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## Feast Your Eyes on America's Top Destinations for Outdoor Art



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Public art murals by Brian "JEKS" Lewis in Greensboro, North Carolina

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Nobody needs to tell you that pent-up travel demand is at an all-time high following a full year of pandemic-enforced lockdowns, shelter-in-place mandates, and more Zoom calls than anyone cares to admit. But with domestic COVID-19 inoculations on the rise, people are starting to think about where their **future travels** will take them. With the summer season quickly creeping up, travelers will likely be looking for **nearby escapes** that offer an array of wide-open spaces and attractions. The answer? Outdoor art.

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1,306,651 unique  
monthly visitors

The U.S. is punctuated with countless destinations that boast truly impressive street art displays, which can be enjoyed entirely al fresco. Popular tourism magnets like Brooklyn, San Francisco, and the **Wynwood Walls** in Miami attract droves of visitors each year. But there's no shortage of under-the-radar spots worth adding to your list for outdoor art. From meticulously curated collections to larger-than-life installments, here are some of America's top mural hot spots you'll want to see for yourself.

**Disclaimer:** People planning travel of any kind should visit the websites of the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and the **World Health Organization** for the most current COVID-19 alerts and updates. Be sure to also review any travel advisories related to the destination(s) you're planning to visit, and keep yourself and others safe by wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing, and bringing the appropriate food, drinks, and other supplies when possible.



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SAIL Dream aluminum sculpture by Eric Camiel

#### **4. Providence, Rhode Island**

**Providence** has long been regarded as Rhode Island's creative capital (largely due to the Rhode Island School of Design). To experience the city's artistic side on foot, stroll along the **Avenue Concept**. As the state's first privately funded public art program, the collection includes dozens of murals and sculptures sprinkled throughout Downtown, the South Side, and the West End. There's even an **app** with self-guided tours to help navigate the works. The Latinx artist-led "**Mi Gente Siempre Responde**" banner project was completed in August and includes seven murals to honor the healthcare workers helping manage the pandemic.