

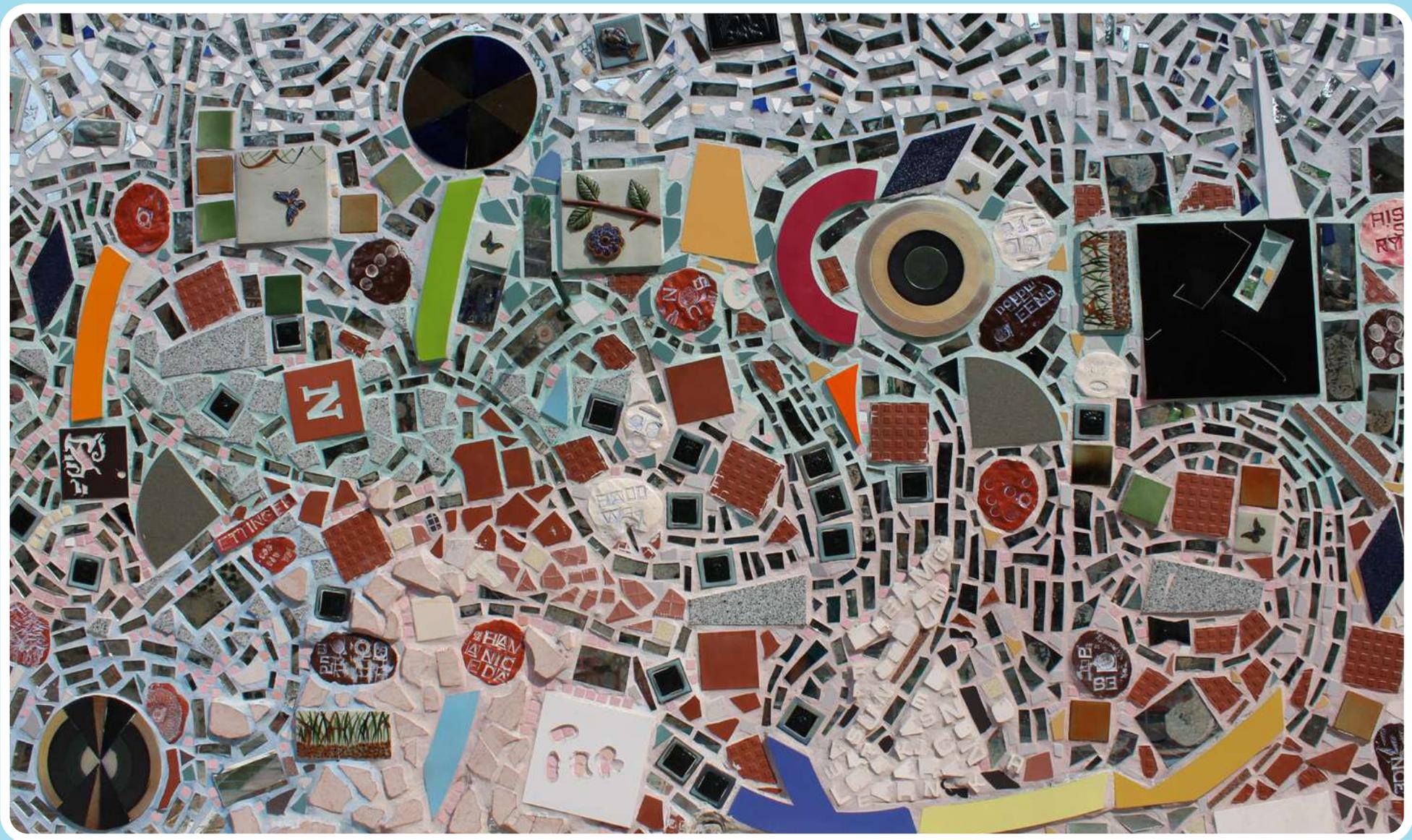


Philadelphia's
**MAGIC
GARDENS**

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE MUSEUM
GUIDED SITE TOUR



I am going to the Magic Gardens Museum. It is a museum and art environment that is covered with mosaics.



Mosaics are artworks made by arranging small, colorful pieces of material, such as tile, glass, or stones. An art environment is an enormous artwork that visitors can walk through.



The Museum has two indoor galleries. Galleries are rooms where art is displayed. The art in these galleries changes often. I can check phillymagicgardens.org to find out what is on display now.



