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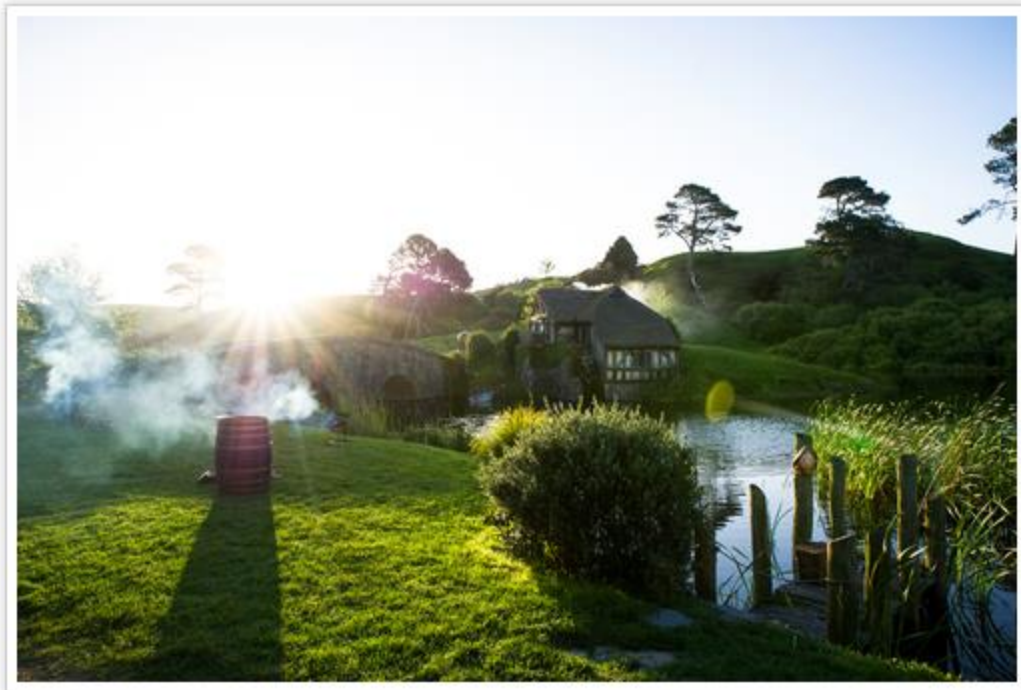
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"Set-jetting" means traveling on inspiration from your favorite films or TV shows. More and more destinations are banking on the hope that blockbuster movies or hit Netflix shows filmed in their location will lure you to book a trip yourself. Just as Hollywood awards season bestows gold on the best films and TV shows of the year, we're tipping our own hats to the best "set-jetting" destinations of the year.

Caption: Bergen shoreline from Adventures by Disney's Frozen Adventure

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New Zealand

The Lord of the Rings is by now the granddaddy of "set-jetting" films, and just when its orc-loving tourist base seems exhausted, a new batch of movies renews interest. Peter Jackson's fantasy film trilogy and his three subsequent *Hobbit* films are credited with luring a full six percent of all travelers to [New Zealand](#). Although the sets from *LOTR* throughout [New Zealand](#) are largely gone, fans make pilgrimage at two sites: [The Weta Workshop Tour](#) in Miramar, Wellington, and [Hobbiton](#), two and a half hours outside of Auckland—both on the North Island.

The Weta tour takes visitors inside Jackson's famed Weta Workshop where the Hobbits (and Golem and all those armies) were animated. There's also a trip to a Hobbit-shoppers' paradise, Weta Cave, where original creature molds are on view along with every possible permutation of *LOTR* merchandise you could think of. [Hobbiton Tours](#) include the two-hour transportation from Matamata to the rural area where Hobbiton was born.

Hobbiton (above), where the movies' hobbits dwell, is a permanent exhibition. Although the films are at an end, the Hobbits' story in New Zealand will continue as long as there are travelers inspired to make their own epic journey to Middle Earth.

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