



So, you made it through the weekend but are still at home. But wait, let's take virtual time to travel and explore the world that lies beyond our Township! Take a Monday journey with us and see what the world has to offer. Different adventures will be posted each Monday, come back for your mini vacation each week!

For Kids

Blippi performs educational videos for toddlers. Learn about fossils, animals, musical instruments, and more with a variety of topics. On board for today, let's go to Los Angeles to this unique outdoor children's museum.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgcOyPumWmU>

A Trip to the Zoo: Watch a variety of animals from a kid's point of view.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1ECZfpnED8>

For Teens/ Adults:

Around the World: The Alps: From the French town of Chamonix, hop on a gondola lift and glide past Mt. Blanc and glistening glaciers, touching down in Italy. Then we train over to Appenzell, Switzerland, on the Glacier Express scenic train route and find Swiss traditions thriving in yodel-happy cowbell country.

<https://www.ricksteves.com/watch-read-listen/video/tv-show/alps-of-france-and-switzerland>

In the USA: Mount Rushmore- The story behind a US wonder.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-ByLfAMABM>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fOWFfpLYW0>

A Hot Air Balloon in Turkey: Take a Hot Air Balloon ride, make clay pottery, ride a camel and visit a cave half way across the world in Turkey!

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/videos/are-we-there-yet/are-we-there-yet-asia/#/202833475741>

For All:

Around the World: Australia's Great Barrier Reef & Beyond- The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system. The reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia. The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kmb2Anx2QDg>

From North America: Niagara Falls- Explore the story behind and view the majesty of this magnificent wonder of the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mqloSSrXTw>

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For Kids

Let's Visit NASA today! Hello, Earth Kids! Come take a journey with Nebula to the NASA Space Center and NASA Kid's Club. There are lots of activities for you to explore that will take you to outer space and beyond.

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

Explore Animals from Around the World: Take a world tour to visit animals from around the globe and find out about their habitat and special qualities.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vC2_XXOXJ6c

Daily Visit to the Philadelphia Zoo: And when it's not raining: Check out the Philadelphia Zoo at 2 pm each day to see what the animals are up to

<https://philadelphiazoo.org/philly-zoo-at-2-live-videos/>

For All:

Around the World: Virtual Tour of The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms. This reef structure is composed of and built by billions of tiny organisms, known as coral polyps. It supports a wide diversity of life and was selected as a World Heritage Site in 1981. CNN labelled it one of the seven natural wonders of the world. The Queensland National Trust named it a state icon of Queensland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kmb2Anx2QDg>

In the USA: The American Revolution Museum These immersive experiences plunge you into the action! Explore a 360 degree view of a nearly two-story replica of America's first Liberty Tree, where colonists gathered to organize a revolt against the British; a meeting of men and women from the Oneida Indian Nation

about whether to support the British or Revolutionary side; and board a large-scale replica of an 18th-century privateer ship to discover the war at sea.

<http://www.amrevmuseum-virtualtour.org/> or for the kids:

<https://www.amrevmuseum.org/education-museum/students-and-teachers/virtual-field-trip>

TAKE A TRIP INTO THE UNIVERSE:

Here are the top STAR GAZING events to look for in April:



<https://www.thrillist.com/news/nation/stargazing-events-astronomy-guide-night-sky-map-april-2020>

April 7: Supermoon - Hope you caught it!

We're in the midst of a series of four supermoons, depending on how you define the term. However, we can set aside the debate because April's full moon was the biggest, brightest supermoon of the year. It shouldn't be too hard to spot this one if you stepped outside to look up on the night of April 7.

April 14-16: Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, and the Moon Together at Night The three planets were hanging around together every night in March, but Mars continues to move further away from the gas giants in April. However, for three nights in mid-April, they'll still be close together and joined by the moon. Seeing all four this close together is always a treat and easy to spot across the country. However, even if you don't get out to enjoy those four violating social distancing best practices, it's worth trying to get a view of Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter at some point before they split up this month. They won't be back together like this until the middle of 2022, according to NASA.

