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Book & Film Locations



THE CREATIVE ARTS

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Books, Films, and TV Series

WHY THE ARTS MATTER

What is it that inspires adventure?

A few lucky souls may be captivated by the storytelling skills of well-travelled friends or relatives who recount enticing tales of distant lands and cultures.

But for many of us the wanderlust is stirred by those who use their imagination for a living - the writers and TV and film directors whose sense of fantasy and imagination introduces us to a whole new world.



In recent years, more and more of the requests we receive cite the arts as a motivating factor in choice of destination.

Some guests are hoping to soak up the atmosphere that they've read about or seen on screen. Others are keen to witness first-hand the scenes that made such an impression on them.

Either way it's become increasingly important to keep books, films, and TV series in mind when planning travel itineraries.



WHY EUROPE?

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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO FIND

The great news for Europe is that it's not exactly lacking in creative spirit and its medley of peoples and landscapes have dreamed and inspired infinite stories over the centuries.

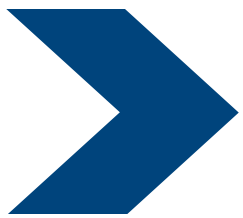
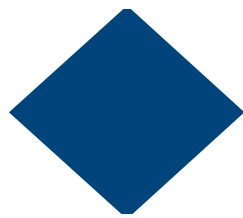
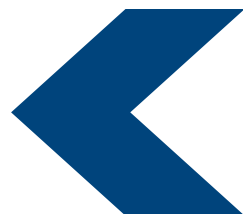
From Homer's epic Iliad and Odyssey to Gutenberg's printing press and the slapstick of Charlie Chaplin, Europeans have always been imaginative in finding new ways to tell a tale.

Every corner of our continent has made its own unique contribution, though you may need to dig below the surface to find the real treasures...or you could let the local experts do the digging for you!



It's time for Abercrombie & Kent to introduce you to the most inspirational book, film, and TV locations in Europe...





THE A&K HANDBOOK

Books, Films, and TV Series

USING THIS GUIDE



When deciding which works and locations to include we limited ourselves to places that show guests the very same houses, castles, monuments, and landscapes that appear in their books, films, and series.

So don't be surprised by our omission of some giants of European literature - the likes of George Orwell and Albert Camus miss out here as they tended not to write about sites that can be seen or visited in real life!

We should also point out that many films and series are shot across multiple locations, which explains why some names pop up more than once in different destinations.

This selection is in no way exhaustive - there are numerous works out there in every European country and you need only ask our expert travel consultants to find out what else can be seen on your client's trip.

But for a quick and easy summary of what's out there pick a destination, glance over the map, and learn more about the stories behind the stories...

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THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND



Co. Antrim



Game of Thrones

If ever proof were needed that one show can change the fortunes of an entire industry, just look at what Game of Thrones has inspired in Northern Ireland! In the decade since the release of the first season, Hollywood and Netflix originals have flooded in, recognising the suitability of the verdant Irish landscape and world-class studios.

All aim to follow in the mammoth footsteps of HBO's fantasy series, whose Winterfell Castle still stands proud on the banks of Strangford Lough, where countless classic scenes were filmed.

Co. Sligo

Normal People

Dublin

Michael Collins

The Cliffs of Moher

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince

Glenfinnan

Harry Potter

Glen Coe

Braveheart
 Skyfall
 Outlander

Edinburgh

Avengers: Infinity War
 The Da Vinci Code

Belfast

Belfast

Lake District

Peter Rabbit

Yorkshire

Wuthering Heights
 Dracula

Peak District

Pride and Prejudice

Oxford

Lord of the Rings
 The Chronicles of Narnia
 Harry Potter

Liverpool

Peaky Blinders

Cornwall

Poldark

Newbury

Downton Abbey

The Cotswolds

Lord of the Rings

Co. Wexford

Saving Private Ryan
 Brooklyn

Skellig Michael

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

London



James Bond
 Harry Potter
 Notting Hill
 Love Actually
 The King's Speech
 Mary Poppins
 Paddington
 Darkest Hour
 Sherlock Holmes
 V for Vendetta

Arguably Britain's two most popular male icons, not quite ahead of the Queen (check out Salisbury below to see Her Majesty pop up in The Crown), 007 and the Boy Who Lived feature the capital's palaces, museums, streets, shops, and alleys in more than enough books and films to list here.

King's Cross Station (try and find Platform 9 ³/₄) and Leadenhall Market (Diagon Alley) are musts for Harry Potter fans, while Bond buffs will be familiar with the sights round Whitehall and, of course, the MI6 HQ at Vauxhall Cross.

