

# TRIP TIP #1



## Hello there!

Here it is... our first **TRIP TIP!**

#fun #gooutside #budgetproof #loveBelgium #studentlife #covid19safe #cityhopping

In this week's topic we'll focus on something that makes us very, very happy:

it's free, accessible for everyone, creative, unrestricted, dynamic, diverse, on the edge,  
... **URBAN ART!**

We have some amazing street art talents in Belgium and these 4 cities are a perfect playground for them.

The cool thing is that these cities have embraced their urban artists instead of cast them out and you can clearly feel this vibrant mood when you walk or cycle around.

You can click on a city map per city to check the location and **STREET ART CITY WALKS** with the coolest pieces:

## GENT/GHENT

Under the label **SORRY, NOT SORRY**, the City of Ghent supports street art all year round, with the most visible examples being the large murals that can be admired throughout the city. Explore the Ghent murals using the [Ghent street art map](#).



On the occasion of the theme year "OMG! Van Eyck was here", Ghent welcomed a number of top national and international artists to brighten up the city center with a work of art inspired by the Mystic Lamb: [Van-Eyck-Street-Art](#)



## OOSTENDE/OSTEND

♥ You can see the sea from here ♥

In 2016, The Crystal Ship dropped anchor in Ostend. Ever since, the arts festival has turned the coastal town into **BELGIUM'S LEADING OPEN-AIR GALLERY**, with over a dozen world-renowned street artists setting sail for it every year.

[Plan your visit](#)

[The Crystal Ship street map](#)

## ANTWERPEN/ANTWERP

Discover Antwerps street art on foot, walk past **IMPRESSIVE MURALS** and find small hidden gems.

Make sure to visit the neighbourhood

[Berchem, a street art hotspot.](#)

But Antwerp has multiple urban art [routes](#), you can make a selection based on distance, location, ...





## BRUSSEL/BRUSSELS

Graffiti or calligraphy, tags, stencils and stickers... [Brussels' street artists](#) represent the voice of **A CONSTANTLY EVOLVING CAPITAL CITY.**

## HOW TO GET THERE?

**BY TRAIN** of course!

The train takes you in about 40' from Ghent to Ostend, Brussels or Antwerp.

Plan your trip via the [Belgian train company](#) or via the [SNCB app](#)



You can easily buy an online ticket but you can of course also buy a ticket in the train station itself.



## GOOD TO KNOW !

- 'Gent-Sint-Pieters' is the main train station in Ghent
- During weekend you can travel half price. **A weekend ticket** is valid from 7 p.m. Friday to Sunday.
- Don't like walking? You can also **take your bicycle on the train** when you purchase a [BikeSupplement](#) (no charges for folding bikes).
- You can [rent a bike at the station](#) via [Blue Bike](#)

Hope you got some inspiration to get your heads out of your study books 😊!

Enjoy!

And as always... respect the safety measurements regarding social contacts, face masks, hygiene... Thank you!

- Elke & Laura --

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