April 21: The Lyrid Meteor Shower Peaks It's been a while. The last significant meteor shower took place back in January. As long as your local weather cooperates, the conditions are looking good for the Lyrids. The new moon will provide very little light interference in the night sky, so you can expect to see around 15 meteors per hour, Bill Cooke of NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office tells Thrillist. This is the only celestial event on the list that will require you to leave the light pollution of the city to get a good view. If you're in a metropolitan area, it's unlikely you'll see any meteors.

April 27: Venus Shines its Brightest

Venus is the brightest natural object in the night sky after the sun and the moon. It'll hit its brightest point of the year at about 9pm EST on April 27. Right around then, you'll be able to see the planet as bright as you're going to see it through all of 2020. Though, the difference between 9pm and other parts of the night isn't significant. You can head out any time around twilight to catch the planet in the western sky. Venus has been shining bright in the early evening for many weeks now, so if you can't get out on the night of April 27, you'll still be able to see it quite bright any night you've got clear skies.

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This week is LEGO Week! Tour the many creative ways that Legos have shaped lives. Be amazed and inspired. Make your own creations and share them on facebook.com/NorthamptonRec.

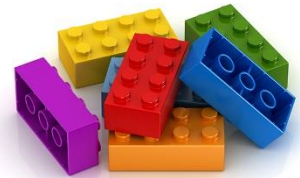
JOIN Parks & Recreation's own SCOTT PACHMAN on FACEBOOK LIVE this Friday evening, 4/17 for an interactive LEGO TRIVIA NIGHT! Follow us on facebook.com/NorthamptonRec/ Details will be posted on the P&R website.

FOR ALL AGES: Virtual Tour of the amazing LEGO® HOUSE in Denmark.

Joshua Hanlon gives you a tour of the LEGO House in Billund, Denmark. It has taken four years to build the most unique LEGO® experience in the world - LEGO House. The house, where the iconic LEGO brick was invented, was opened September 28, 2017. The heart of LEGO House is the experience zones. Here, you will find exhibition and play areas where you can explore your creativity. The zones are based on four different colors, each symbolizing a special aspect of play and learning. Red = creative skills, Blue = cognitive skills, Green = social skills and Yellow = emotional skills. "All activities in the house are related to the LEGO philosophy that learning through play promotes innovation and creativity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Siy1F7fUiY0>

HOW DO THEY MAKE LEGOS? Take a tour of the manufacturing process from beginning to end. LEGOs are those durable, colorful plastic building blocks that spark the imaginations of children and adults everywhere. While they look like they would be simple to make, there is great precision involved in the manufacturing process. In fact, as explained at one website, "The production of LEGO bricks is so accurate that only 18 out of 1 million LEGO elements produced is considered defective."



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnRRDIFNxoM&feature=player_embedded#%21

LEGO ARTWORK: Beyond the Brick's Joshua Hanlon invites you to join in viewing Nathan Sawaya's Art of the Brick LEGO exhibit at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Incredible reproductions of paintings and artwork are created from Legos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHZEoCK-qMI>

A nearby LEGOLAND PARK coming soon! The biggest LEGOLAND amusement park in the country will have themed sections for various lines of Lego building bricks when it opens in 2020/2021. The Goshen, New York amusement park will have: A LEGOLAND factory, Lego City, Heartlake City, for the "Friends" line, Miniland, Pirates Shores, the Ninjago Zone, and Bricktopia, which will have "all kinds of weird" Lego creations. There will also be a large model of New York City made of Lego bricks.

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/mahwah/take-virtual-tour-legoland-new-york-amusement-park>

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It's Music Week! Let your creative spirit sing, investigate, be inspired, calmed, relaxed and energized by the many genres of music in our world. And don't forget to- Follow, Like, Comment and Share on [Facebook.com/NorthamptonRec](https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonRec).

For the kids and little ones

Sing Along With Tobee - Super Simple Songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n9Hdk-UvRM>

A Disney Favorite. It wouldn't be a musical kid's section without this favorite! Disney's Frozen "Let It Go" Sequence Performed by Idina Menzel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moSFlvxnbqk>

Visit places in Norway that inspired Disney's Arendelle.