London is big and diverse enough to cater for all filming fantasies, whether it's iconic buildings like the Houses of Parliament, blown up in V for Vendetta, or even a residential area like Notting Hill, whose colourful houses hit cinemas worldwide in the 90s.

Salisbury

Bridgerton **The Crown**



FRANCE

Quiberon



Normandy



The Longest Yard

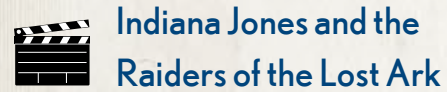


Saving Private Ryan



A Man and a Woman

La Rochelle



St-Émilion



You Will Be My Son

Côte d'Azur



No account of Hollywood's post-war glitz and glamour is complete without a word or two on this stretch of Mediterranean coastline.

Cary Grant, Audrey Hepburn, and Brigitte Bardot are among the international stars whose classic films of the 50s and 60s popularised the reputation of Riviera resorts and beaches as exclusive venues for jet setters.

But it was Grace Kelly who added royal prestige after a starring role in To Catch a Thief saw her go from 'Queen of the Screen' to real-life Princess of Monaco!

Loire Valley



The Man in the Iron Mask

Montreuil



Les Misérables

Paris



Les Misérables



Amélie



The Devil Wears Prada



Moulin Rouge



Emily in Paris



Midnight in Paris



The Da Vinci Code



Inception



Lupin



Marie-Antoinette



Rush Hour 3



The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Writers and directors have never been short of sources for inspiration in the French capital, making the most of its iconic sights and bohemian atmosphere to get creative juices flowing.

You can explore these perspectives all over the city: follow in the footsteps of Victor Hugo's downtrodden heroes, head to the Louvre to emulate Tom Hanks in The Da Vinci Code, or stroll through the Tuileries Gardens like Anne Hathaway in The Devil Wears Prada. Our favourite spot though is the Cafe des Deux Moulins in Montmartre - Audrey Tautou's Amélie no longer waits the tables but it remains a working bistro with that authentic Parisian feel.



Carcassonne



Robin Hood:
Prince of Thieves

Provence



A Good Year

Beynac



The Last Duel

Biarritz



Chéri

Marseille



The Count of Monte Cristo



Love Actually

The Pyrenees



Tomorrow Never Dies

Monaco



Day of the Jackal

Cap Ferrat



Riviera

Burgundy



Chocolat



Cyrano de Bergerac

Cannes



The Man in the Iron Mask



To Catch a Thief



Diamonds Are Forever

St Tropez



Two for the Road



And God Created Women



SPAIN & PORTUGAL



Santiago de Compostela



The Pilgrimage

Sierra de Guadarrama



Pan's Labyrinth



For Whom the Bell Tolls

Ask someone to imagine a typical Spanish landscape and it's rarely a pine forest that comes to mind. But it's the dark and eerie woods of the sierra that set the tone for Guillermo del Toro's 2006 fantasy as Ofelia attempts to evade the twin evils of monsters and fascists in Pan's Labyrinth.



Mafra



Baltasar and Blimunda

Lisbon



The Last Kabbalist of Lisbon



Night Train to Lisbon



On Her Majesty's Secret Service

Seville



Lawrence of Arabia



Star Wars II: Attack of the Clones

Bilbao



Origin

Porto



Harry Potter

Madrid



Money Heist



Winter in Madrid

San Juan de Gaztelugatxe



Game of Thrones

Pamplona



The Sun Also Rises

Barcelona



Origin



The Shadow of the Wind



Homage to Catalonia



Vicky Cristina Barcelona

Belchite



Pan's Labyrinth

La Mancha



Don Quixote



Volver



Game of Thrones



This fertile plateau to the south of Madrid represents a theatre of sorts for Spanish literature's most iconic figure: Don Quixote.

The windmills against which the eponymous character of Miguel de Cervantes' epic 'tilts' still dominate the Mancha landscape near the quaint town of Consuegra, allowing you to easily picture the Don and his faithful assistants, Sancho Panza and Rocinante, galloping around on their quasi-chivalric adventures.

Cádiz



Die Another Day

Granada



Tales of the Alhambra

Cordoba



Kingdom of Heaven



ITALY AND MALTA



Cinque Terre

- Wolf of Wall Street
- Luca

Lake Como

- Star Wars: Attack of the Clones
- Ocean's Twelve

The Dolomites

- A Farewell to Arms

Venice

- Casino Royale

Abruzzo

- The Name of the Rose

Florence

- The Medici: Masters of Florence
- A Room with a View
- Inferno
- Tea with Mussolini

Milan

- House of Gucci

Turin

- The Italian Job

Siena

- Quantum of Solace

Tuscany

Florence, Siena, Pienza, Cortona... the list of stunning Tuscan towns and cities goes on and on!