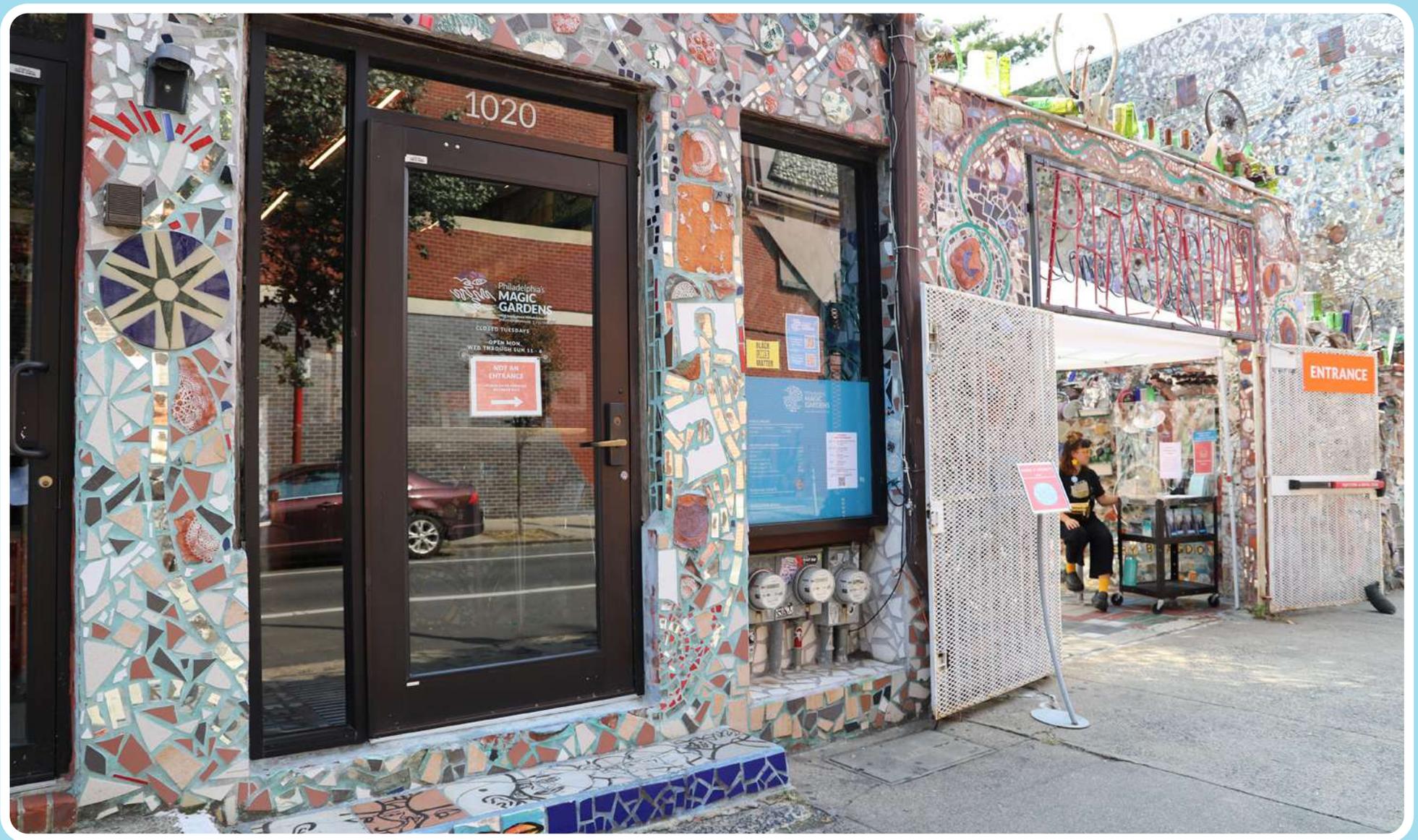
The Museum also has an outdoor sculpture garden. A sculpture garden contains artworks instead of plants. The sculpture garden covers as much property as three houses. Parts of the sculpture garden are below street level.



