

Discover art with semantic AI search

ArtSearch puts over a million artworks — paintings, sculptures, coins, furniture, and textiles from prestigious museums worldwide — behind one simple, developer-friendly API. Search by meaning, filter like a curator, and pull rich, ready-to-use descriptions for every piece.

1M+

Artworks catalogued

24

Artwork types · 70+ materials

21

Filterable techniques

21

SDK languages

99.9%

Uptime, every plan

3,000+

Developers building on it

What is ArtSearch?

A single REST API for the world's visual art heritage. Where a keyword catalogue makes you know the exact title, ArtSearch understands intent — a query like "*medieval knights*" or "*serene coastal landscapes*" returns the right works. Every artwork carries structured metadata (type, material, technique, epoch, origin) and an AI-written description, so you get both data and narrative in one call.

Who is it for?

- ✓ Product & engineering teams adding art, culture, or imagery features.
- ✓ Education, media, and cultural-tech builders who need context, not just pixels.
- ✓ AI/ML teams grounding models with curated, well-described art data.

CAPABILITIES

One API, three endpoints

Plain HTTPS + JSON. Authenticate with a single x-api-key header — no OAuth dance.

GET

Search Artworks

`/artworks?query=...`

Semantic search across the full catalogue with a dozen optional filters.

Returns: total available count + an artworks[] list (id, title, image URL).

GET

Retrieve Artwork

`/artworks/{id}`

Fetch one artwork's full record by its identifier.

Returns: title, image, start & end date, and a rich AI-generated description.

GET

Random Artwork

`/artworks/random`

Surface a random piece — perfect for "art of the day" and discovery.

Returns: a single, complete artwork record.

FILTERING

Filter like a curator

Combine any of these on the Search endpoint — set as few or as many as you need.



Semantic query

natural language

Free-text intent matching, e.g. "impressionist gardens" — not just literal title keywords.



Epoch & date range

earliest / latest

Bound works by creation and completion year to isolate any period in history.



Type

24 values

painting sculpture drawing photograph
furniture jewellery tapestry print +16 more



Material

70+ values

oil paint bronze marble canvas gold ivory
porcelain silk +more



Technique

21 values

engraving etching lithography woodcut casting
gilding weaving +more



Aspect ratio & origin

layout-aware

Filter by image width/height ratio to fit any UI, frame, or canvas — and by country/region of origin.

SEE IT IN ACTION

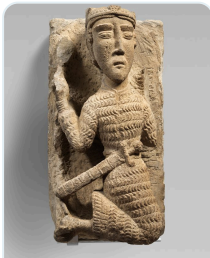
Query → results → rich record

GET

`/artworks?query=medieval+knight&number=3`



Knighthly Sword
1401–1450



Kneeling Knight
c. 1250



A Knight in Armor
1907

GET /ARTWORKS/25623857

```
{
  "id": 25623857,
  "title": "Knighthly Sword",
  "image": "https://img.artsearch.io/...",
  "start_date": 1401,
  "end_date": 1450,
  "description": "A knightly sword crafted between 1401 and 1450 – a long, tapered blade built for cutting and thrusting, with a crossguard, leather-wrapped grip, and decorated pommel signalling the owner's status..."
}
```

What sets it apart



Semantic AI search

Queries are matched on intent, not exact strings. Users find the right works with the words they'd naturally use — no precise titles or tagging required.



AI-written descriptions

Every artwork ships with rich, contextual prose covering form, materials, and history — content that's ready to display, narrate, or feed to a model.



Catalogue-grade metadata

Faceted filtering across type, material, technique, epoch, and origin — the structure of a museum collection, exposed as clean query parameters.



Breadth beyond paintings

Sculpture, furniture, textiles, coins, jewellery, photographs and more — a million-plus pieces spanning media and millennia, from museums worldwide.



Layout-aware results

Filter by image aspect ratio — a genuinely uncommon capability that lets results drop cleanly into a grid, hero banner, print, or phone screen.



Built for developers

21 SDK languages, copy-paste examples in 6, a public Postman collection, simple key auth, and live quota headers on every response.

Production-ready & dependable

99.9%

Uptime on every plan, with a public status page

2015

skycraft GmbH building APIs since

EU

Operated from Dresden, Germany

3,000+

Developers already building on the API

1%

Pledged to fighting climate change



Transparent quotas, no surprises

Each response returns X-API-Quota-Request, X-API-Quota-Used, and X-API-Quota-Left headers, so your app always knows exactly where it stands. Plans scale from a free tier for prototyping up to high-volume production traffic.

Use cases

Representative applications of the API across industries.



Education & EdTech

Power art-history courses and study tools with museum-quality visuals and ready-made descriptions — flashcards, timelines, and "explain this piece" features.



Museums & cultural tech

Drive digital collections, gallery kiosks, and discovery search — let visitors explore by theme, era, or medium instead of memorising catalogue numbers.



Media & publishing

Illustrate articles, newsletters, and social posts with historically rich imagery and instant context, sourced from world museums in a single call.



Generative AI & ML

Ground LLMs and RAG pipelines with curated art metadata and descriptions, assemble training datasets, or pull style and composition references on demand.



Design & print-on-demand

Source wall art, wallpapers, and prints — and use aspect-ratio filtering to fit every frame, device, and canvas size without manual cropping.



Games & consumer apps

Add "art of the day," trivia, mood-board, and theming features — the Random and Search endpoints make delightful discovery a few lines of code.

GET STARTED

Live in three steps

Free key, zero setup — your first call takes minutes.

1

Grab a free API key

Sign up in the console — no credit card to start.

artsearch.io/console

2

Copy a ready-made snippet

Working examples in cURL, Java, JavaScript, Python, Go, and C# — paste and run.

3

Drop in an SDK (optional)

Prefer a native client? Choose from 21 languages, or explore the Postman collection.

YOUR FIRST CALL

Search the whole collection in a single request — here's the raw cURL:

```
curl "https://api.artsearch.io/artworks?query=sunset+over+the+sea&number=5" \
-H "x-api-key: YOUR_API_KEY"
```



Art Search

Start building with ArtSearch today

A million artworks and a free API key are one request away.

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