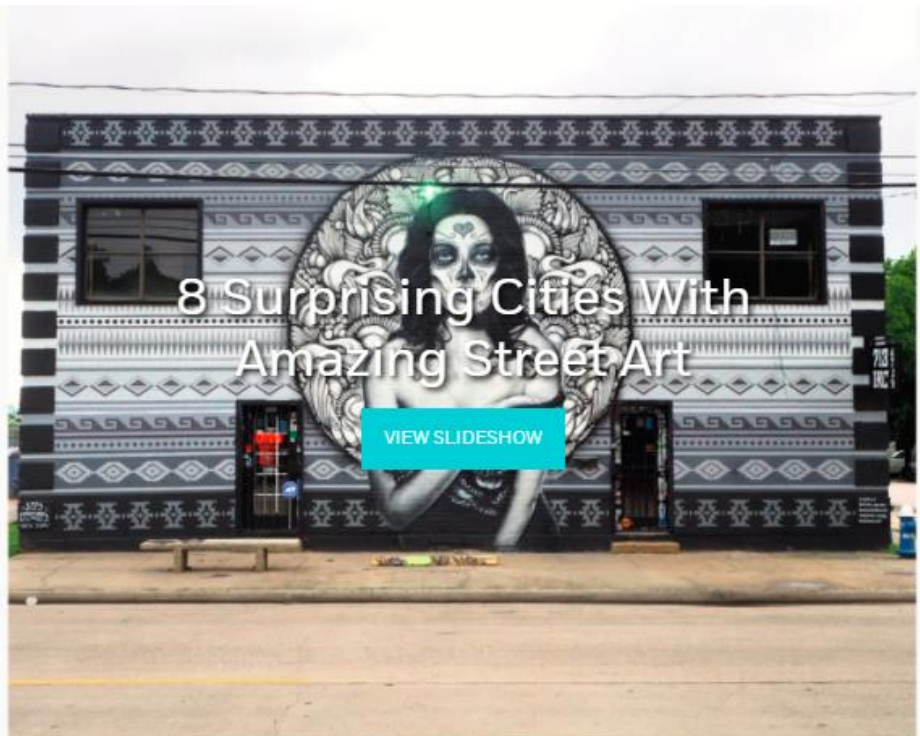




8 Surprising Cities With Amazing Street Art



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Anyone with an interest in urban art is familiar with [New York's](#) hip hop-infused graffiti history and the notorious mural-splashed alleyways of [Melbourne](#). But in more recent years, new cities are emerging as centers for cutting-edge street art, with festivals, classes, and tours encouraging further growth through community gathering. And with political climates heating up as fast as the Earth's surface, the timing couldn't be better for vibrant visual expression in public places. Consider planning your next trip to one of the following eight cities, where the street art can teach you more about each one than most museums could.

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Montreal, Québec

The largest city in the French-speaking [Canadian](#) province of [Québec](#) is also a huge proponent of street art. Montreal has invested money in the creation of permanent murals in different boroughs, as well as a project to beautify the highway connecting its airport to downtown. For the last three summers, the [MURAL](#) urban art festival has taken over Saint-Laurent Boulevard with block parties, live painting, street sales and live music for 10 days. And [Under Pressure](#), which focuses on graffiti rather than murals, is the longest running festival of its kind in North America. Between the two festivals, [Montreal](#) is filled with street art of every size, shape, and style.

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