

REEL Scenes

Our guide to some spectacular film locations lets you put yourself in the picture

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Europe's atmospheric landscapes and iconic buildings have always had star quality, but although cinema was born in France in 1895, during the 20th century Europe's attractions were mostly overlooked by film-makers searching for locations. Instead Hollywood took over the movies,

filming on their home turf. But now more and more directors have realised what they've been missing, and are shooting films on this side of the Atlantic. From James Bond to Harry Potter, directors are using Europe's treasures as the backdrop for their creations. Here is a selection of places where you can relive the action...



The Sound of Music (1965)
Location: Salzburg, Austria
Stars: Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer

Setting the scene: In perhaps one of the most celebrated scenes in cinema, Maria von Trapp (Julie Andrews) sings the title song with the glorious Austrian Alps as the backdrop. Today, fans from all over the world visit Salzburg to experience the sights and sounds of their favourite movie.

Other films shot here: Chitty Chitty Bang and The Third Man.
Useful website: www.official-soundofmusic-tour.com



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A Good Year (2006)

Location: Provence, France

Stars: Russell Crowe and Albert Finney

Setting the scene: Provence stands out in this film where Max Skinner (Crowe) inherits a vineyard from his deceased uncle (Finney) and learns to take life less seriously. Director Ridley Scott (Alien and Blade Runner), lives in Provence and thought of the film title over some wine...

Other films shot here: Robin, Moonraker and Jules et Jim.

Useful website: www.avignon-et-provence.com



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Location: Lake Como, Italy

Stars: Daniel Craig, Eva Green and a cameo from Richard Branson

Setting the scene: Relive this Bond film at Villa La Gaeta, a beautiful private residence near Menaggio, which was used for the scene where Bond shoots terrorist Mr White before saying the immortal line, "The name's Bond, James Bond."

Other films shot here: This famous lake has been the backdrop for a host of movies, including the romantic scenes in Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones. It is also the real-life home of George Clooney.

Useful websites: www.discovercomo.com, www.jamesbondlifestyle.com



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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001)

Location: Alnwick Castle, Northumberland
Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Alan Rickman, Maggie Smith, Robbie Coltrane, Richard Harris
Setting the scene: Harry Potter fans should head 33 miles north of Newcastle to Alnwick Castle, the main location for Hogwarts School, where Harry Potter meets his friends Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley. Gloucester and Durham's cathedrals were also used for interiors.
Other films shot here: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves and Ivanhoe.
Useful website: www.alnwickcastle.com



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Keeping Mum (2005)
Location: Isle of Man
Stars: Rowan Atkinson, Maggie Smith, Kristin Scott Thomas and Patrick Swayze

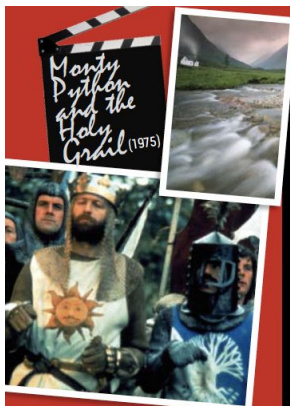
Setting the scene: Various locations on the Isle of Man – including Braddan, Douglas, Foxdale and St John's – were used as the fictional sleepy hamlet of Little Wallop, where a disillusioned Gloria (Scott Thomas) fails to resist the advances of her handsome, American golf instructor Lance (Swayze).

Other films shot here: The Isle of Man has become one of the busiest areas of film production in the British Isles, having played host to more than 80 feature films and TV dramas since 1995, including Five Children and I, Miss Potter and Iron Man.

