

Great escapes when you can't leave your lounge room

So, it sounds like physical international travel might be off the agenda for some time yet. But there is nothing to stop you from coming up with your ultimate isolation itinerary or doing some actual planning for when you can head on out into the real world again. Check out great travel inspired movies, books, podcasts, TV shows and audio books. Happy virtual travels and remember, dreaming is free!

Movies – Old movies, new movies, funny movies, sad movies ... there's plenty of movies that showcase the world in all its glory. Some suggestions for that quiet night in:

- A Room with a View (Italy)
- Top End Wedding (Australia)
- The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (India)
- The Talented Mr Ripley (Italy)
- Mamma Mia! (Greece)
- Midnight in Paris (France)
- The Darjeeling Express (India)
- Eat, Pray, Love (Italy, Indonesia, India)
- The Motorcycle Diaries (South America)
- Into the Wild (US)
- The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (Global)
- The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert (Australia)
- Out of Africa (Kenya)
- Seven Years in Tibet (Tibet)
- Lost in Translation (Japan)
- The Beach (Thailand)
- Vicky Cristina Barcelona (Spain)
- Tracks (Australia)
- Thelma & Louise (US)
- Under the Tuscan Sun (Italy)
- A Good Year (France)
- The Bucket List (Global)
- Easy Rider (US)
- Any Harry Potter movie (UK)
- Any James Bond movie (Global)

Books – Fiction or non-fiction? Doesn't matter just make the time to get into a good book and have the luxury of finishing it – maybe even in one sitting! Read on:

- *Memoirs of Geisha*, Arthur Golden (Japan)
- *Down Under*, Bill Bryson (Australia)
- *Dark Star Safari*, Paul Theroux (Egypt to South Africa)
- *In Patagonia*, Bruce Chatwin (Argentina)
- *A Year in Provence*, Peter Mayle (France)
- *Shantaram*, Gregory David Roberts (India)
- *The Beach*, Alex Garland (Thailand)
- *The Lost City of Z*, David Grann (Brazil / South America)
- *Turn Right at Machu Picchu*, Mark Adams (Peru)
- *Brideshead Revisited*, Evelyn Waugh (England)

Podcasts – Listen while you are walking or exercising or just relaxing. Let these podcasts take you away to perhaps where you would rather be.

- *Wild ideas worth living* – with Shelby Stranger and guests
- *The travel diaries* – with Holly Rubenstein and guests
- *The Trail less travelled* – with Mandela van Eeden
- *A Big Peachy Adventure* – Family travel podcast

TV shows – Available on YouTube and platforms like Amazon Prime, get your travel fix of the armchair kind!

- *Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown*
- *Departures*
- *Long Way Round and Long Way Down*
- *The Kindness Diaries*
- *Ugly Delicious*
- Various series featuring Rick Stein
- Various BBC series featuring Simon Reeve
- Various series featuring Bear Grylls (for the more adventurous traveller!)

Audiobooks – And why not have someone read to you – virtual company!

- *A Walk in the Woods*, narrated by Bill Bryson
- *Dogs of India* written by Polly McGee, narrated by Soula Robinson
- *Touching the Void* written by Joe Simpson, narrated by Daniel Weyman and Andrew Wincott
- *Wild Life: Travel Adventures of a Worldly Woman* written by Lisa Alpine, narrated by Kristi Burns
- *Wild* written by Cheryl Strayed, narrated by Laurel Lefkow
- *Fighting Monks and Burning Mountains: Misadventures on a Buddhist Pilgrimage* written and narrated by Paul Barach
- *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze* written by Peter Hessler, narrated by Peter Berkrot
- *Holy Cow! An Indian Adventure* written by Sarah Macdonald and narrated by Kate Hosking
- *Cuba Open from the Inside: Travels in the Forbidden Land* written by Chris Messner, narrated by Kevin Haberer
- *The Green Season* written and narrated by Robert Isenber