Few regions spoil you quite like this and you'll find countless sights and landscapes that reveal why just so much creative output originates in this corner of Italy.



Make your way to Arezzo to discover how its gorgeous city centre is largely unchanged from its wartime role in 1997 Academy Award-winner Life is Beautiful.

CINQUE TERRE

FLORENCE

San Gimignano

- Tea with Mussolini

SIENA
PIENZA

Montepulciano

- Twilight: New Moon

Civita di Bagnoregio

- The Name of the Rose

ROME

ABRUZZO

Naples

- My Brilliant Friend
- Gomorrah

Matera

- No Time to Die

Cefalù

- Cinema Paradiso

Palermo

- The Leopard

Savoca

- The Godfather

Amalfi Coast

- Only You
- Beat the Devil

Marsala

- The Florios of Sicily

Corleone

- The Godfather

Ragusa

- Inspector Montalbano

MALTA

Rome

- Angels and Demons
- Roman Holiday
- La Dolce Vita
- Eat Pray Love



- The Great Beauty

After pizza and pasta, 'la dolce vita' are probably the best known words of the Italian language worldwide and it owes almost everything to Fellini's 1960 classic.

Together with Roman Holiday, La Dolce Vita showed the world that the sweet life of Rome was all about vespas, the Spanish Steps, and romantic adventures, providing much of the stereotypical image of the city that pervades to this day.

Just don't go all Anita Ekberg at the Trevi Fountain - rules on public bathing are somewhat different today to what they were in the 60s!

Malta

- Gladiator
- Troy
- Game of Thrones
- Midnight Express
- World War Z



GERMANY, BENELUX, & SWITZERLAND



Amsterdam



Diary of a Young Girl (the Diary of Anne Frank)



Ocean's Twelve



The Fault in Our Stars



Layer Cake

In a city known for its charming canals and architecture, it seems a crying shame that the most classic of Dutch scenes also represents the setting for such a tragic but renowned piece of literature.

Anne Frank's Diary is a read that is simultaneously upsetting, of vital importance in understanding the horrors of the Holocaust, and uplifting in the unwavering faith in humanity of its teenage author. The narrow house on Prinsengracht where Anne recorded the life of her family in hiding is now one of the most visited buildings in the country and its influence has stretched to other works too.

In John Green's heartbreaking 2012 novel, The Fault in Our Stars, Hazel and Augustus share some of their most emotional moments at the house and a canal-side bench at nearby Leidsegracht.



Flevoland



Dunkirk

Bruges



In Bruges



Bruges-La-Morte

Deventer



A Bridge Too Far

Delft



Girl with a Pearl Earring

Brussels



The Adventures of Tintin



Erased

Mullerthal



Colonia

Groningen



The Man Who Watched the Trains Go By



The Paris Express

Berlin



The Hunger Games: Mockingjay



The Bourne Supremacy



Dark

Sababurg



Sleeping Beauty

Leipzig



Faust

Neuschwanstein



Sleeping Beauty

If you're getting a Disney vibe from Neuschwanstein you're not alone - on holiday in Bavaria, Walt Disney himself was inspired by this fairy-tale castle with an extraordinary backstory.



The Chicago-born animator adapted it for his Sleeping Beauty Castle, both on screen and in real life, as it now stands at the heart of Disneyland and has become an iconic symbol of the company itself.

A century earlier, the Brothers Grimm had instead named the fortress of Sababurg, hundreds of miles north in the central state of Hesse, as the setting for their version of the same story.

The German interior served to inspire many of the folk tales that the prolific duo penned in the nineteenth century - Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, and many, many more of our favourite childhood stories can be traced back to these vast woods and forests.

Wiesbaden



The Gambler

Rothenburg



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Bern



Einstein's Dreams

Geneva



Frankenstein



Syriana

Grindelwald



Touching the Void



North Face

Maienfeld



Heidi

Altdorf



William Tell



CENTRAL EUROPE



Prague

- Mission: Impossible
- The Unbearable Lightness of Being
- The Prague Cemetery
- The Man with the Iron Heart
- HHHH
- Austerlitz
- Amadeus
- The Golem

The complicated history and identity of the Czech capital is demonstrated in part by the fact that two of the nation's greatest writers wrote their finest works in languages other than Czech.

Kafka's surreal novellas in German paint a picture of Prague's mixture of cultures during its time in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, though the city itself rarely features in his plots.