Useful website: www.isleofmanfilm.com



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Location: Glen Coe, Scotland
Stars: John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Eric Idle, Graham Chapman and Terry Gilliam.
Setting the scene: Shot almost entirely in Scotland, this classic comedy sees the Knights of the Round Table being given tasks by a very silly John Cleese. The film was the basis for the hit West End musical, *Spamalot*.
Other films shot here: *Rob Roy* and *Highlander*.
Useful website: www.scotlandthemovie.com

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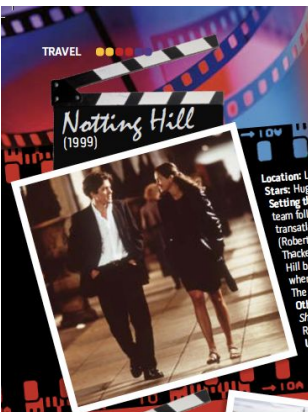
Location: Saunton Sands, Devon
Stars: David Niven, Kim Hunter and a very young Richard Attenborough.
Setting the scene: Squadron Leader Peter Carter (Niven) miraculously awakes on a beach after crashing his Lancaster bomber the night before and believes he is in heaven – an easy mistake to make, given he is on Saunton Sands in Devon. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, *A Matter of Life and Death* is considered one of the greatest British films of all time.
Other films shot here: In 1982 Pink Floyd's film *The Wall* used the beach for the First World War trench scenes and *Useful website:* www.devon-holiday.com



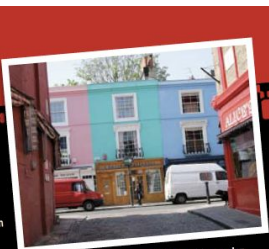
Location: Paris, France
Stars: Tom Hanks, Sir Ian McKellen, Jean Reno
Setting the scene: The Louvre granted permission for director Ron Howard to film on its premises for this thriller, but as the crew was not allowed to shine a light on the *Mona Lisa*, a replica was used instead. There are all manner of Da Vinci Code tours available where you can retrace the footsteps of lead character Robert Langdon, but the best way to explore Paris is independently.
Other films shot here: Over 650 film shoots take place in Paris each year. Recent films include *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Before Sunset*.
Useful website: www.allparistours.com

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Location: London, England
Stars: Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts
Setting the scene: The *Four Weddings and a Funeral* team followed up their smash hit with another transatlantic romance, with movie star Anna Scott (Roberts) falling for mild-mannered bookeller William Thacker (Grant). Writer Richard Curtis chose Notting Hill because he felt its diverse mix made it a place where two people from different worlds could meet. The area's famous Portobello Road was a key location.
Other films shot here: *Bridget Jones's Diary*, *Shakespeare in Love* and *David Cronenberg's* recent Russian crime thriller, *Eastern Promises*.
Useful website: www.filmindia.org.uk



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Location: Edinburgh, Scotland
Stars: Ewan McGregor, Jonny Lee Miller and Robert Carlyle.
Setting the scene: "Choose life. Choose a job..." are the famous opening words of Danny Boyle's classic British film that made Hollywood sit up and listen. The beginning of the film shows a glimpse of Edinburgh as Renton (McGregor) is seen running away down Princes Street towards the Calton Street Bridge. Although the film didn't show Edinburgh in its best light, the Scots are rightly proud of it, and today you can go on the *Trainspotting* tour and see where some of the film's epic moments were shot.
Other films shot here: *Harry Potter* and *The Prisoner of Azkaban*, *Shallow Grave*.
Useful website: www.leithwalks.co.uk

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Location: Curraclone Beach, Ireland
Stars: Tom Hanks, Matt Damon and Vin Diesel
Setting the scene: Following *Schindler's List*, Steven Spielberg's next Second World War film focused on the D-Day landings. The gruelling 24-minute opening beach battle, depicting the Omaha Beach landings, was actually shot in Curraclone in Wexford, Ireland. Other scenes were filmed in locations in London, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, parts of Normandy and even a former British Aerospace factory in Hatfield, Hertfordshire. "I think that the Second World War is the most significant event of the last 100 years," said Spielberg. "The fate of the baby boomers and even Generation X was linked to the outcome."
Other films shot here: *The Commitments*, *Excalibur* and *In the Name of the Father*.
Useful website: www.filmnet.ie

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