

TOP 10 OF THE LATEST JAMES BOND FILM LOCATIONS



Delayed for one year and a half, and after a world premiere in London that not even British royalty dared to miss, with Prince Charles, Camilla and the Dukes of Cambridge walking down the red carpet, *No Time to Die*, the latest James Bond film, is set to premiere across the globe in October. Daniel Craig bids farewell to MI6 and the James Bond franchise, starring in the fifth outing as the fictional secret agent in a fast-paced adventure directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga. As always, the film is packed with style and action scenes, filmed in breathtaking landscapes from all over the world. From Jamaica, where a retired Bond receives his last mission, to Kalsoy (Faroe Islands), passing through the Italian city of Matera, the Amalfi Coast, the rugged mountains of the Cairngorms National Park in Scotland, and the scenic roads of Norway... these are the locations of the 25th James Bond movie. Tourism Review presents the best Bond film locations.

Port Antonio, Jamaica

The film takes us five years after 007's retirement. The former MI6 agent now lives in Jamaica, a common destination in many of the James Bond films, as well as the place where Ian Fleming was inspired to write the character, now available through Airbnb as a luxurious cottage on the famed Goldeneye estate.

On the north coast, in a charming Port Antonio resort, Bond lives a peaceful life until an old friend of the CIA, Felix Leiter (played by Jeffrey Wright), shows up to ask for help in tracking down Safin, a mysterious villain (Rami Malek).

Here we see the green hills, white sand beaches and turquoise Jamaican waters of previous films, such as *Dr. No* (1962), in which Honey Ryder emerged from the waters of Laughing Waters, and *Live and Let Die* (1973).

In addition to Port Antonio, the new film features places like the Port of Kingston, to the southeast of the island, the seventh biggest natural harbor in the world.

Atlantic Ocean Road, Norway

The Atlantic Ocean Road, or Atlanterhavsvegen in Norwegian, is one of the most impressive routes in Norway. Opened in 1989, it connects the island of Averøy with the mainland through several small islands and islets, as well as eight bridges, covering an 8.3-kilometer-long section.

Since it is one of the most fascinating roads in the world, it became the ideal setting for a fast-paced driving sequence with Bond at the wheel of his classic Aston Martin V8 Vantage.

Nittedal, Norway

Another Norwegian location is the quiet city of Nittedal, in the Romerike region, about an hour north of Oslo. The frozen lake in Nittedal is featured in another epic chase between Safin, the villain of the movie, and Madeleine Swann, played by Léa Seydoux.

Matera, Italy

From Norway we travel to Matera, Italy, known for the “Sassi”, an old area of the city with houses dug out of “tufa”, a porous limestone rock. This place is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

European Capital of Culture in 2019 (a title shared with Plovdiv, Bulgaria), Matera is featured in the film in another car chase that takes place through a labyrinth of narrow streets, ending with a leap into the void filmed on a bridge in Gravina di Puglia, about 26 kilometers from Matera.

Sapri, Italy

Another Italian film location is Sapri, on the Amalfi Coast, in the province of Salerno.

The scene is filmed in Spiaggia dell'Arcomagno, a beach with a natural rock arch created by the erosion of a cliff, which leads to a small bay of about 25 meters with crystal clear waters.

Kalsoy, Faroe Islands

One of the most remote locations used in the latest James Bond film is Kalsoy, an island north-east of the Faroe Islands, famous for having steep cliffs.

With less than a hundred inhabitants, the island is known as “the flute” for its thin shape, and boasts a total of 11 valleys with 13 peaks, connected by a labyrinth of partly surfaced roads and dark tunnels.

Cairngorms National Park, Scotland

The Scottish regions have become a staple in James Bond films. In this case, the scenario is the ever-shrouded Cairngorms range, which forms the largest national nature reserve in Britain. The Park is a spectacular ecosystem dotted with pine trees, streams, remote cabins, and towering peaks up to 1,300 meters high.

Ardverikie House, Scotland

Another driving scene with cars flying and Bond escaping villains in Range Rovers takes place in the Scottish Highlands, around the Ardverikie estate.

Also featured in Netflix drama *The Crown*, the Ardverikie estate is an incredible Scottish baronial house located in the depths of Kinloch Laggan.

Buttersteep Forest, England

Buttersteep Forest, in the English county of Berkshire, is said to have been closed for 12 days while shooting scenes from *No Time to Die*.

This wild and natural area in the Swinley Forest was once part of the Windsor Forest and features Georgian-era fortifications that were used to train soldiers during the Napoleonic Wars.

Salisbury Plain, England

Explosions and other special effects were filmed in Salisbury, in the Wiltshire County, property of the British Ministry of Defense, where the Defense Science and Technology Laboratory at Porton Down is, one of the most secret and controversial places in the country. It is believed that anthrax and sarin experiments have been conducted in there, as well as other nerve agents used as chemical weapons. Nothing screams 'James Bond' more than a military facility with a dubious and villainy background!

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