<https://www.cntraveler.com/galleries/2014-11-02/places-in-norway-that-inspired-disneys-frozen>

Kids Concerts Here are some of the **best performers of music for the toddler crowd**, and a highly recommended CD by each artist.

<https://www.liveabout.com/musical-artists-for-young-children-2103196>

Music About Travel and Transportation Car Songs, Truck Songs, Train Songs, School Bus Songs...and a few songs about machines

<https://www.songsforteaching.com/transportation.htm>



Teens and Adults

A Tour of Martin Guitar factory, Nazareth, Pa. C. F. Martin & Co.® has been Inspiring Musicians Worldwide® for nearly two centuries with their superior guitar and string products. Martin guitars and strings remain the choice for musicians around the world for their unrivaled quality, craftsmanship, and tone. Throughout the company's long history, Martin products can be seen and heard across all genres of music and in all segments of pop culture, from concert and theater stages to television and movies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHMfA3Dtlq4>

Rock n Roll

Take a trip in your own mind., back to before the Covid-quarantine, and travel back to your memories. Get up off the couch to dance and sing-along with these favorites <https://bobbybones.iheart.com/featured/bobby-bones/content/2018-03-28-these-are-the-top-5-car-sing-along-songs/>

Country

Backstage Tour of the Grand 'Ole Opry. Join one of the insider tour guides for an exclusive backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry House and get an intimate look at the people, places, and stories behind the show that made country music famous. <https://wbkr.com/want-to-take-a-virtual-tour-of-backstage-at-the-grand-ole-opry-photos/>

Jazz

New Orleans-The Big Easy

Take a virtual visit with Travel & Leisure checking out all the of the hot spots of the Big Easy where music is King. <https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/virtual-trip-to-new-orleans>

Classical

The Vienna Boys' Choir is a choir of boy sopranos and altos based in Vienna, Austria. It is one of the best known boys' choirs in the world. The boys are selected mainly from Austria, but also from many other countries. The choir is a private, non-profit organization. There are approximately 100 choristers between

the ages of nine and fourteen. The boys are divided into four touring choirs, named after Austrian composers Bruckner, Haydn, Mozart and Schubert, which combined perform about 300 concerts each year before almost 500,000 people.

<https://www.classicfm.com/artists/vienna-boys-choir/pictures/vienna-boys-choir-wiener-sangerknaben/young-schubert/>

Opera:

The Metropolitan Opera is a vibrant home for the most creative and talented singers, conductors, composers, musicians, stage directors, designers, visual artists, choreographers, and dancers from around the world. The Met will stream a title from its Live in HD series each night through the duration of the closure. The performances, originally captured as live broadcasts in movie theatres worldwide, will begin at 7:30 PM.

<https://www.metopera.org/>

Sydney Opera House, Australia The Sydney Opera House is a multi-venue performing arts centre at Sydney Harbour in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. It is one of the 20th century's most famous and distinctive buildings.

<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/>



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It's Foodie Week! Travel around the world for unique experiences with food. And don't forget to check out the Northampton area Restaurants. They are just a click away → Follow, Like, Comment and Share on [Facebook.com/NorthamptonRec](https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonRec).



Kids:

Top 50 Greatest Dishes across the USA

Citizens across the USA have an impressive appetite for good stuff. To celebrate its endless culinary creativity, we're throwing out a list of the 50 most delicious American food items. Ground rules: acknowledge that even trying to define American food is tough; further acknowledge that picking favorite American items inevitably means leaving out or accidentally overlooking some much-loved regional specialties. Let's see what you think! <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/american-food-dishes/index.html>