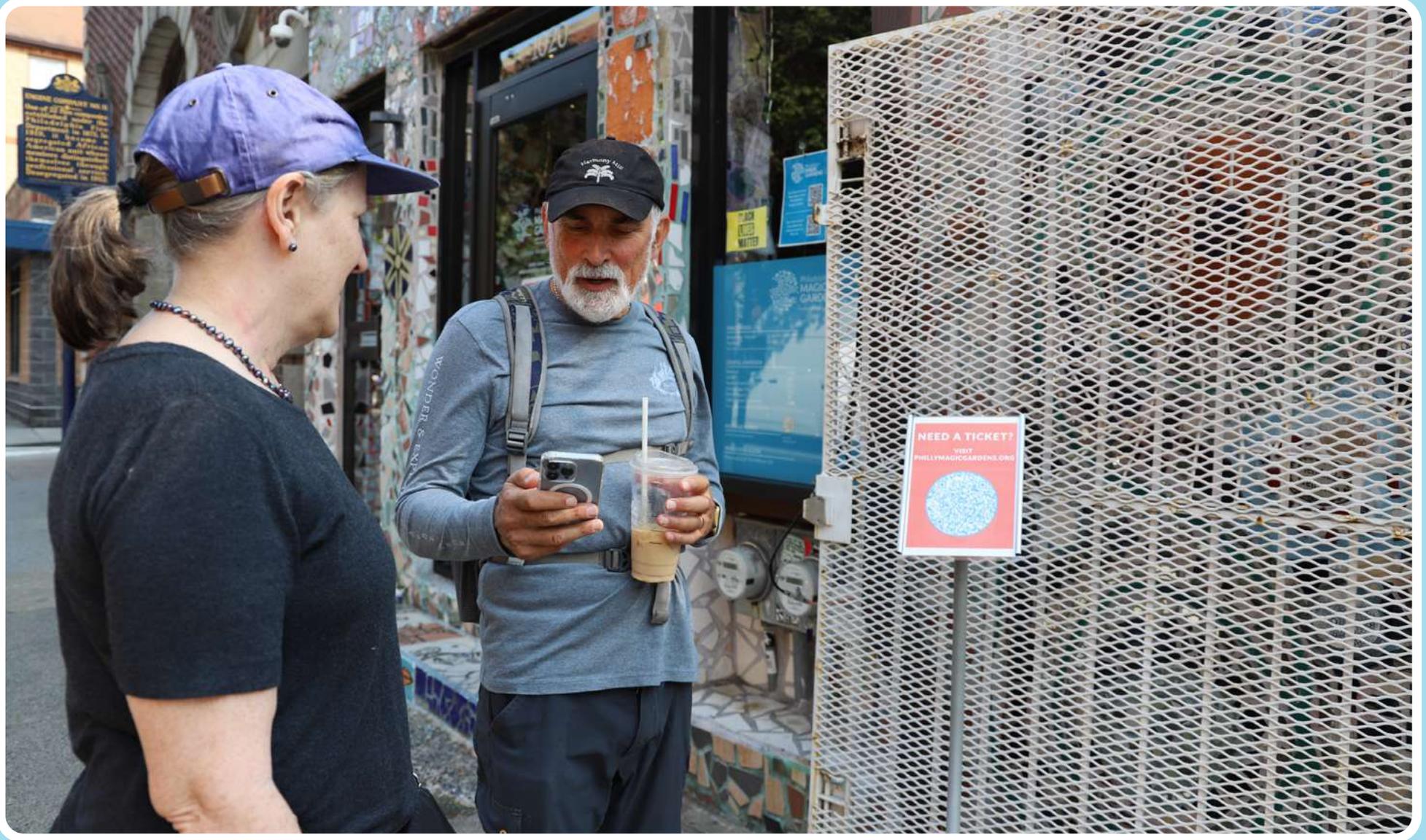
When I arrive at the museum, I will notice a mosaicked wall with a large gate separating South Street from the sculpture garden. There may be people standing outside, waiting to get into the museum.



There are two entrances to the museum. One entrance is a metal gate at 1020 South Street that leads into the fully mosaicked outdoor courtyard. When weather permits, the gate is used as the main entrance.



