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From deserts in Abu Dhabi to the moors in Scotland, these are the must-visit sites for fans of fictional movies and TV shows

Some travel to satisfy their desire to explore new lands. Others dream of the impossible—like chartering the Star Wars' Millennium Falcon to visit galaxies far, far away. But for many Netflix bingers and fans of speculative fiction, an escape to the locations where their favourite fantasy TV series and films tales were shot is the biggest high of all. Our list goes beyond the UK's Harry Potter tours and New Zealand's Hobbiton.

Ghostbusters

Paul Feig's reboot of the classic 80s franchise, Ghostbusters, now has an all-female lead recharging the iconic proton packs. Fans of the cult classic are ditching the Hook and Ladder 8 building (in New York), and flocking to Boston's Zhu's Authentic Hong Kong Food (actually 'Kaze Shabu Shabu' in historic Chinatown) for a tour of the brand new Ghostbusters headquarters, to embrace their ghoulish duties and grab a bite of their signature General Tso's chicken. Rs 5,000 onwards (for 3.5 hours). Details: [zerve.com](#)



Outlander

Escape reality for 10 whole days and get lost in the magical world crafted by Diana Gabaldon. Her time-travel series, Outlander, not only became a New York Times bestseller, but has just been renewed for its second season. Follow in Claire Randall's footsteps and explore Scotland's Castle Leoch (Doune Castle), enjoy Gaelic singing with Gwyllyn the Bard (Gillebride MacMillan) and touch the stones of Craigh na Dun (in Rannoch Moor), which caused the maiden to travel back in time to 1746. From Rs 3,05,130 onwards (June 18-28).Details: celticjourneys.us



Game of Thrones

Experience Spain's Osuna and Seville like the royals in Game of Thrones— season five of the HBO series was shot in these scenic towns. From exploring the gory fighting pits of Meereen (a bullring in Osuna), walking in the water gardens of Dorne (the Alcázar of Seville, a UNESCO world heritage palace), to a short ride through the desert ruled by House Martell (the sun-baked town of Andalusia), this eight-day tour includes five-star accommodation. Rs 1,58,900

onwards.Details: zicasso.com

Star Wars

Fan sites are riddled with news that Star Wars: Episode VIII may see the heroes return to Luke Skywalker's home planet, Tatooine (located at Tozeur in Southern Tunisia). But if you've been captivated by Planet Jakku (actually, the outskirts of Abu Dhabi), as seen in The Force Awakens, be sure to check out the Rub' al Khali desert safari. Stay at the Anantara's Qasr Al Sarab to experience Bedouin hospitality, shimmy with local belly dancers and try the ancient art of falconry. Rs 19,000 onwards (for three nights). Details: qasralsarab.anantara.com



The Walking Dead

Robert Kirkman's graphic novel series, The Walking Dead, is now one of America's most watched TV shows. So the next time you're headed to Atlanta, tap into your inner zombie, apply some talcum powder and stroll around this Georgia town, where most seasons of the show were shot. This tour will take you through the gruesome Slabtown in season five (Grady Memorial Hospital) to the survivor's camp in season one (a 300-acre park in Bellwood Quarry). Rs 4,300 onwards. Details: atlantamovietours.com

Vampire Diaries

Get transported to the fictional world of Mystic Falls, where LJ Smith's supernatural series takes place. The Vampire Stalkers (a fan group whose tour has been recommended by the Vampire Diaries crew) has put together a one-day showcase involving all the key locations (in Georgia) where the horror-drama unfolds, including walking through the Mystic Fall Courthouse to the Lockwood Mansion. If you're lucky, you might even catch them filming the rest of season seven. Rs 3,500 onwards. Details: mysticfallstours.com





Doctor Who

Any TV show that's been on the air since the 1960s is bound to gain a cult following. Doctor Who is no different. Indulge in this British pop-culture phenomenon at the BBC's all-new Doctor Who Experience tour in Cardiff. The latest Doctor, Peter Capaldi, will take you on a 30-minute interactive mystery tour (beginning at the Gallifrey Museum), followed by a walk with the Time Lord to various film locations, especially the TARDIS and Torchwood Tower. Rs 3,600

onwards (including memorabilia). Details: doctorwho.tv

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