Italy- The First Pizza The first pizzas were simple, flat breads topped with herbs and olives. When tomatoes were brought back to Italy by explorers from the Americas in the 1600s, they were topped on the flat breads, too. We learn from an old story that in 1889, to honor Queen Margherita of Italy, the pizzamaker Raffaele Esposito created "Pizza Margherita", with tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil, which contained the red, white and green colors that are represented on the Italian flag, and the Margherita pizza was born. In the late 19th century, pizza was sold in the streets in Naples at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It was cut from a large tray that had been cooked in the baker's oven and had a simple topping of mushrooms and

anchovies. As pizza became more popular, stalls were set up where the dough was shaped as customers ordered. Various toppings were invented. The stalls soon developed into the pizzeria, an open-air place for people to congregate, eat, drink, and talk. Here are some easy to do kids pizza recipes to try: <https://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/recipe-collections-favorites/quick-easy/easy-pizza-recipes>

Food Facts from Around the World

The indigenous people in South America have used cocoa beans as food for more than 3,000 years. The Aztecs ground the dried beans to a powder and made a delicious drink by mixing the cocoa powder with water and herbs. Later the drink was sweetened with honey or sugar and today sweetened cocoa powder is mainly mixed with milk. In 2018, cocoa is grown in more than 35 countries. Most cocoa beans are produced by the Ivory Coast.

Milk chocolate was invented by Henri Nestle of Switzerland in 1875. Different countries have different tastes, as the British enjoy milk chocolate the most, while American prefer chocolate candy bars!

The largest tomato weighed 3,51kg (7lb12oz) according to the Guinness Book of World Records. That is as heavy as eight cans of coke and weighs actually almost as much as two 2-litre bottles of soda! Tomatoes are thought to originate from Peru in South America. In Spain, the annual tomato festival 'Tomatina' is celebrated every year in August. There people throw tomatoes at each other for fun.

Want to Learn More? Check out this website: <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/food-facts-for-kids.html>

For Adults

Donum: A Unique Audio Winery Tour Among Fine Art Nestled in Northern California's wine country, the Donum Estate is one of Sonoma Valley's most beautiful vineyards. In addition to its sprawling orchards and endless rows of grapevines, the 200-acre site boasts a world-class collection of contemporary sculpture that intertwines "art, nature, and the human hand. Known as

the Sculpture Park, this open-air museum features monumental works by today's top artists. As you wander around the estate, you'll encounter an eclectic array of pieces. His impressive collection was acquired by Allan and Mei Warburg, the owners of Donum. By pairing their love of winemaking with their passion for art, the couple has come up with a creative way to celebrate Donum's diverse roots. <https://www.thedonumestate.com/art/audio-tour>

Virtual Chocolate Tasting with a Parisienne Chocolatier-ZOOM- June 2

During this one hour live interactive session, take a guided journey across the gastronomic world to the art of chocolate making. Grab your family, friends or fellow chocolate enthusiasts and let's start this wonderful chocolate adventure together! What will be provided: Curated Belgium chocolate bars that will be sent to you. A digital copy of our Chocolate Tasting Score Card and Chocolate tasting mate. A guided demonstration of tasting techniques. Fun chocolate-inspired games for you to share with friends and family after the experience. The experience will be hosted on Zoom with a fee of \$ 65 which includes a variety of chocolate bars, scorecard and access to the zoom presentation. For details and registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-chocolate-tasting-with-a-parisienne-chocolatier-tickets-103222593556>

The History of Italian Cuisine

When you love food, there are two things you really want to do: eat it and make it. It is easy to love **good food**, and **Italians** know a couple of things about it. When you enjoy cooking, you become acquainted with ingredients and flavors with a pleasurable delight; you get to know how they mix with each other, which type of scent their fragrance produces and how they will taste once they touch your tongue. Ah... food: like poetry and painting, it's impossible to resist the beauty in forms and colors it creates when it's spread out on a table and, of course, it's even harder to refrain from tasting it. To learn more:

<https://www.lifeinitaly.com/history-of-food/the-history-of-italian-cuisine-i>



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It's Family Week! Travel around the US and World for unique experiences and ideas to plan future vacations.

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Kids:

Disney Virtual Rides- Just Like You Are Really There.

Just because all Disney parks are currently closed due to the coronavirus outbreak doesn't mean you still can't experience the Disney magic at home. Yup, that's right! Your home can be the second happiest place on Earth with just a little bit of imagination and a visit to you tube. Enter virtual rides.

