

Pablo Picasso: A Virtual Road Trip

Picasso has more museums devoted to him than any other artist. If you could travel (and hopefully you will be able to soon), you could organize a trip from Paris to Malaga, Spain and visit five of them. But in the meantime, you can visit them virtually. So let's call this A Virtual Picasso Picasso Road Trip.

We start in Paris at the Musée National Picasso-Paris. Almost every piece of art in this museum came from his private collection. Apparently Picasso parting with his creations and only did so when he needed money to live. The collection at this museum results largely from the settlement of Picasso's estate after his death. In lieu of taxes, the government accepted a vast selection of his paintings, sculptures, drawings, ceramics and prints. Check out this video on Youtube "Paris Rediscovered Picasso". https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdt_17itVJQ Or this one. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DagtyqXrI4>

One example from the collection.

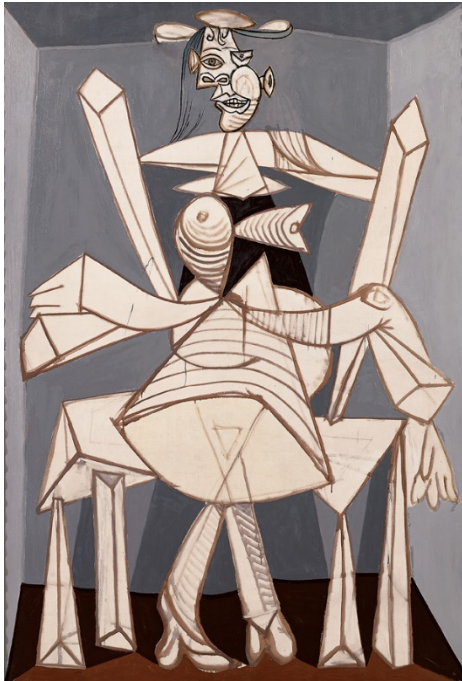


Self Portrait, Pablo Picasso

To understand how Picasso began his career, you need to visit the Museu Picasso in Barcelona. The collection in Barcelona began with a gift from Picasso's friend, Jaume Sabartés, which inspired Picasso and his family to make large donations of his work. Many of these works and the Renaissance palaces that house them are displayed in this video entitled "Museu Picasso, Barcelona".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCx-hfrPgCw>

Here's one of the paintings in the museum's collection.



Woman Sitting on A Chair

Next we head to Antibes, which features works he left to the Musée Picasso, formerly the Grimaldi castle. The collection was later augmented by works his widow donated. The link below is to "Experience France: the Picasso Museum in Antibes".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GhzIXcHaRg>



Grimaldi Castle, Picasso Museum, Antibes

Here's one of the artworks on exhibit, The Joy of Life.



There is also an app for your phone where you can view some of the work in this museum called Picasso Antibes.

Nearby in Vallauris is the Musée National Picasso, La Guerre et Le Paix. Here Picasso painted two of his greatest post-war works on the walls of a now deconsecrated chapel. One side is Peace; the other is War.



Château de Vallauris



Peace, Picasso



War, Picasso

Note: The Picasso museums in Antibes and Vallauris are within 70 kilometers of five other museums in the Côte d'Azur area.

The Maeght Foundation in Saint-Paul de Vence is a modern art museum whose collection includes works by Braque, Calder, Chagall, Giacometti, Léger, and Miró. The MAMAC (Musée d'Art moderne et d'Art contemporain) is a museum of modern and contemporary art in the heart of Nice, one of the largest in Southern France. The Musée Matisse in Nice is an art museum dedicated to Henri Matisse; it has one of the world's largest collection of works by the French artist. The Musée Léger in Biot, near Nice, has the largest collection in the world of works by Fernand Léger. The Musée National Marc Chagall is one of the world's most important museums dedicated to Russian-French artist Marc Chagall.

Picasso's greatest antiwar statement is seen in his painting Guernica, found in the Museo Centro de Arte Reina Sofia in Madrid.



Here's a link to a BBC News story about what inspired the painting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_VSixma864

The journey ends in Málaga, Spain, the town in which Picasso was born in 1881, where the Museo Picasso Málaga is located. Picasso had offered to donate many works of art, but the dictatorship of Franco precluded any action for decades. After his death, his daughter in law and her son made significant gifts to the museum.



The Face of War, the Face of Peace

Check out the collection: <https://www.museopicassomalaga.org/en/collection>