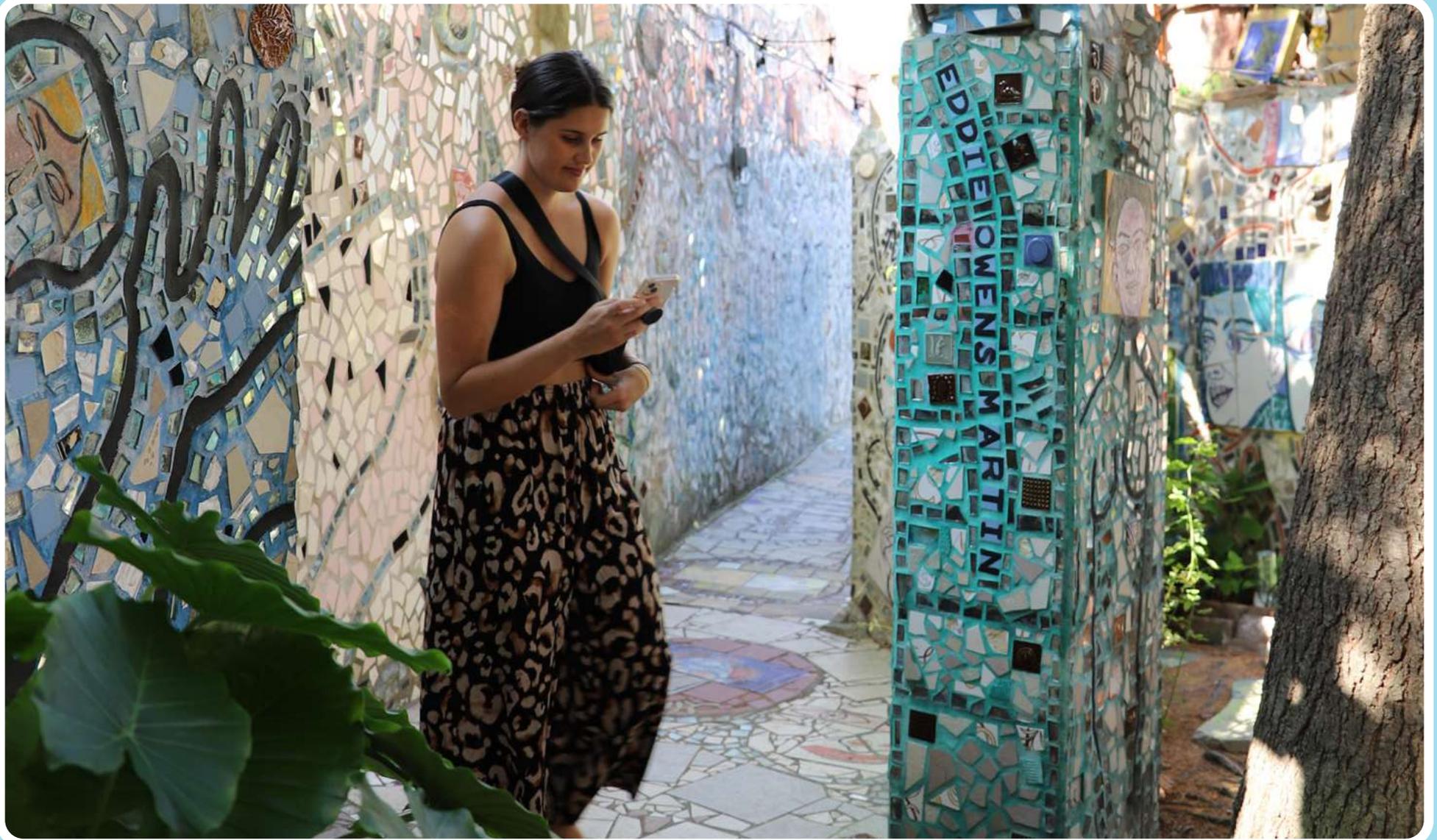
The other entrance is a glass door at 1020 South Street which leads into the gift shop. This entrance is used as an alternative when the front gate is closed.



I can purchase tour tickets on the website until 11:00 a.m. I can also purchase tickets in person before the tour if they are available.



I will check in with the person at the gate. They will point me in the direction of a blue sign where I will meet my tour guide.



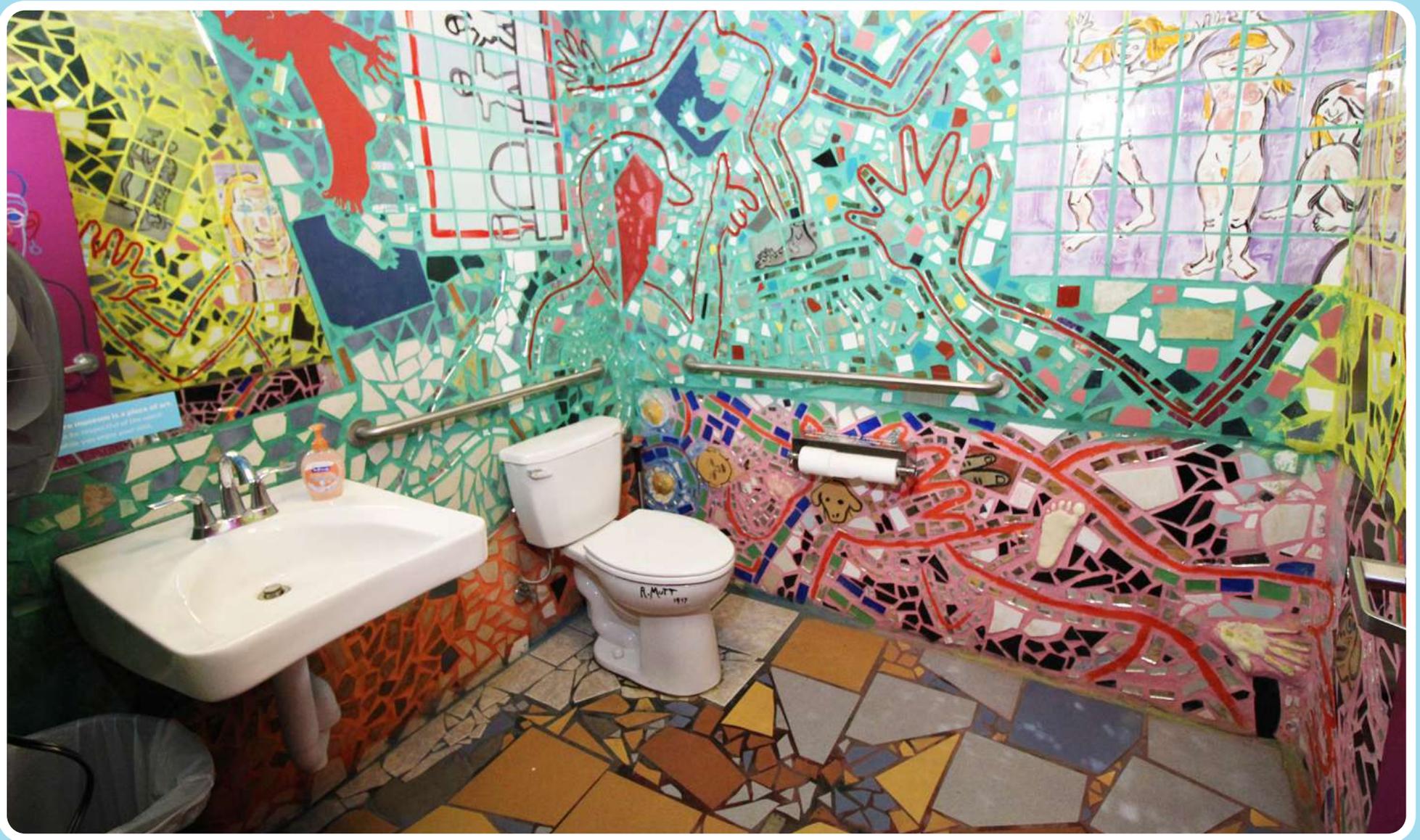
I can arrive as early as 11:00 a.m. for my tour. I can explore the museum while I wait.