Disney has released "Ride & Learn" videos that give viewers a first-person perspective of the rides, while sharing facts about the attractions. You can virtually ride the Incredi-Coaster, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad or set sail on a virtual boat ride of "It's a Small World" attractions from around the world. You seriously can't get much closer than these simulations. Plus, there's no wait for these virtual rides! Just hit the link below and let the experience whisk you away.

<https://www.housebeautiful.com/lifestyle/fun-at-home/a31788433/disney-virtual-ride-videos/>

A Visit Around the World- First Stop- Switzerland- Pack More into Life.

Join Mom, Chelsea and her family, for a trip around the world as we "virtually" learn about different countries, cultures, foods, music and famous landmarks with Switzerland crafts and activities. Each week join the webpage and travel to over 30 countries to inspire you to explore the world. Each will post covers a different country with tons of great activities to engage with children of all

ages. <https://www.packmoreintolife.com/category/blog-page/virtual-travel-for-kids/>

An Escape Room Adventure for kids and parents~ Oscar's Stolen Oscar

Oscar the oscar fish, one of the main characters from the movie "Shark Tale," has been the victim of a crime. Learn about sea life while searching for clues in this virtual escape room. Our resident Hollywood Star, Oscar, is missing his...Oscar! I guess not everyone was a "fin" of his work. By using this virtual tour of the aquarium, it's up to you to solve the mystery and restore his beloved award. Tour: <https://aqua.org/media/virtualtours/baltimore/index.html>. Tips: click on the information buttons in each tank for more information about the creatures (the information you will need to solve the mystery). The "View map" will allow you to navigate easily to other parts of the aquarium. If you don't see an information button right away, use the arrows or zoom in/out till you see one.

Click on this link to get started:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdF9ApW9dkpyD7qPNi8zFyO47U66Rkyd0oWJ00IXdN3P2QL5A/viewform?fbclid=IwAR23mReG-u_SB4JXDMV55YygPaA-uwi6gkK0TpWBFQefIJv9auRRmg3ppos&fbzx=-6263461209138682576

Teens and Adults:

How to Plan and Organize Your Next Trip- A Free App.

You might not be traveling just yet, but that doesn't mean you still can't dream and come up with a future plan. Planapple helps you to create, organize, access and share all of your vacation plans.

<https://www.planapple.com/>

Colonial Williamsburg

Immerse yourself in the sites of Colonial Williamsburg. Explore the entire Historic Area experience, from how buildings were reconstructed to what artifacts adorn their walls, and now you can immerse yourself in the Colonial life of those that first came to America. Explore in 360 degrees, and be sure to click or tap on icons for more information.

<https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/virtual-tours/>

South America- A Virtual Tour of the best 21 places to visit.

South America is a continent of superlatives: the highest lake, the driest desert, the largest waterfall... Well, you get the picture. Environmentalists will enjoy the amazing fauna in the Amazon, while shoppers can choose between upscale boutiques in big cities like Rio de Janeiro or the colorful markets of Andean villages. You can explore lost cities of ancient civilizations, feast your eyes on stunning scenery almost everywhere you go or you can try out the local cuisine. It's your choice, and South America gives you lots of them. Here's a look at the best places to visit in South America:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJERhGzxRK8>

Spy Apprentice Digital Escape Room

This escape room can be done as a group or by yourself and you can replay and/or share it as many times as you like! The clues are pretty difficult, so it is probably the most fun for groups with teens and adults. We recommend that you time yourself and see how fast you can solve all the puzzles. Be sure to open this escape room in a separate web browser so you can click through to necessary links more easily.

This escape experience was created by Lauren Rura and Felicia Brock, Adult Service Librarians at Washington-Centerville Public Library in Centerville, OH.

www.wclibrary.info

Both Lauren and Felicia can be contacted via email at askwclibrary@gmail.com

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ENTERTAINMENT WEEK! Enjoy related movie to bring it all back Share on

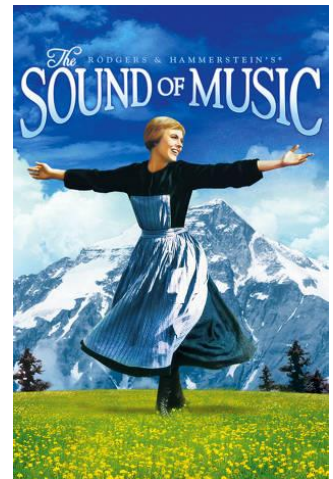
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TOUR the iconic scenes from the Movie: THE SOUND OF MUSIC in SALZBURG, AUSTRIA.

