



Travel the world from home!

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Travelling to far and wide places is not ideal right now. But that doesn't mean we can't explore the world from the comfort of home! These websites put the entire world at your fingertips, where you can visit monumental places, join presenters on their overseas adventures, or go on your own virtual tour, and more!

Self Click Virtual Tours and Videos

If you cannot visit places, virtual tours and videos make it possible. Virtual tours allow you to explore inside the environment, see collections, exhibits, landscapes, and you get to choose which direction to take and what you would like to see.

Most virtual tours have instructions or an information symbol that you can click on to find out how to navigate. If not, here are some generic tools:

- Click and drag the cursor (with mouse or trackpad) in the direction you want to look
- Click the onscreen icons (arrows, etc) to see where it takes you
- Press the arrow keys on your keyboard to turn left, right, move forward or backwards

Nature:-

- Explore the natural and cultural highlights of **Kakadu National Park**, Australia
- <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/discover/virtual-tour/>
- Swoop like a bird over the windswept **Cliffs of Moher** using an interactive drone imagery of the iconic natural attraction <https://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/a-virtual-visit/>
- Check out this amazing project at **Yosemite National Park**
– <https://www.virtualyosemite.org/virtual-tour/#node27> – that transports you to this bucket-list National Park. You can even hear the waterfalls!
- See all of the epic sights of **Yellowstone National Park**, and plan your visit for when travel resumes, with these <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>
- Connect with the wild nature of Alaska via this live feed <https://explore.org/livecams/brown-bears/brown-bear-salmon-cam-brooks-falls> of Alaska's **Katmai National Park**.
- An interactive journey of **The Great Barrier Reef** – by David Attenborough – where you go underwater to meet the fish and coral who call the reef home. - <https://attenboroughsreef.com/>



Museums and Galleries

- **Melbourne Museum** - explore a growing list of virtual tours, from Phar Lap to forest secrets - <https://museumsvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/at-home/virtual-tours/>
- **The Louvre** - <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne> - visit the museum's exhibition rooms, galleries and architecture
- Walk through the **Vatican's Sistine Chapel**, using your mouse instead of your legs. Look up, down, around with 360 degree view of the amazing architecture and fresco paintings - <https://m.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani-mobile/en/collezioni/musei/braccio-nuovo/tour-virtuale.html>
- **The MET**, NYC, Metropolitan Museum of Art's Met 360 Project – award winning series of six short videos invites viewers around the world to virtually visit The Met's art and architecture in a fresh, immersive way - <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-project#>
- **The VanGogh Museum**, Amsterdam: <https://360stories.com/amsterdam/oldamsterdam/story/vincent-van-gogh>
- **The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**, Washington DC - https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/z_tour-029.html - 360 degree views of all its exhibits
- **British Museum**, London – free interactive timeline – artefacts from ancient civilisations all around the world – ability to explore different eras, locations and topics - <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>
- **The Dali Museum**, Florida – celebrate the life and art of Salvador Dali <https://thedali.org/virtual-tour/>

Zoos and Aquariums:-

- **The Melbourne Zoo** brings the zoo to you - <https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>
- **Houston Zoo's** live webcams let you get right up close to the animals. One of the best views is of the giraffe feeding platform found at this link <https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/giraffe-feeding-platform/>
- Check out all the sea creatures that call this **Monterey Bay Aquarium** in California home on their live webcams here - <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>.
- **SAN DIEGO ZOO, CALIFORNIA** - Watch pre-recorded and live video streams of **San Diego Zoo's** many weird and wonderful animals here - <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams>

Theme Parks:-

- The gates might be shut, but you can take a virtual walk through **Disneyland and Disney World** theme parks thanks to Google Street View's 360-degree panoramas - <https://disneyparks.disney.go.com/blog/2018/03/disney-parks-launches-first-ever-360-degree-panoramas-on-google-street-view/>
- Fancy something a bit more thrilling? Experience a rollercoaster ride on **Disney's California Adventure** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cz_c6WTyxwo or **Frozen Ever After** rides at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8OHP9OriMA>.



Grand Overseas Adventures with presenters

You can be whisked away by a charismatic presenter vividly documenting their own journeys.

- **Parts Unknown** – produced in the US by CNN, 104 episodes since 2013, stream on *SBS on Demand* on Prime. Presented by Anthony Bourdain, the former New York chef turned author turned travelogue legend who took his own life in 2019. Traveller's rating – 5/5
- **Joanna Lumley's Adventures** – produced in the UK, 10 series from 201, stream on *Apple TV*, begins on *ABC* August 8. Presented by Joanna Lumley former *Absolutely Fabulous* who has become a travelogue fixture. Traveller's rating – 4/5
- **Street Food** – produced in the US, 15 episodes from 2019, stream on *Netflix*. Each provides a different city through the lives of the street-food purveyors. Traveller's rating – 4/5.
- **Searching for Italy** – produced in the US by CNN, 6 episodes released in 2021, stream with CNN subscriptions. Presented by Hollywood actor Stanley Tucci who also brings a love of good food. Traveller's rating – 4/5
- **Planet Earth** – produced in the UK by the BBC, 11 episodes beginning from 2006, stream on Stan. Presented by Sir David Attenborough, the most famous voice and name in the nature documentary history. Traveller's rating – 5/5
- **Departures** - produced in Canada, 42 episodes over 3 seasons from 2008, stream on Prime. Presented by Canadian friends and TV rookies Scott Wilson and Justin Lukach. Traveller's rating – 4/5
- **Great British Railway Journeys** – produced in the UK by BBC, 245 episodes over 13 seasons from 2010, stream on *SBS on Demand*. Presented by former Conservative MP Michael Portillo. Traveller's rating – 4.5/5
- **An Idiot Abroad** – produced in the UK by Sky One, 19 episodes from 2010, available on Amazon & iTunes. Presented by Karl Pilkington, Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant. Traveller's rating – 4/4

