



**Spanish stroll:**  
A couple stop to kiss as they walk at Barcelona's Barceloneta Beach. Spain eased several of its lockdown measures at the weekend  
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# Locking lips after the lockdown

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# 'THE WORLD MUST WORK TOGETHER'

■ PM CALLS ON COUNTRIES TO JOIN FORCES AGAINST VIRUS IN A 'SHARED ENDEAVOUR'  
■ ONLINE PLEDGING CONFERENCE AIMS TO RAISE £6.6bn FOR GLOBAL RESPONSE

BORIS JOHNSON will today urge the world to come together in the quest for a coronavirus vaccine as he joins a bid to raise £6.6billion to fight the pandemic.

The prime minister will declare at an international pledging conference that the search for an 'impregnable shield' to stop Covid-19 is the 'most urgent shared endeavour of our lifetimes'.

The online conference is being hosted by nine countries and organisations including Britain, with about 30 set to attend and hopefully give money. The

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government has promised £388million for research into tests, treatments and vaccines, as part of a £744million pledge to help end the virus crisis and support the global economy.

Mr Johnson is expected to say: 'To win this battle, we must work together to build an impregnable shield around all our people and that can only be

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Boris Johnson says a vaccine must be found to defeat virus

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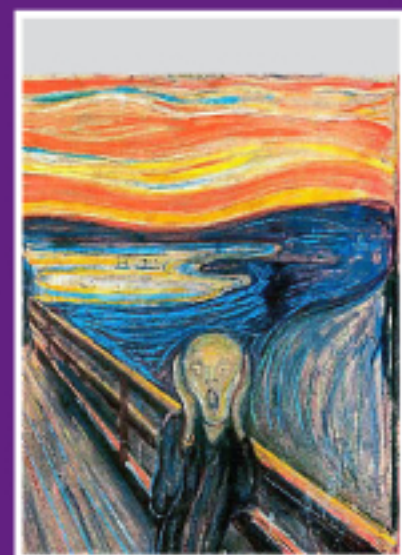
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## THE ART OF STAYING AT HOME

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**MUNCH MUSEUM**

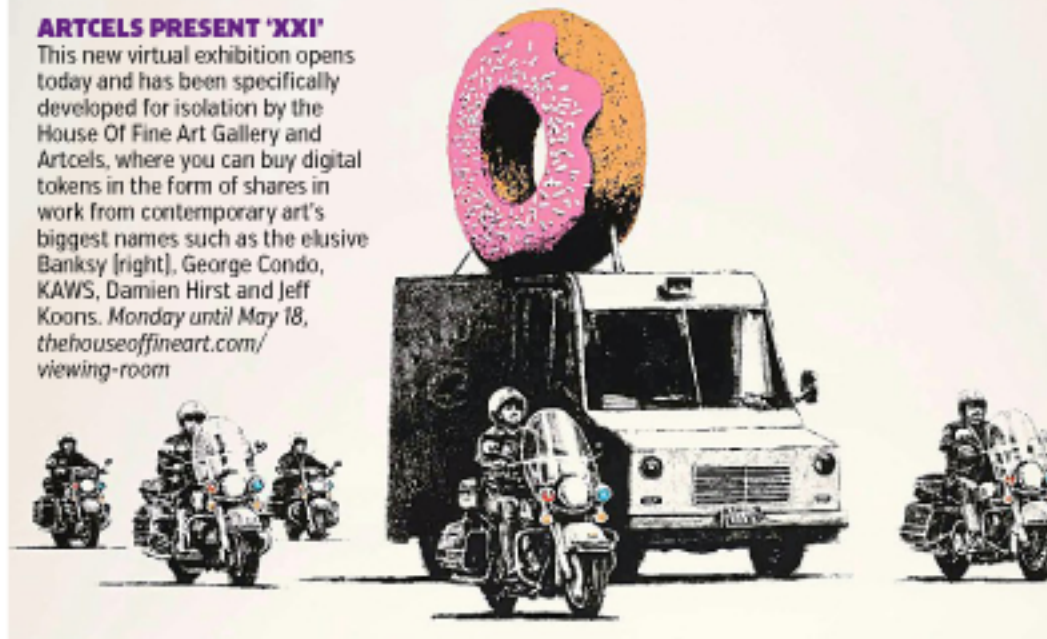
Curators at Oslo's Edvard Munch Museum are giving guided tours (in English) via Facebook and Instagram Live, taking in individual paintings like the world-famous *The Scream* (right), and interacting with viewers in real time. The tours are proving hugely popular, with 1.8million views of the most recent, and if you're unable to make the 'live tour', they're available to watch on the museum's YouTube channel and Facebook page. [facebook.com/munchmuseum](https://facebook.com/munchmuseum)

**NOTTINGHAM CONTEMPORARY**

The Contemporary has seven exhibitions to virtually visit, including its acclaimed show, *Still Undead: Popular Culture In Britain Beyond The Bauhaus*, which examined the impact of German art movement of the 1920s and 1930 on British popular culture, across music (New Order music video), fashion and style (Leigh Bowery, Vidal Sassoon) and design (Terence Conran). Highlights include Australian photographer Robyn Beeche's *Bauhaus (Spirals)*, pictured, which captures the movement's essence of stylish and playful experimentation. [nottinghamcontemporary.org](https://nottinghamcontemporary.org)

**ARTCELS PRESENT 'XXI'**

This new virtual exhibition opens today and has been specifically developed for isolation by the House Of Fine Art Gallery and Artcells, where you can buy digital tokens in the form of shares in work from contemporary art's biggest names such as the elusive Banksy (right), George Condo, KAWS, Damien Hirst and Jeff Koons. Monday until May 18, [thehouseoffineart.com/viewing-room](https://thehouseoffineart.com/viewing-room)

**NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY**

There's an embarrassment of online riches to explore at the NPG, with 11,000 portrait paintings, 250,000 photos, and 80,000 prints and drawings. The Highlights tour cherry-picks 12 portraits, from the 16th to 20th centuries, including Queen Elizabeth II, a young Winston Churchill, the Brontë Sisters, and Albert Charles Challen's wonderful 1869 portrait of nurse Mary Seacole (inset, right), which was discovered at a car boot sale. You can also explore paintings from specific periods, take video tours, and search the collections via themes. [npg.org.uk](https://npg.org.uk)

**STEDELIJK MUSEUM**

The Amsterdam museum of modern, contemporary art and design has a variety of slick virtual offerings, such as live Instagram tours of exhibitions and collections at 1pm (UK time) every Friday. The most recent tour focuses on the design collection 1920-1970, while previous ones have included *The Future Is Now* exhibition by Korean-American artist Nam June Paik, whose playful works such as *TV Garden* reflect on mass media. The Stedelijk also has mini-docs and audio tours, and its Instagram is home to the *Modern Art In 1 Minute* series, where staff wax lyrical about a specific work of art in 60 seconds. [stedelijk.nl/en/stay-at-home-stedelijk](https://stedelijk.nl/en/stay-at-home-stedelijk)

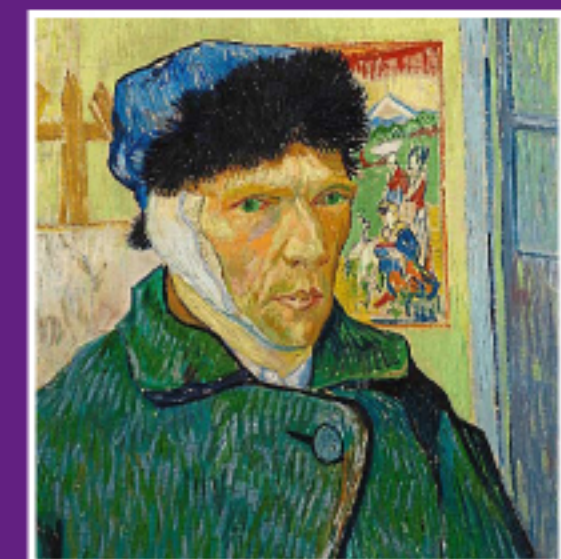
**METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF MODERN ART**

The New York's museum's wildly successful virtual tour series, *The Met 360° Project*, has broken new ground in developing virtual visiting experiences, having been viewed 11million times and scooped awards. The series of six 360-degree tour videos can be viewed by phone, laptop, desktop and VR

headset, and take in a sweeping view of the Great Hall, which welcomes six million visitors a year. You also get the chance to experience sunrise to sunset in the Roman Temple Of Dendur, above, which was originally located on the River Nile, and dates back to 15BC. [metmuseum.org](https://metmuseum.org)

**VAN GOGH MUSEUM**

The Amsterdam museum housing the biggest collection of Vincent Van Gogh's works (200 paintings, 500 drawings, 750 letters) is bringing the Dutch post-Impressionist artist to life during lockdown. There are 4K quality video tours of the museum, stories about his tumultuous life, lesson plans for home-schooling, letters to read and researchers answering frequently asked questions, including the reason why he lopped off his ear, pictured right. There are more virtual exhibitions via Google Arts And Culture, while the museum has made Van Gogh's work available to brighten up your island on cult video game, *Animal Crossing*. [vangoghmuseum.nl](https://vangoghmuseum.nl)

**NATIONAL GALLERY**

Brush up on your art history by viewing every single one of the National Gallery's 2,649 paintings, many of which aren't on display, and reading the detailed accompanying notes. As they say 'you bring the tea, we'll bring the art'. It can be overwhelming knowing where to start, so why not begin with the crowd-pleasing masterpieces by JMW Turner, Paul Cézanne, Claude Monet, Rembrandt, Michelangelo and Raphael? Or take the Google Arts And Culture tour through one of 12 online exhibitions, including a forensic view of Monet's *The Water-Lily Pond*, pictured right. [nationalgallery.org.uk](https://nationalgallery.org.uk), [artsandculture.google.com](https://artsandculture.google.com)



son Stephen Lawrence, in each of the tears falling from her eyes. [tate.org.uk](https://tate.org.uk)

**PICASSO AND PAPER**

You can take a virtual tour of the Royal Academy's recent blockbuster exhibition, *Picasso And Paper*. The 40 minute-tour, using text from the exhibition, explores the artist's lifelong obsession with paper, and spans sketches, drawings with crayons and charcoal, paintings, cutouts, prints, collages and more. With over 300 works, including the mesmerising *Seated Woman (Dora)*, above, as well as sketches that later appeared in his anti-war masterpiece, *Guernica*, there's plenty to marvel at. [royalacademy.org.uk](https://royalacademy.org.uk)

**TATE**

As you might expect, there's a plethora of ways to virtually enjoy the Tate's vast collections of world-class artworks. For example, you can take a Walk Through British Art and enjoy 351 works from Hogarth to Hockney, or head over to YouTube for video tours of exhibitions, such as the recent Andy Warhol show at Tate Modern, featuring his trademark vibrant portraits of Debbie Harry (inset) and Mick Jagger. There are also videos telling the stories of one-off works, including Chris Ofili's *No Woman, No Cry* (1998), a heartbreaking yet majestic painting of Baroness Doreen Lawrence, with images of her murdered

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