Julie Andrews starred as Maria von Trapp, a real-life ex-nun who married an Austrian naval officer after she became governess to his children. The film was, of course, "The Sound of Music," the biggest grossing musical of all time, if receipts are adjusted for inflation. Its core family values, hummable tunes and stunning scenery turned it into a worldwide success. It also ensured that Salzburg, with two dozen locations featured in the film, would never be the same again. <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/sound-of-music-tour/index.html>



The Movie: UP Flyto: ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

The Annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta®

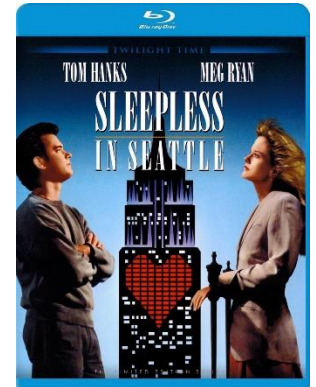
launches from Balloon Fiesta Park, NM. The event features more than 550 hot air balloons, of which about one hundred are anticipated to be special shape balloons. Pilots from all over the world are invited to fly in the popular international event.

thousands of tourists from around the world flock to the Land of Enchantment for a chance to witness nine days of spectacular hot air ballooning

events. The Balloon Fiesta's five signature morning mass ascensions launch include Balloon Glows, Special Shape Rodeo, Double Launches and Fireworks Shows along with Gas Balloon Races, competitions and more. Take time to view this video in all it's spectacular color!! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APQdE4TJQJI>

SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE: DISCOVER a WEST COAST GEM-SEATTLE

Don't let the cloudy skies deceive you: Setting a sunnier schedule of things to do in Seattle is easy to do—inside, outside, on the water, and in the sky. Set on the Puget Sound and just a stone's throw from Mt. Ranier, Seattle is a paradise for active travelers and those simply in search of a good view. Hiking, fishing, kayaking—it's all at your fingertips. City icons like the Space Needle and Pike Place Market remain central attractions for good reason, and lest we forgot, this is the city that nurtured some of the best bands in history and the entire grunge genre. You certainly won't be bored while you're here; you're more likely to struggle to fit it all in. So click below for a list of the best things to do in Seattle.



<https://www.cntraveler.com/gallery/best-things-to-do-in-seattle>

The Classic Movie: CASABLANCA



VISIT CASABLANCA Talking about Morocco and films undoubtedly conjures up *Casablanca*, an American romantic film set during WWII. The story of Rick and Ilsa sacrificing their love to support defeat the Nazis is timeless, and so is the city - it still remains firmly associated in many people's minds with the film.

Although the film isn't based in Casablanca, the city is famed for it. Today, Casablanca is considered as the economic capital of the country and the gateway to Morocco, and it has become one of the most visited cities for first timers to Morocco.

<https://www.worldtravelguide.net/guides/africa/morocco/casablanca/>

And it's only right to add the famous Humphrey Bogart line:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEWaqUVac3M>

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Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades.

Early Observances of Memorial Day The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime Decoration Day tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

History of Memorial Day Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Gen. John Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for

federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.

Details courtesy of History.com



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Virtual Father's Day experiences from around the world:

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<https://www.wgt.com/courses/pebblebeach.aspx>

National Baseball Hall of Fame- Cooperstown, NY <https://baseballhall.org/>

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<https://collection.baseballhall.org/content/become-virtual-volunteer>

Dream Experiences and Interactive Learning

Have a Disney-related experience that goes beyond spending time at a theme park. Through a free [online program](#) created in partnership with the Khan Academy and Pixar, get a feeling for what it's like to be a Disney Imagineer

through learning real-world case studies and even designing a theme park experience through interactive activities and lessons.

