

## **ANCHORAGE TOUR: THE ART TOUR** *A SELF-GUIDED PUBLIC ART TOUR OF ANCHORAGE*



Discover these amazing Anchorage murals, sculptures, and statues with this free, self-guided walking tour.

- 1. Wyland Whaling Wall (*W 5th Ave*): Spanning a 400-foot wall overlooking Town Square Park, the mural depicts swimming bowhead and beluga whales and other Alaska marine life. It's the work of famed muralist Robert Wyland.
- **2.** Mural by Crystal Worl (7th Ave and F St): The colorful 120-foot mural highlights the diversity of Alaska Native tribes that live in Anchorage today.
- **3.** Sleeping Lady (3rd Ave between G and H St): The work of Anchorage artist Justin Parsons, this brilliant mural of Mount Susitna brightens up a pay-to-park lot off 3rd Avenue in downtown Anchorage.
- 4. Hunter S. Thompson (5th Ave between Barrow and Cordova St): In this colorful fullscale mural by Anchorage artist Rejoy Armamento, author and journalist Hunter S. Thompson keeps watch over a downtown Anchorage alley.
- 5. Common Ground (Hollywood Dr and E Harvard Ave): Adjacent to a community orchard at the Government Hill Commons, this botanical scene entitled Common Ground is the work of renowned Alaskan artist Linda Infante Lyons.
- 6. Greetings from Alaska (5th Ave and Fairbanks St): Created by muralist Victor Ving and photographer Lisa Beggs, the eye-catching mural welcomes all to Alaska's largest city.
- 7. SEED Lab (6th Ave and A St): On the walls of downtown Anchorage's SEED Lab, several murals by multiple local artists bring awareness to climate change and Alaska's Indigenous histories. Look for a series of paintings in the style of stained glass windows, and a striking portrait of an Unangan woman carrying a skinning knife and salted bag.
- 8. Hope Mural (7th Ave and E St): Designed by Alaska artist Steve Gordon and created through a collaborative community process, this colorful mural sprawls across the west-facing wall of the Hafling Building in downtown Anchorage.
- **9. Grandma Olga** (*Small Boat Launch Rd*): This bronze likeness of Dena'ina Athabascan matriarch Grandma Olga Ezi stands at the mouth of Ship Creek. The work of Alaskan artist Joel Isaak, the statue pays homage to the region's history and heritage.
- 10. Captain Cook (L St and 3rd Ave): The centerpiece of downtown Anchorage's Resolution Park, this statue of 18th century British explorer Captain James Cook looks out over Cook Inlet, with a panoramic view of Sleeping Lady. The work of artist Derek Freeborn, the piece was donated by The British Petroleum Company.

- 11. Balto (4th Ave and D St): Balto the Alaska sled dog famous for his role in the 1925 serum run to Nome – is depicted frozen in mid-stride in this monument by artists Jacque and Mary Regat. From his pedestal, he has a front-row seat for all of Anchorage's major mushing events: the World Championship Sled Dog Races, and the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.
- **12.** The Last Blue Whale (*K* St between 3rd and 4th Ave): Within blocks from the Cook Inlet coast, this dramatic, diving whale sculpture by Joseph Priniciotti sits across the street from the Boney Courthouse in the heart of downtown Anchorage.
- **13. Spirit Bridge** (*F Street and 4th Ave*): Sculptor Roger Barr said the inspiration for the Spirit Bridge came from a pilot he never met, and is meant to represent a bridge of the spirit people can pass through. The stainless steel and granite arch can be found on F Street in front of the Visitor Information Center.
- 14. Eisenhower Statehood Statue (*E Street and 2nd Ave*): Overlooking the Alaska Railroad, this statue recognizes President Dwight D. Eisenhower who was in office when Alaska became a state in 1959. This monument also remembers the Alaskans who played an important role in the birth of the state like Robert Atwood.
- **15. Flight of the Raven** (*E St and 4th Ave*): A bronze raven soars above a smoke trail. The raven represents the shedding of the darkness of discrimination and the rising of hope. The Flight of the Raven can be found in Roy and Elizabeth Peratrovich Park and was built by the Alaska civil rights leader's son Roy Peratrovich Jr.
- **16.** The Bear and Raven (*E St and 4th Ave*): A large bronze bear with a raven nestled on its head sits at the corner of Fourth Avenue and E Street. The towering sculpture crafted by Anchorage artist Hugh McPeck is over 8 feet tall and weighs 1, 200 pounds.
- **17.** Seasonal Aurora Bearealis (4th Ave between E St and F St): Throughout Anchorage, a parade of bears brings color to Anchorage streets. Seasonal Aurora Bearealis was painted by local Alaskan artist Katie Sevigny.
- **18. This Land Was Made for You and Me** (*7th Ave and K St*): Throughout Anchorage, a parade of bears brings color to Anchorage streets. This Land Was Made for Your and Me was crafted by Alaskan artist Annie Brace.
- **19.** Oso (12 Ave and L St): Throughout Anchorage, a parade of bears brings color to Anchorage streets. This four-legged statue was crafted by Anchorage Artists Co-Op.