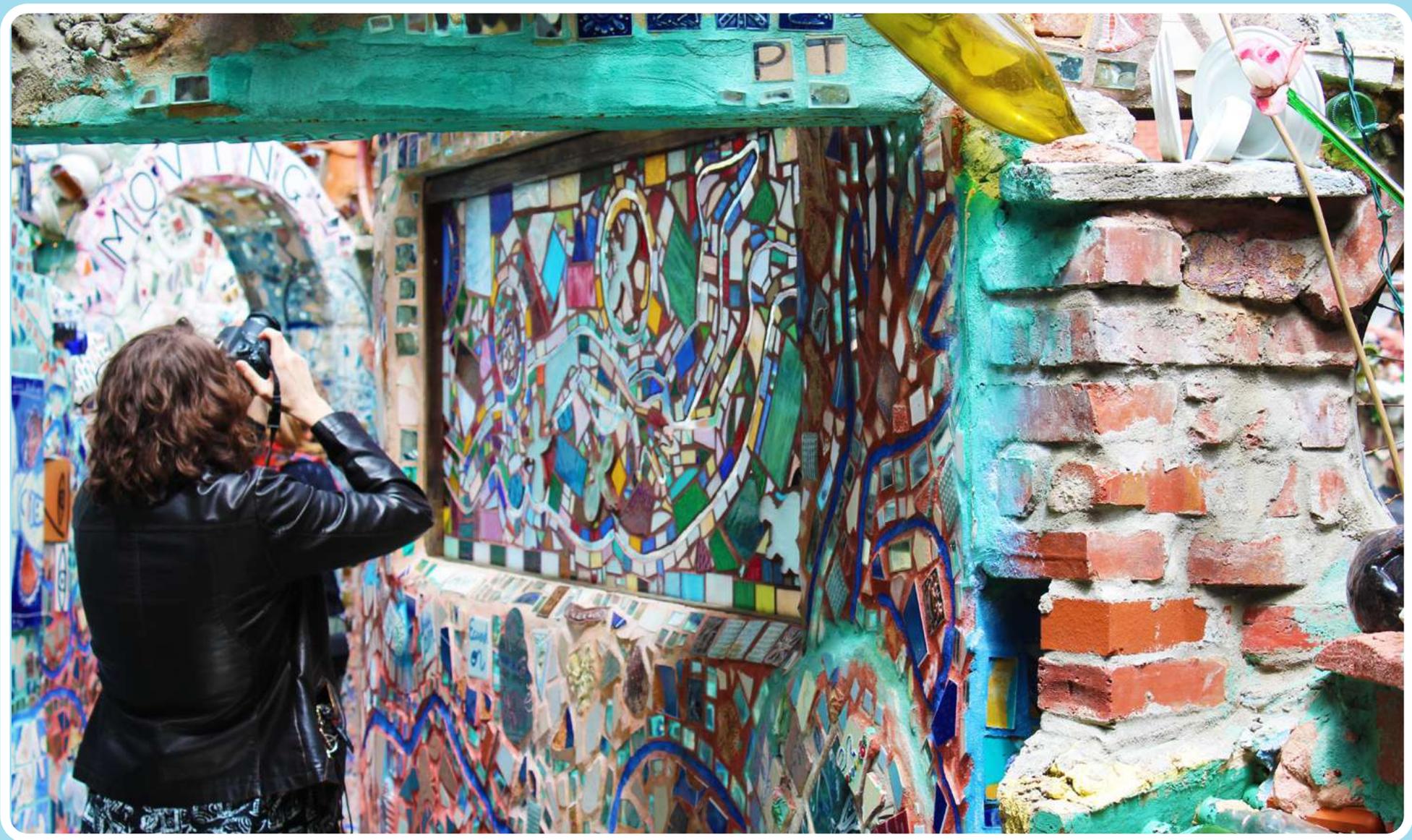
The ceilings and many walls are part of the artwork. I will take care of them. I will not lean against any walls or touch any of the artworks inside the Magic Gardens Museum.