Meanwhile The Unbearable Lightness of Being provides a fascinating insight into life behind the Iron Curtain, the Prague Spring, and the fear when Soviet tanks roll into Kinsky Square, but was first published in French due to the lengthy exile of author Milan Kundera.

Gdansk

- Zero Dark Thirty

Wrocław

- Bridge of Spies

Łódź

- Inland Empire

Warsaw

- The Pianist

Krakow

- Schindler's List** Widely regarded as among the greatest films ever made, Schindler's List features Krakow's most iconic sites, like St Mary's Basilica and Wawel Castle, while many important scenes were filmed on location in the city's Kazimierz district and are still visible today.

Historically the city's Jewish district, in Spielberg's account Kazimierz actually represents the adjacent Podgorze district, the ghetto to which the Jewish population was forced into by Nazi occupiers in 1941. This eviction is in fact depicted in the film as it crosses the Vistula over the Joseph Pilsudskiego Bridge.

Meanwhile it's Szeroka Street, colourful in real life, that stands in as the ghetto's black-and-white main square, and the film's instantly recognisable factory is now part of the Historical Museum of Krakow.

Błędne Skąły

- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Olkusz

- The Witcher

Salzburg

- The Sound of Music

Vienna

- The Day of the Jackal
- The Pillars of the Earth
- A Dangerous Method

Sölden

- Spectre

Bratislava

- Behind Enemy Lines
- The Peacemaker

Budapest

- Evita** While recent hits like Dune and Black Widow credit Budapest as a filming location, in truth they were hidden away in purpose-built sets at the Origo Studios. To witness the city in all its glory on the big screen you have to go back to Evita in 1996.



Funnily enough, this musical is actually set in Buenos Aires, but Budapest's delightful Art Nouveau architecture gave it the nod for filming and St Stephen's Basilica and the intricately decorated Gellert Baths are among the attractions to make fleeting cameos.



THE ADRIATIC & AEGEAN



Soca Valley



The Chronicles of Narnia:
Prince Caspian

Zagreb



Succession

Postojna



Armour of God

Rijeka



The White Crow

Pakleni Islands



The Odyssey

Split



Game of Thrones



Hydra



Boy on a Dolphin

The first Hollywood film to be shot in Greece, Boy on a Dolphin not only did much to popularise the Greek islands with an international audience, but also offered an interesting cultural insight.

We see the islanders' attempts to balance post-war modernisation with the work of traditional industries, such as that of Sophia Loren's sponge-diving Phaedra, and the discovery of ancient artefacts - a statue similar to the one Phaedra finds stands outside Hydra's main port today.

Dubrovnik



Game of Thrones



Star Wars: The Last Jedi



The Unbearable Weight
of Massive Talent

Vis



Mamma Mia!
Here We Go Again

Budva



The Long Ships

Kotor



The Dark Side of the Sun

Meteora



For Your Eyes Only

Skopelos



Mamma Mia!

Mykonos



The Bourne Identity

Ios



The Big Blue

Santorini



Lara Croft Tomb Raider:
The Cradle of Life



Sisterhood of the
Traveling Pants

Crete



Zorba the Greek

Arcadia



Arcadia Lost

Athens



Crimes of the Future

Kefalonia



Captain Corelli's Mandolin



We finish where we started, back with the series that has done more than any other to give filming locations an important role on travel checklists...

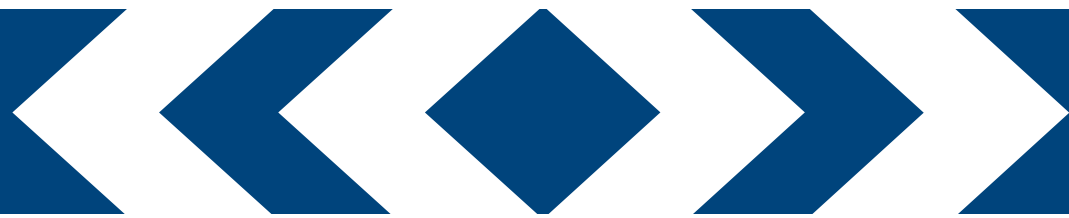
Yes, we're talking about Game of Thrones yet again and it was in Dubrovnik, whose red roofs and thick stone walls depicted King's Landing, that many of its most epic moments unfolded.

Make your way to Lovrijenac Fort and imagine watching Joffrey struggling to stomach the wine at the Purple Wedding. Just please resist the urge to recreate the infamous 'shame' scene at the Jesuit Staircase and instead admire the superb panorama across this beautiful medieval city!





WHY CHOOSE A&K?



A&K Key Services

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