

Mural Arts Philadelphia 2019 Tour Schedule

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Each year, over 15,000 residents and visitors tour the world's largest outdoor art gallery, and experience firsthand why Philadelphia has been designated the "mural capital of the world." Regularly-scheduled public trolley, walking, train and Segway tours feature professionally-trained guides who offer a behind-the-scenes look and share the in-depth stories about the people and communities that inspired and shaped each Mural Arts Philadelphia project.

Visitors also learn about the neighborhoods' history and the mural-making processes behind some of Mural Arts Philadelphia's thousands of works of public art. Most tours (unless otherwise indicated) depart from Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Hamilton Building, located at 128 N. Broad Street.



Water Gives Life by Eurhi Jones & David McShane, 13th and Arch Streets. Photo by Steve Weinik for Mural Arts Philadelphia

New for 2019: Over 45 new artworks have been added to tour routes. **Frankford, Fishtown, & Farther** vehicle tours explore the stories of Philadelphia's industrial history through murals on many former factories, now re-purposed as housing and commercial buildings in two of the city's traditionally working-class neighborhoods. **Immigrating South** vehicle tours explore South Philadelphia's rich cultural heritage and dynamic immigrant communities past and present. **The Art of Observation** is a *Mural Mile Center City* highlights walking tour followed by a guided visit to the One Liberty Observation Deck (OLOD) – *Philly from the Top*. Stunning murals and their unique stories will be combined with breathtaking views of architectural gems, from street-level to 883 feet up. (more details below)

Mural Arts Vehicle Tours

See the city's rich culture and history come to life through the lens of the murals. From landmark murals just outside the heart of Center City to off-the-beaten-path streets in Philadelphia's neighborhoods, Mural Arts Philadelphia's murals show the soul of the city and its residents. Two new offerings for 2019 are *Frankford, Fishtown, & Farther* and *Immigrating South*.

April 6 – end of November: Saturdays, 10 AM – Noon

June 7 – end of August: Fridays, 10 AM – Noon

Tours vary each week and include:

- Masterpieces East
- Spring Garden & Beyond
- Masterpieces West
- Frankford, Fishtown, & Farther
- Immigrating South

Tours depart rain or shine. *Departs from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (unless otherwise noted)*

Adult \$32, Student (with ID) & Youth (3–12) \$28. Advanced reservations are strongly suggested.

A variation of the **Spring Garden & Beyond** vehicle tour with a Spring Arts District walking component will add the Cherry Street Pier as another starting/ending point in a partnership with Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, and will expose guests to this new riverfront arts attraction.

May 26 – August 25, on the last Sunday of the month, 12 -2 PM

Tours depart rain or shine. Departs from Cherry Street Pier (121 N. Columbus Boulevard).

Adult \$32, Student (with ID) & Youth (3–12) \$28. Advance reservations are strongly suggested.

Mural Mile Center City Walking Tours

Get to know the city's world-renowned collection on foot on our *Mural Mile*, as guests weave through diverse neighborhoods; see up close and personal the stunning murals that represent a variety of themes and artistic processes and experience firsthand how *art ignites change*. A professionally-trained guide will share the stories of the people, places, and themes of each mural, along with the 35-year history of Mural Arts Philadelphia and its dynamic program areas. New for 2019: The Art of Observation Tour.

April 6 – end of November: Saturdays at 11 AM & 4 PM (afternoon tours May 4 – September) and Sundays at 11 AM

*Departs from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
\$23 per person. Advance reservations are strongly suggested.*

Also, Wednesdays, June 26 – end of August - 11 AM

*Departs from the Bourse, 111 S Independence Mall E
\$23 per person. Advance reservations are strongly suggested.*

The Art of Observation Tour:

April 14 – August 11, Second Sunday of the month at 2 - 4:30 PM

*Departs from One Liberty Observation Deck, 1650 Market Street.
\$28 per person. Advance reservations required.*

Mural Arts Love Letter Train Tour

Mural Arts Philadelphia and Philadelphia native, New York-based artist Stephen Powers (aka ESPO), collaborated to create **Love Letter**, a public art project consisting of a series of 50 rooftop murals from 45th to 63rd Streets along the Market Street corridor in West Philadelphia. Professionally-trained guides provide colorful commentary and lead participants on and off the train to spot murals from train platforms.

Labor Day – Memorial Day; Saturdays, 10:30 AM – Noon and Sundays, 1 - 2:30 PM

Departs from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

\$23 per person (includes a SEPTA token). SEPTA pass holders will receive a \$2 discount on Love Letter tours by using the discount code SEPTA (advanced ticket sales only).



Segway Tours

Opt for the fun and different **Mural Arts Segway Tour**, every day from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. This tour features murals throughout the Spring Garden and Northern Liberties neighborhoods.

Departs from Philly Tour Hub, at Pier 5, 7 N Christopher Columbus Blvd

\$85 per person. Reserve tickets here: <http://www.phillytourhub.com/Our-Tours/Segway-Tours/2-Hour-Mural-Tour.aspx>.

Bike Tours

Bike tours are offered as a private tour option with some select public tour dates, in partnership with the Philly Bike Tour Company. Tours travel from Center City to Manayunk, featuring public artwork of all kinds along the Schuylkill River Trail, the Manayunk Canal Towpath, and the neighborhoods of Manayunk and East Falls.

Departs from Fairmount Bicycles, 2015 Fairmount Avenue, prices vary; advanced reservations required.

Private Group Options

All public tour offerings, plus many themed specialty routes, are available for private bookings for social, business, or civic groups of virtually any size and age. A step-on option is also available for groups with their own vehicle. In addition to tours, an **Experiential Mural Painting** activity is available for private groups and can be combined with a tour, featuring hands-on painting of an actual mural in process – a giant paint-by-number – with a trained muralist. For pricing, further details, or to book private tours and activities, call 215-925-3633 or email tours@muralarts.org.

Mural Arts Philadelphia tours are presented by Bank of America. Additional support provided by the Philadelphia Fashion District.

Reservation Information

Advance reservations are **STRONGLY** recommended, as tours frequently sell out. Tickets are available online at muralarts.org/tour or by phone at 215-925-3633.

Mural Arts Philadelphia is the nation's largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For over 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative and equitable process, creating nearly 4,000 artworks that have transformed public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts aims to empower people, stimulate dialogue, and build bridges to understanding with projects that attract artists from Philadelphia and around the world, and programs that focus on youth education, restorative justice, mental health and wellness, and public art and its preservation. Popular mural tours offer a firsthand glimpse into the inspiring stories behind Mural Arts' iconic and unparalleled collection, which has earned Philadelphia worldwide recognition as the "City of Murals." For more information, call 215-685-0750 or visit muralarts.org. Follow us on social media: @muralarts on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and Snapchat, [MuralArtsPhiladelphia](#) on Facebook, and [phillymuralarts](#) on YouTube.

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