

# THE ART BOOK

Art and Travel





# Somewhere between Modernity and Tradition



**“Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects such as wickerwork picnic baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art.”**

Contemporary Art, an introduction  
Modern art represents an evolving set of ideas among a number of painters, sculptors, writers, and performers who - both individually and collectively - sought new approaches to art making. Although modern art began, in retrospect, around 1850 with the arrival of Realism, approaches and styles of art were defined and redefined.

Practitioners of each new style were determined to develop a visual language that was both original and representative of the times.

Modern art is the creative world's response to the rationalist practices and perspectives of the new lives and ideas provided by the technological advances.

Artists worked to represent their experience of the newness of modern life in appropriately innovative ways.

Although modern art as a term applies to a vast number of artistic genres spanning more than a century, aesthetically speaking, modern art is characterized by the artist's intent to portray a subject as it exists in the world, according to his or her unique perspective and is typified by a rejection of accepted or traditional styles and values.

A major technological development closely-related to the visual arts was photography.



# HISTORY OF MODERN ART

The modern era arrived with the dawn of the industrial revolution in Western Europe in the mid-nineteenth century, one of the most crucial turning points in world history.

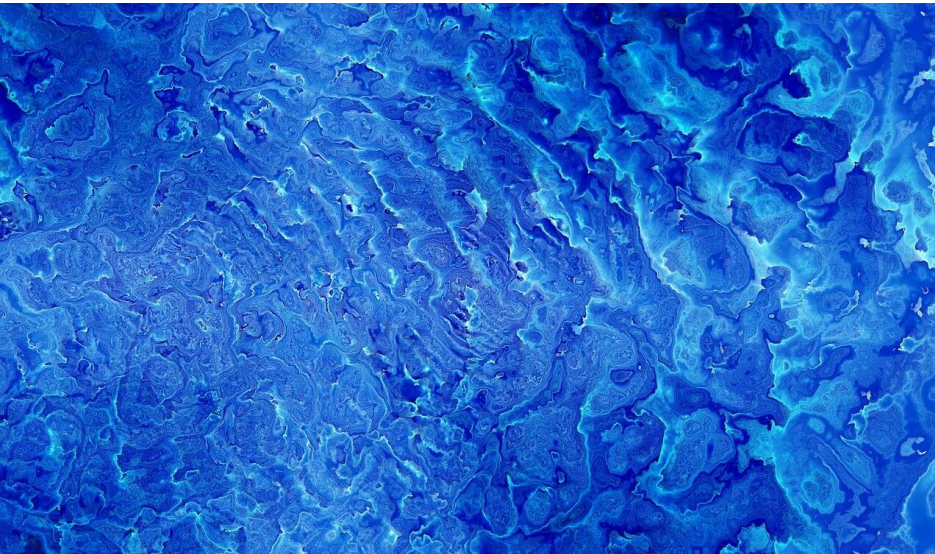
Modern art includes artistic work produced during the period extending roughly from the 1860s to the 1970s, and denotes the styles and philosophy of the art produced during that era.

Modern artists experimented with new ways of seeing and with fresh ideas about the nature of materials and functions of art.

Contemporary art is the art of today, produced in the late 20th century or in the 21st century.

Modern art begins with the heritage of painters like Vincent van Gogh, Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin, Georges Seurat and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec all of whom were essential for the development of modern art. At the beginning of the 20th century Henri Matisse and several other young artists including the pre-cubists Georges Braque, André Derain, Raoul Dufy, Jean Metzinger and Maurice de Vlaminck revolutionized the Paris art world with "wild", multi-colored, expressive landscapes and figure paintings that the critics called Fauvism.

Among the movements which flowered in the first decade of the 20th century were Fauvism, Cubism, and Futurism.



▲ Impression, Blue Ocean by Claude Monet

► The Light Painting World by Frank Monet



▼ Color Wind by Tom Wolf







# All About Your Vacation

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A trip doesn't just involve eating incredible food and laying on the beach. There are plenty of ways to stay active and get your heart pumping in this tropical region. In this article, we'll get your wanderlust pumping with these top relaxing travel activities and the best destinations to find them in!

Whatever the movies have taught you about Vietnam, forget it. This country is shedding its old look, disrobing itself of the heavy cloak of history to become a pulsating, spirited destination able not just to compete, but to surpass its peers in the region.

Vietnam's idyllic tropical beaches have long been a favorite amongst locals and intrepid travelers. In recent years, the beach scene has inevitably expanded as foreigners discover the turquoise waters and scuba diving along the country's central and south coast. While there are plenty of well-appointed resorts, adventurers can find welcoming budget bungalows and even some unassuming beach towns still untouched by developers.

Take a trip right away!







# Overnight in Stockholm



Stockholm is a city of great contrasts, where trends within music, design, fashion, and world re-known technology is born. This is also a capital with a rich history, with exciting architecture, museums, castles and an old town that dates from the 13th century.

The Swedish Capital is host to lots of trendy bars and world class restaurants, sitting side by side with historic cafés and cosy local restaurants. It is great for shopping with modern galleries, exclusive boutiques, as well as small and unique stores.

Stockholm is both urban and close to nature. Being built on 14 islands, where lake and sea meets, the water is always present. There are many parks (such as the Royal Djurgården) and green areas within the city, and just outside the city you'll find easily accessible nature, with forests, lakes, and national parks. From the central parts of Stockholm, you can jump on a boat.