Inside there are two galleries located on the ground floor. To reach the second gallery, I will exit the back of the first gallery and step outside very briefly. There is a small ramp leading from the first gallery to enter the second gallery.



There are three single-person bathrooms at the museum. One is located in the front gallery, which has access to a changing table. The other two are located just off the back gallery. One of them is wheelchair accessible. All bathrooms can be used by anyone.



I may take as many pictures as I like. I am not allowed to use a tripod or a selfie stick.



While looking at the mosaics, I may notice body parts or naked figures. Nudity is part of all kinds of artwork and it is a part of the artwork at the museum. It is okay to look at it and it is okay to not look at it. During my visit, I should do what is comfortable for me.



There are no drinking fountains at the museum so I will want to bring my own water bottle. There is no coat check at the museum so I will want to bring only what I can carry. If I bring something that is too large to carry, I can check my belongings with the front desk.



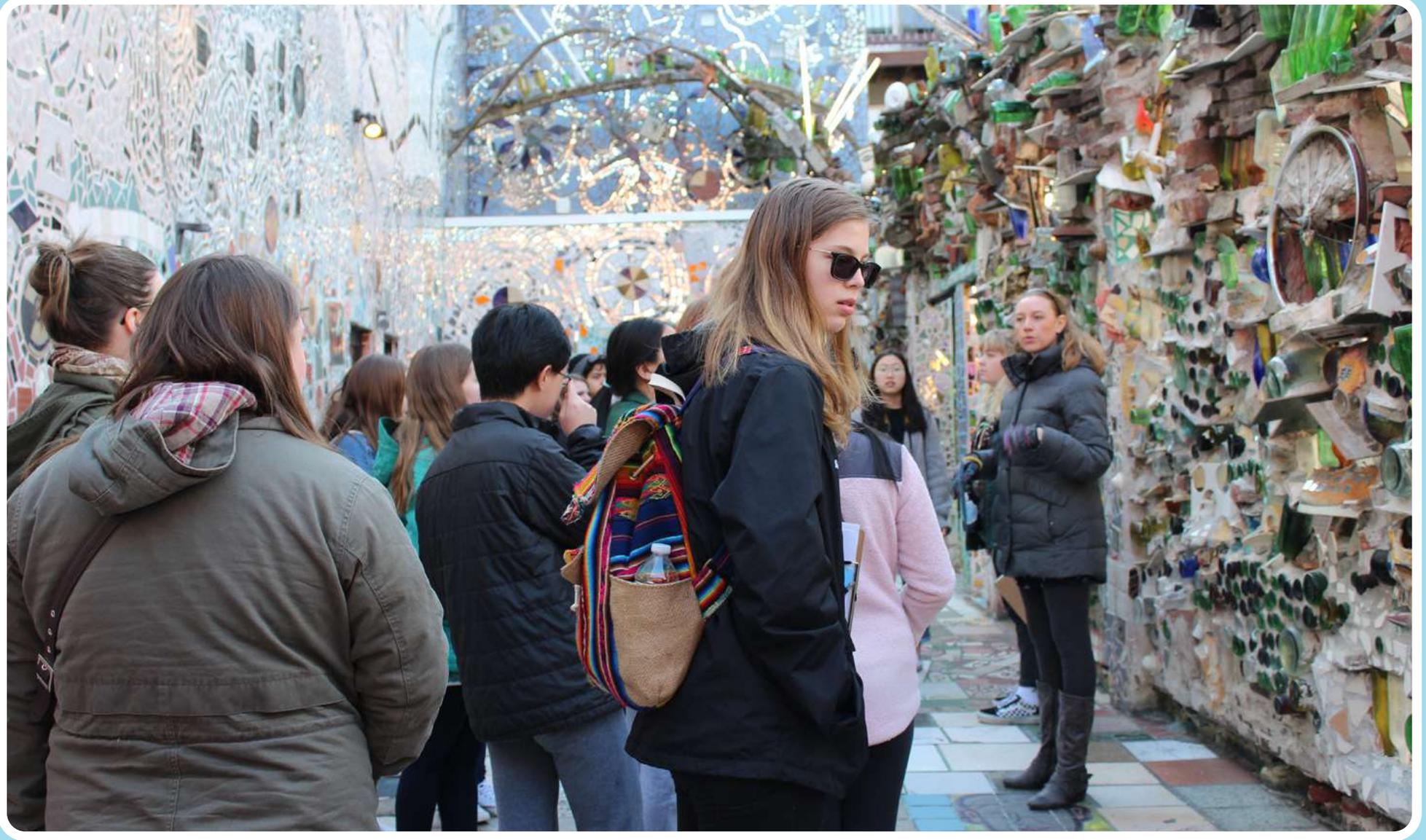
I may not use an umbrella in the sculpture garden even if it is raining. Umbrellas can damage the artwork. I can bring a raincoat or poncho to wear in the sculpture garden. I can use umbrellas when we go offsite. I will be careful walking in the sculpture garden if the ground is slippery.