Other Interactive Tours

- See a hiker's perspective of the **Great Wall of China** without break a sweat! – interactive tour of the 10 km section <https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>
- Go kayaking between icebergs and climbing down inside an icy crevasse whilst exploring the mountains, glaciers and lagoons of **Kenai Fjords National Park in Alaska** - <https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/kenai-fjords/exit-glacier-tour>
- 7 hours of recording by drones of natural landscapes and cities across the world - <https://www.youtube.com/embed/IM02vNMRRB0>

Theatre and Concerts

Live Concerts

- **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra** – live streaming its upcoming scheduled performances for free! - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWC3rUkPeaV2B2r_bwwgnNw
- **BroadwayHD** – a streaming service like Netflix for theatre lovers. Watch live performances of the ballet, musicals and plays from around the world. US \$8.99 per month.

Fingertip fly with Google Earth

You can also fly across the world with Google Earth and visit famous attractions such as Big Ben, the Pyramids, museums, art galleries and treasures – even see street views, aerial views and photos of places all around the world.

Google Earth - www.google.com/earth

- Interactive atlas
- Satellite images and aerial photography (not live)
- View the entire planet, drill down to street level
- Virtual tours
- It's free! However you do use your internet.
- Google Chrome runs in your computer on your computer (now also Firefox, Microsoft Edge and Opera) or Pro downloaded on Windows, or the app on your tablet or smartphone
- Different views - shows borders, roads, names of places and more!
- Adds detail as you zoom in
- 3D and 2D view
- 360 degree view with the ability to zoom in and turn around
- Go into shops, buildings, even national parks

Features:

- **Menu** – all items plus you can turn on other people's travel photos, however this will slow down your computer if on a slow internet speed
- **Search** – type in a location you would like to visit, or queries
- **Voyager** – multimedia tours taking you to the furthest corners of the globe – grouped into categories - nature reserves, games, hikes and walking tours in street view, culture, travel and education. Video clips, interactive maps, drawings – even travel guides and planners
- **I'm feeling lucky!** - like a mystery flight to random locations



- **Projects** – store your favourite places, and create presentations by marking places on the globe (tutorial there)
- **Map Style** – choose what detail you would like on your map – borders, landmarks, roads, photos and more (by default Google Earth uses Exploration)
- **Measure Distance Area** – between locations you choose on the map

How to search

- Use your mouse to rotate the globe and click on a location then zoom down
- Or you can use the search box to search by
 - country, city or suburb, even street address
 - landmarks and other interests, such as Big Ben or Louvre
- Ask Queries – such as what is the capital of Italy
- You can also bookmark places to return to easily

Other Controls:-

- **Globe** – shows the part of Earth you are currently looking at. Double-click on a spot, or hold and drag to jump that location. Single-click to zoom back into the space
- **Target** – jump to your current location
- **Zoom in and Out**
- **3D or 2D**
- **Compass** – Click and hold lets you drag the map, SHIFT click and hold lets you rotate the map, however pressing this compass returns the map to north facing
- **Street View** – (person) blue lines appear when street view is on – roads, some off roads, and sometimes into shops. Drag the person from the side on to the map. Whilst in this view you can also turn around, click on the white arrows to rotate the map. Click street view again and it goes back. When in street view an information card will pop up to tell you more.

Voyager:-

- Editors picks are there by default
- Split into categories
- Use blue arrow to find your way around
- Can use the view commands in voyager
- So much to choose from!!
- London's British Museum, Musée d'Orsay in Paris,
- Marco Polo's journey to China, Adventures of Magellan, Drake and Columbus
- Not just history buffs – famous jazz clubs and tour the haunts of prolific authors like Ernest Hemingway
- Visit homes of writers such as Virginia Woolf, Beatrix Potter and Jane Austen

ANOTHER RESOURCE

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>

- More than slideshows
- London's natural history museum
- Works on any browser
- Scroll or use the recommendations at the bottom
- See the actual brushstroke of Monet or Van Gough

Some of these tours and activities are linked with Google Earth Voyager. Google Arts and Culture will appear in Google Earth Voyager under the tile name of the tour or activity, when selected you can click on the read more or explore more links to go to the Google Arts and Culture page.

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- www.beconnected.esafety.gov.au
Create a Free account with this government program to keep learning.
Your Support Centre is Stay In Touch Pty Ltd

BeConnected also have information on travel the world from home

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/quick-reads/virtual-travel-during-covid-19>

and Google Earth

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/online-hobbies/google-earth-more-than-a-map>

https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/pluginfile.php/9362/mod_resource/content/3/BeConnected_Tipsheet_Topic9_Course3_Googleearthmorethanamap_02_English.pdf

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