

## Unusual Sculptures from Around the World

A sampler of unusual, often whimsical, sculptures from all corners of the world.



Maman, 1999, Louise Bourgeois, Tate Modern, London, England

A bronze cast of the sculpture, which stands almost 30 feet tall. The artist views the spider as a maternal creature.



Cumil (Watcher), or Man at Work, Viktor Hulik, Bratislava, Slovakia

The sculptor intended to initiate discussion about why this sewer worker is here and the stories around. He has caused numerous traffic accidents, so a traffic sign was placed next to him for protection.



Silent Evolution, Jason de Caires Taylor, Cancun Underwater Museum

Consists of 400 sculptures in an artificial reef.



Judodasis Vaiduoklis (The Black Ghost), Svajunas Jurkus and Sergejus Plotnikovas, Klaipeda, Lithuania

Eight feet tall, half above water and half below, this bronze sculpture is tied to a local legend dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.



Break Through From Your Mold (or Freedom), Zenos Frudakis, Philadelphia, PA

The sculpture is about the struggle for the achievement of freedom through the creative process.



Transcendence, Keith Jellum, Portland, OR

An oversized salmon crashing through the wall of a popular Portland restaurant.



Architectural Fragment, Petrus Spronk, Melbourne, Australia

Like a lost civilization sinking into the pavement outside the State Library of Victoria.



Przejście ("Passage" or "Transition"; Also known in English as the Monument of the Anonymous Passersby), Jerzy Kalina, Wrocław, Poland

Most often interpreted as a memorial to the citizens who were killed or went missing during the period of martial law in Poland during the 1980s.



Expansion, Paige Bradley, New York City, NY

A sculpture intended to depict the human race as an individual searching for connection but finding only alienation.





The Man Hanging Out (Monument to Sigmund Freud), David Černý, Prague, Czech Republic

Depicts Freud deciding whether to hang on or let go.



Statue of Franz Kafka, Jaroslav Róna, Prague, Czech Republic

Depicts Kafka riding on the shoulders of a headless figure. Statue refers to Kafka's story "Description of A Struggle".



People of the River, Chong Fah Cheong, Singapore

One of a series of sculptures depicting the life of the people living along the Singapore River.



Force of Nature, Lorenzo Quinn, Shanghai, China

One of a series of sculptures that depict Mother Nature pivoting around the world with a piece of cloth.



De Vaarkapeon, Tom Franzen, Brussels, Belgium

A humorous statue of a policeman being tripped by a man hiding in a sewer manhole.



Headington Shark, John Buckley, Oxford, England

Commissioned by the homeowner, the shark is 25 long and made of painted fiberglass.



Monument to the Unknown Bureaucrat, Magnus Tomasson, Reykjavik, Iceland  
Sculpture honoring (and satirizing a little) Iceland's thankless civil servants.



Les Voyageurs, Bruno Catalano, Marseilles, France  
One of a series of surrealist sculptures depicting travelers with large parts of their bodies missing.



Non-Violence (The Knotted Gun), Carl Fredrik Reutersward, New York City, NY  
A symbol for peace, the sculpture was initially placed in Strawberry Fields as a tribute to John Lennon.



Monument to a Woman's Handbag, Piedmont, Italy

Presented by Spain in 2013, this is a monument to the woman's most essential accessory.