The tour is about 1 hour and 15 minutes long. There are some places to sit in the museum. We will be standing and walking for most of the tour.



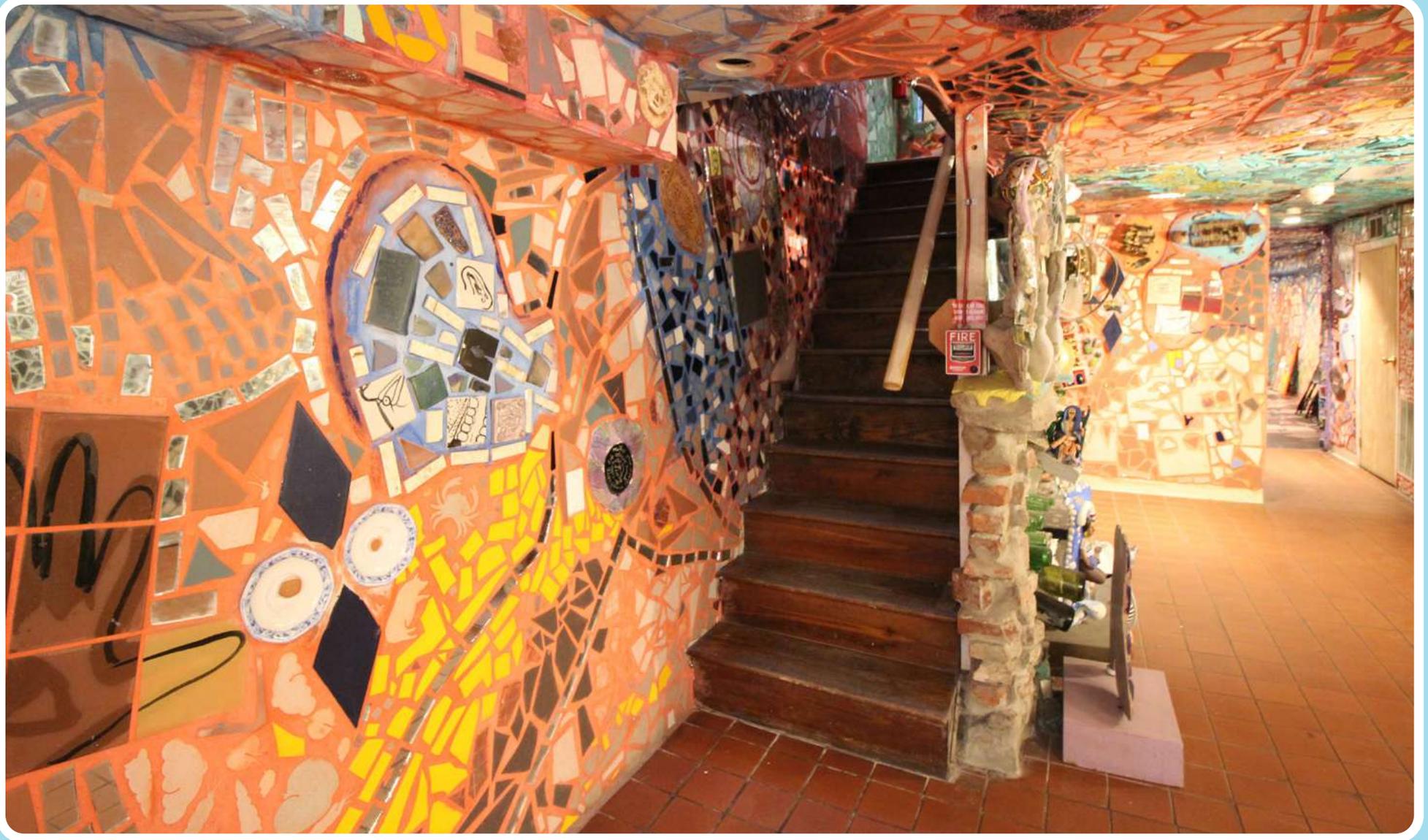
At 12:00 p.m. I will meet my guide at the blue sign. During the tour we will visit some of the sculpture garden, the basement, and some nearby murals. We may walk about 4 city blocks or about .2 miles.