[57Hours](#) hosts an "Epic Adventures" webinar series in which internationally certified guide take participants on a virtual adventure that provides them with all the info needed to plan, execute and check off an epic, bucket-list adventure trip. Each session concludes with a live Q&A session.

For the aviation-loving dad, [The Museum of Flight](#) in Seattle has virtual tours of many of their planes on their website. Their Matterport 3D Tours allow viewers to "step" inside the B-17 "Flying Fortress" or the original Air Force One.

[TakeLessons](#) can teach dads more about different cultures. Its marketplace matches users with teachers that can engage with them in one-on-one online sessions on more than 300 subjects relating to language, dance and cooking to even learning how to create origami or play the ukulele. Their [TakeLessons TV](#) is a weekly series of free online classes for kids and adults, with new subjects daily.

[Fluenz](#), a language learning program, offers of videos by tutors that not only focusing on understanding vocabulary but also pronunciation and sentence structure.

Check out virtual experiences for the Dad in your Life:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/micheleherrmann/2020/06/12/fathers-day-gift-guide-virtual-travel-related-experiences/#40f276a75501>

Travel to Australia- Learn more about sports in other parts of the world. For example, the [Australian Sports Museum](#) in Melbourne has online collections for viewing and delving into cricket and other games of skill. Explore the collections of the Australian Sports Museum, Australian Gallery of Sport and Olympic Museum, Melbourne Cricket Club. Museum, and Melbourne Cricket Club Archives.

<https://collection.australiansportsmuseum.org.au/explore>

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Take a drive and visit the Vistas and Overlooks in Eastern PA State Parks.

Big Pocono State Park From the summit of Big Pocono State Park visitors can enjoy magnificent views including parts of eastern Pennsylvania and portions of New Jersey and New York can be seen along the paved, 1.4 mile, scenic drive.

Hickory Run State Park Located in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains, Hickory Run State Park provides scenic views overlooking the Lehigh River and Lehigh Gorge State Park.

Skyline Trail: Loops through Gould Trail and heads on to cross Fireline Trail by the Lehigh River and continues on the edge of a steep slope that provides an excellent view of the Lehigh River.

Lehigh Gorge State Park The 6,107 acres of Lehigh Gorge State Park land follow the Lehigh River from Francis E. Walter Dam in the north to Jim Thorpe in the south. The Lehigh Gorge Trail follows over 20 miles of abandoned railroad grade along the river, providing opportunities for hiking, bicycling, sightseeing and photography.

Ralph Stover State Park

The High Rocks section of the Ralph Stover State Park features an outstanding view of a horseshoe bend in Tohickon Creek Gorge and the surrounding forest.

Washington Crossing Historic Park Bowman's Hill Tower, located in Washington Crossing Historic Park, is a 125-foot structure completed in 1931 to commemorate the American Revolution. The monument offers a commanding view of the Delaware River and surrounding countryside. The tower roof can be reached by elevator and 23 stone steps. It is open seven days per week, March through December.



Worlds End State Park Located in World's End State Park is an ADA accessible Loyalsock Canyon Vista and nearby High Knob Vista provide outstanding views of the Endless Mountain region. World's End Vista and High Rock Vista offer stunning views overlooking the park beach. Canyon Vista and High Knob Vista are accessible via Mineral Spring and Cold Run roads. World's End Vista is reached via World's End Trail which begins at the park office. High Rock Vista is reached via High Rock Trail which begins at the east side of the Cabin Bridge.

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhereToGo/VistasAndOverlooks/Pages/default.aspx>

Across the Globe: You can always dream~ Summer on the French Riviera

The French Riviera is known the world over for its glamour and beauty—but these spots take it to a whole new level. From the see-and-be-seen beaches and boardwalks of Cannes and Monaco to the lavender fields of Grasse and the medieval villages of Èze, there's a whole host of places to explore throughout the summer and beyond.

