



Look familiar? Morocco's Essaouira, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was the filming location for Astapor, "Game of Thrones"' infamous slave-trading city. (Corbis)

## From Iceland to Croatia, Go On the Ultimate "Game of Thrones" Tour

Want more "Game of Thrones" than a show every Sunday and books every few years? Consider visiting the filming locations

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**H**BO's "Game of Thrones", based on the best-selling book series *A Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin, premiered its fourth season April 6, which means that once again, the end of the week will be marked by blood, betrayal and dragons. Critics have long praised the show for its [impressive production scale](#), but as *Slate's* Willa Paskin [notes](#), that grandeur can also be its downfall: with such a complex story, it's difficult to feel completely satisfied by one hour-long morsel per week.

Thankfully, those seeking a more immersive experience in the world of Westeros now have another option: "Game of Thrones" tourism. From Morocco to Malta, Croatia to Iceland, check out the spots where "Game of Thrones" is filmed—and consider taking advantage of a number of tours being offered at the locations, each hoping to cash in on a little bit of the show's magic.

## Croatia

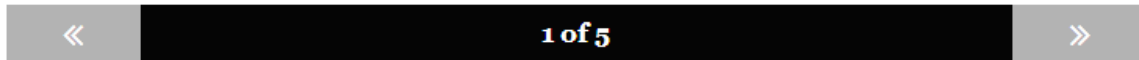


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Croatia, with its beautiful coastline and well-preserved Renaissance towns, is a wonderful destination in its own right, but for "Game of Thrones" fans, the Mediterranean country is a must-see. King's Landing, home of the kingdom's capital city and the Iron Throne, has been filmed in the Croatian city of Dubrovnik, a fitting choice with its seaside locale and imposing walls. Dubrovnik also doubled as the location of Qarth, an ancient port city featured in the second season of "Game of Thrones."

Travelers can explore Croatian filming locations on their own, or partner with numerous tourism organizations, which have recently begun offering "Game of Thrones"-themed tours. If you're interested in touring a single city, places like [Dubrovnik](#) and [Split](#) offer city-wide walking tours, which take you through important filming locations. Or sign up for Zicasso's "[Game of Thrones: A Unique Tour of Croatia](#)," a seven-day tour of Croatia.

"We think there's a wonderful trend of fans of TV shows and series ... to really immerse themselves in the history and culture of their favorite shows," Brian Tan, founder and CEO of Zicasso Travel, [told Today.com](#).



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