We will be outside for much of the tour. I will want to dress accordingly.



When we are outside of the museum we will be in a busy neighborhood so I will want to watch out for cars and other pedestrians.



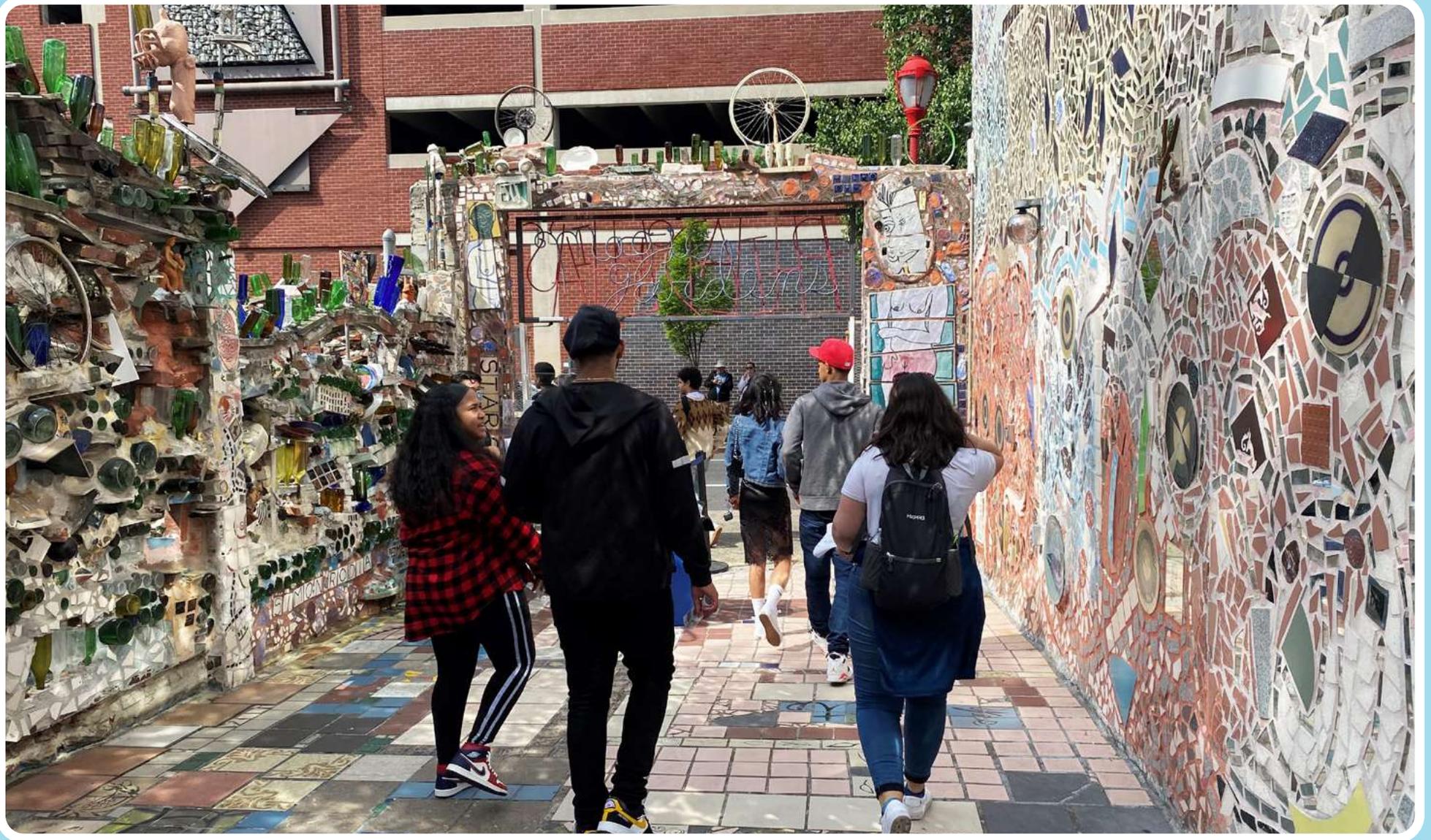
Our guide will invite us to visit the fully mosaicked basement. We will enter the basement through a door near the gift shop. There is a narrow stairway with a handrail that leads to the basement. I can go back upstairs at any point. If I don't feel comfortable going into the basement, I can continue to explore the main part of the museum.



I am welcome to explore on my own after the tour. If I decide to visit the lower level of sculpture garden I can use the handrails.



The gift shop is located near the front lobby. I might stop in to look at the artwork or purchase something before I go.



When I'm ready to leave the museum, I will make sure I have all my things and exit where I entered. I can take a brochure with me. It has additional information about the Magic Gardens and a map of other nearby murals made by founding artist Isaiah Zagar.

**Now I am ready for my Site Tour of the
Magic Gardens Museum!**

