture warehouse East West Design.

**Book it:** Oh Hey WA offers a Perth Small Bar & Street Art Tour from about £22 for two hours. [ohheywa.com/au](http://ohheywa.com/au)



### BROOKLYN, US

Fancy having a go at creating a Banksy-style masterpiece? Your clients can – and where better than the place where contemporary graffiti is said to have started in the 1950s? New York is the spiritual home of this urban art form and Brooklyn's Bushwick Collective has transformed it once again. Pick up some tips in tagging from a local artist, then pick up a spray can and unleash your artistic flair.

**Book it:** Isango offers a one-hour Paint with a Graffiti Artist: Brooklyn Street Art Workshop tour from £26. [isango.com](http://isango.com)