Antibes—Beyond the megayachts and picture-perfect beaches, Antibes is a draw for its literary and artistic history. It was at the Villa Saint Louis (now the popular hotel Belles-Rives) on the Cap d'Antibes that F. Scott Fitzgerald took up summer residence with Zelda and his daughter Scottie in 1926 and began his work on *Tender is the Night*. The enclosed mansions and dramatic villas lining the shore that once fascinated Fitzgerald are still very much a part of the landscape, but there's local charm to be found, too. Stroll around old Antibes, through the Cours Masséna, a Provençal food market, and up to the Musée Picasso, the first museum dedicated to the artist. Formerly the Château Grimaldi, the stronghold was

Picasso's home and workshop in 1946 and remains one of the commanding cultural draws in the resort town.



La Colline du Chateau, Nice Any trip to the Côte d'Azur should begin with a stop in Nice, overlooking the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean. Start with a climb up to La Colline du Château (Castle Hill) to see what the the fuss is about: Once you get to the top, panoramic views of the Baie des Anges,

Old Town, Nice's boardwalk, and the city's varied and vibrant architecture abound. And while a few crumbling walls are all that remain of the namesake castle on the hill, there is a verdant park that's perfect for a picnic after a full day of sightseeing. Old Town, Nice Nice's colorful *Vieille Ville*, or Old Town, is a delightful maze of narrow streets full of lively restaurants, galleries, and shops. There are cafés dotted all around the Old Town's many squares, so take the opportunity to sit down, coffee in hand, and people-watch the day away. For a more active visit, spend some time strolling along the near-mile Promenade du Paillon, the city's public park and botanical garden that links the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (also worth visiting) and the Promenade des Anglais.

Cannes Long before it was synonymous with the International Film Festival and earned its reputation as a playground for the world's dizzyingly well-heeled (and home to excess in everything from luxury cars to haute couture fashions), Cannes was a shimmering, seaside destination made for resting and people-watching—something that remains true. But it also offers extraordinary views and culture. Climb the winding staircases and pass the pastel-coated homes in Le Suquet, the city's old quarter, and you'll end up at the *Musée de la Castre*, a home for ethnographic art in a medieval fortress overlooking the marina and the Croisette. For restorative beaches and landscapes free of crowds, take a 15-minute ferry ride to two of the Lérins islands off the coast: Ile St. Honorat, known for its working monastery and forest groves, and Ile Ste-Marguerite, the spot for hidden coves and beaches.

Èze In craggy cliffs high above the sea, the medieval village of Èze is a delightful step back in time—and blissfully calm for the Riviera. The well-preserved stone buildings, winding alleyways, 14th-century chapels, and dramatic **Mediterranean** backdrop make this tiny village seem like a movie set. The dramatic views are best earned by taking one of the many hiking trails, like the famous Nietzsche path, that connect the town and the summit, which sits 1,400 feet above sea level. At the top, you'll discover the town's medieval fortress, which you may recognize from Hitchcock's *To Catch a Thief*, surrounded by the Jardin Exotique, a desert garden brimming with succulents and exotic florals.

Grasse Grasse is a quiet, pretty medieval village that also holds the distinction of being the world's perfume capital. While famous perfumeries like Fragonard offer free tours of their factories, the real reason to come here is to take in the near-endless fields of lavender that dominate the area's hilly landscape. Come August, the town plays host to the Jasmine Festival, a three-day celebration of jasmine, one of the two flowers to have dominated local perfume production (the other is Damascus rose). Expect homes to be draped in garlands, people dancing in the streets, parades, and jasmine petals everywhere. Grasse is conveniently located between Cannes and Nice, so a quick stop here is worth your while, if only to pick up a few bottles of perfume and stop to smell the lavender.



Monaco Bordered by France on three sides, the petite principality of Monaco is a bastion of glitz and glamour. While it's typically known as a playground for the ultra rich, those short on cash can still enjoy themselves here: excursions to stately sights like the Prince's Palace, Fort Antoine, and Monaco Cathedral are all worthwhile and won't break the bank. Take

some time to observe the luxurious yachts at the harbor (or, even better, make friends with someone who owns one), and wrap up your trip with a spin at the Monte Carlo casino.