

Stir crazy? Stuck at home? Take a trip via the movies

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The 1977 film "Annie Hall" is a valentine to New York. PHOTOFEST

So, the opening of the new James Bond movie is being pushed back due to COVID-19, not to mention your vacation plans have blown up like MI6's headquarters in "Skyfall." We're all in the same boat, kids, or rather we're all stuck on the couch (wouldn't a boat be

nice?), oozing with pent-up wanderlust. How to beat the homebound blues until we can all safely travel again? Pick up that clicker and find a good movie — one that will transport you to someplace distant and delightful. To get you started, there's "Under the Tuscan Sun," (sun-drenched, olive oil-soaked Italy), "Out of Africa," (Meryl + Kenya = fabulous), and "Eat, Pray, Love" (a travel three-fer: Italy, India, Indonesia), and virtually any 007 film (Turkey, Thailand, Egypt, the Swiss Alps, to name a few). Here are a few more, less-obvious choices that offer a virtual vacation thanks to cool locations and great scenery.



From left: Lupita Nyong'o, Chadwick Boseman, and Letitia Wright in "Black Panther." DISNEY VIA AP

Africa: Black Panther (2018) Yes, we know, Wakanda isn't real, and much of this blockbuster film was shot in Pinewood Atlanta Studios in Atlanta. But still, the flyover shots of the landscape — filmed over South Africa, Zambia, and Uganda — are stunning, and will make you want to go *this minute*. The lush jungle footage was filmed in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in southwest Uganda, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You've watched the movie for the plot; watch it again for the scenery (and no, we're not talking Chadwick Boseman).

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