**21 Sites Offering Virtual Tours and Live Streams for Travelers Stuck at Home**



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As the world grinds to a halt in the face of the [**COVID-19 pandemic**](https://www.smartertravel.com/covid-19-travel-options-need-to-know/), many would-be travelers find themselves stuck at home, dreaming of their next trip. Fortunately, the internet is here to help. You can take a virtual tour of the world’s great art museums, watch live streams of adorable animals in aquariums and zoos, and even catch a Broadway show, all from the comfort of your couch.

**Sistine Chapel, Vatican City**

Though Italy remains in lockdown, the Vatican Museums have put a virtual tour of the [**Sistine Chapel**](http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/cappella-sistina/tour-virtuale.html) on their website so you can explore its magnificent artwork without the crowds.

**Google Arts & Culture**

Use the [**Street View section**](https://artsandculture.google.com/project/street-view?hl=en) of Google Arts & Culture for a peek inside dozens of museums and landmarks, including the [**Rijksmuseum**](https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/rijksmuseum-first-floor/rAG25bi4TlLfDg?sv_lng=4.884621843429613&sv_lat=52.36007271658467&sv_h=125.7&sv_p=-13.299999999999997&sv_pid=i3nQaTaKFyCHPgUuBxCQqg&sv_z=1&hl=en) in Amsterdam, the **[Museo Frida Kahlo](https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/museo-frida-kahlo?hl=en" \t "_blank)** in Mexico City, the **[Musee d’Orsay](https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/mus%C3%A9e-d%E2%80%99orsay-paris/KQEnDge3UJkVmw?sv_h=272&sv_p=0&sv_pid=FjndSjvl55w81vbNYu5DfA&sv_lid=6004477680878644429&sv_lng=2.327089926444344&sv_lat=48.85968476784497&sv_z=1&hl=en" \t "_blank)** in Paris, the [**Australian National Surfing Museum**](https://artsandculture.google.com/story/MgVBTYvRHV70gQ?hl=en) in Torquay, and the [**J. Paul Getty Museum**](https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/cwFdGYSXlaOg6w?sv_h=2&sv_p=0&sv_pid=SQiOe6lNRxGuLEN-mwxVdA&sv_lid=1642224056320697583&sv_lng=-118.47349300000002&sv_lat=34.0771277&sv_z=1&hl=en) in Los Angeles.

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**Broadway HD**

Broadway may be dark right now, but you can stream shows like *Kinky Boots*, *Miss Saigon*, and *Macbeth* through subscription service [**Broadway HD**](https://www.broadwayhd.com/). You can start with a seven-day free trial, then pay a monthly or yearly fee.

**Zoos Victoria, Australia**

Two zoos in Victoria, Australia, are bringing some of their most popular critters visible through [**live cams**](https://www.zoo.org.au/animal-house). Tune in for a glimpse at penguins, baby snow leopards, giraffes, and lions.

**The British Museum, London**

Take a virtual tour through time and space as you explore the British Museum’s [**wide-ranging collections**](https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/), from Japanese porcelain to ancient Egyptian artifacts.

**The Metropolitan Opera, New York**

Need a culture fix? The Met is streaming [**archived opera performances**](https://www.metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams/) each night through March 29 while the opera house is closed, including works from Wagner, Tchaikovsky, and more.

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**Monterey Bay Aquarium, California**

Be mesmerized by tropical fish, sharks, jellyfish, penguins, and birds on the live cams of the [**Monterey Bay Aquarium**](https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams) in Monterey, California.

**The Frick Collection, New York**

Survey the works of Old Masters like Rembrandt and Vermeer in a Gilded Age mansion with a virtual visit to the [**Frick Collection**](https://www.frick.org/visit/virtual_tour).

**Skyline Webcams**

What’s happening at the [**Roman Colosseum**](https://www.skylinewebcams.com/en/webcam/italia/lazio/roma/roma-colosseo.html) or at the **[Zocalo](https://www.skylinewebcams.com/en/webcam/mexico/federal-district/mexico-city/mexico-city.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** in Mexico City? Spoiler alert: Right now, not much. But there’s something soothing about being able to look out over [**famous landmarks**](https://www.skylinewebcams.com/en/webcam/italia/toscana/firenze/ponte-vecchio.html) and [**beautiful beaches**](https://www.skylinewebcams.com/en/webcam/ellada/ionian-islands/corfu/corfu-palaiokastritsa.html), even if they’re eerily deserted at the moment. Check out the full lineup of destinations at [**Skyline Webcams**](https://www.skylinewebcams.com/).

**Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, Madrid**

Madrid’s Thyssen Bornemisza Museum, currently closed, is offering a virtual tour of its [**Rembrandt and Amsterdam Portraiture exhibition**](https://static.museothyssen.org/microsites/exposiciones/2020/Rembrandt/index_in.htm?_ga=2.235699521.1976467000.1584711184-689526679.1584711184), scheduled to run through May 24.

**National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C.**

Get your fill of dinosaur fossils, minerals, Egyptian artifacts, and more with a virtual tour of [**this Smithsonian institution**](https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour), including past and current exhibits.

**Berlin Philharmonic, Berlin**

The Berlin Philharmonic is making the performances in its [**Digital Concert Hall**](https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home) free for everyone who signs up by March 31.

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**San Diego Zoo, California**

Let cute furry animals ease your cabin fever by tuning into the live cams from the [**San Diego Zoo**](https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams), featuring koalas, pandas, polar bears, elephants, and more.

**360Cities**

Providing 360-degree views of cities and natural areas across the globe, 360Cities offers a fun way to virtually visit [**rainforests**](https://www.360cities.net/curated_sets/293-rainforests%3A-home-to-plant-and-animal-species), [**monasteries**](https://www.360cities.net/curated_sets/279-monastery-exteriors-from-tibet-to-spain), and [**geysers**](https://www.360cities.net/curated_sets/290-geysers-are-column-of-water-and-steam). Check out the site’s **[curated collections](https://www.360cities.net/curated_sets/gallery%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** or search on a [**world map**](https://www.360cities.net/map).

**Volunteer Park Conservatory, Seattle**

Need a moment of Zen? This conservatory is posting daily live streams of plants and flowers on its **[Instagram account](https://www.instagram.com/vpconservatory/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**.

**Yosemite National Park, California**

Explore Yosemite’s waterfalls, lakes, and rugged rocks through the imagery at [**Virtual Yosemite**](https://www.virtualyosemite.org/).

**The Anne Frank House, Amsterdam**

Peek around the [**Secret Annex**](https://www.annefrank.org/en/anne-frank/secret-annex/) where Anne Frank and her family hid during World War II.

**Google Earth**

Take in 360-degree views of the Matterhorn, the Hoover Dam, the Florence Duomo, and more on [**Google Earth**](https://arvr.google.com/earth/).

**Florida Beaches**

Give yourself a virtual vacation with rolling waves and sunshine from live cams across the [**Fort Myers and Sanibel areas**](https://www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/current-beach-conditions) of Florida.

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**Tenerife, Spain**

See [**spectacular aerial views**](https://www.webtenerife.co.uk/multimedia-gallery/360/tenerife-air-360.htm) of beaches, mountains, parks, and rocky coast in Spain’s Canary Islands chain.

**National Palace Museum, Taiwan**

Navigate your way through the serene gardens and priceless exhibits of Taiwan’s National Palace Museum via [**this virtual tour.**](https://tech2.npm.edu.tw/720vr/enHome.html)