



## Explore Britain's blockbuster backdrops this summer

Scene-stealing landscapes? Check. Red carpet treatment? Check. When it comes to set-jetting, Britain ticks all the boxes – and more. It's time for visitors to go behind the scenes of some of the summer's biggest blockbusters where our scenery plays a starring role. Think 'wheely' good fun at Silverstone to celebrate the release of director Joseph Kosinski's *F1*, or caving at Cheddar Gorge as seen in *28 Years Later*. Now that's Britain's kind of cliffhanger.

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### *F1*

Strap in to experience the fast and furious world of Formula 1 as it celebrates its 75th birthday. *F1*, starring Brad Pitt, promises all the thrills and spills of top-level motorsport – and where better to film it than in Britain? After all, the British Grand Prix brings motorsport's biggest names to the [Silverstone Circuit](#) in Northamptonshire every summer. But there's plenty of action to be had year-round at the neighbouring [Silverstone Museum](#), including state-of-the-art simulators and Scalextric tracks for that race-day buzz. Alternatively, see more F1 cars up-close at the New Forest's [National Motor Museum](#), showcasing Britain's motoring heritage.

Daring drivers can put their off-road skills to the ultimate test on a [Land Rover Driving Experience](#), with muddy ditches, rocky hills and swirling streams available at nine locations across England and Scotland. Or the whole family can go full throttle at the [F1 Arcade](#), in London or Birmingham.

### *The Witcher*

Everyone's favourite monster-hunter for hire is back on screens this year – and so is Britain. Steeped in myths and legends, [Snowdonia \(Eryri\)](#) is an ideal stomping ground for *The Witcher*, and scenes from series four will unfold in the lakeside town of Llanberis. A land renowned for adventure, see the National Park from a new perspective at [Zip World Betws-y-Coed](#), with a zip safari, forest coaster and giant swing.

In south-east England, the mighty [Seven Sisters](#) are also slated to appear in series four. The vast chalk cliffs, part of the [South Downs National Park](#), are made for walking and wildlife-watching. Look out for Surrey's [Thursley National Nature Reserve](#) too, a paradise for birders.

More adventures await at mystical [Puzzlewood](#) in the Forest of Dean. Think twisted trees, mossy rocks and winding paths – no wonder it inspired the landscapes of Takodana in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.

### *Welcome to Wrexham*

It may be small, but Wrexham is a city with serious star power. Fuel up before a game at the ST? K Cae Ras stadium at [T? Pawb](#) – part-food court, part-shopping and arts destination, with 30 independent traders. The UNESCO-listed Pontcysyllte Aqueduct is 20 minutes south of the city, and the most exhilarating way to experience it is by canoe. [Bearded Men Adventures](#) and [Ty Nant Outdoors](#) both offer tours for the daring.

For more footballing fun, combine a trip to Wrexham with a cross-border adventure. Kick off the day in Liverpool with the [Anfield Abseil](#), which takes visitors to the Main Stand roof of Liverpool FC's Anfield for panoramic views of the stadium and the city, before an epic 100ft descent. In Manchester, there's the [National Football Museum](#) to explore – that's four floors of memorabilia and interactive exhibits dedicated to 'the beautiful game'.

### *Jurassic World Rebirth*

Like the filmmakers behind *Napoleon*, *Bridgerton*, *The Crown* and many more, the *Jurassic World Rebirth* team chose London's [Old Royal Naval College](#), in Greenwich, as their backdrop. Don't miss its Painted Hall, dubbed 'Britain's Sistine Chapel'.

The [Greenwich Royal Museums Day Pass](#) is an excellent value way to see this neighbourhood's other sites, including the Royal Observatory and the Cutty Sark. For an extra cost, there's the chance to [climb the Cutty Sark's rig](#) for ship-shape views of East London. Visitors with a head for heights will also love [Up at The O2](#), climbing the venue's famous roof for incredible views of the capital's skyline, from sunrise to twilight. Finish off at [Greenwich Market](#) for shopping galore, as well as food stalls offering classic British and global snackable cuisine.

A trip to Britain's natural history museums brings *Jurassic World's* beasts to life. Come face-to-face with Stan the T-Rex at the [Manchester Museum](#) and glimpse an enormous woolly mammoth at the [National Museum Cardiff](#). But our museums are anything but stuck in the past – there's everything from a ['Dino Snores' sleepover](#) to a [Dino Disco](#) on the agenda for kids this year at London's Natural History Museum.

## *28 Years Later*

Britain also stars in *28 Years Later*, the latest addition to director Danny Boyle's *28 Days Later* saga. In Northumberland, Lindisfarne rolled out the red carpet for the cast. Join local guide Mary Gunn on a [Hidden Holy Island Guided Walk](#) to get under the skin of this beauty spot, then stay overnight at the vast [Kielder Forest](#), a natural adventure playground.

City life beckons in Newcastle, where film crews were also spotted. Go underground on a [tour of the Victoria Tunnel](#), an old wagonway that tells the story of Newcastle during the 19th century and World War II. For more spine-tingling stories, join a [Newcastle True Crime Tour](#).

If that's not spooky enough, the [York Dungeon](#) promises the ultimate fright night, with nine live shows bringing to life some of the city's most fearsome residents. Or hop aboard the [Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway](#), which runs regular murder mystery events through the glorious North Yorkshire countryside.

Within easy reach of Bristol is [Cheddar Gorge](#) in Somerset, which provided suitably dramatic landscapes for *28 Years Later*. The gorge offers rock-climbing, free-falling, caving and escape room experiences to satisfy every adventurer. For a more relaxed day out, try a [Wine and Cheese tour of the Cheddar Valley](#), complete with lunch at The Pony Chew Valley to sample some of the region's top produce. Scenes were also shot in Teignmouth in Devon, accessible by direct train from London Paddington. Take the [Taste of the Teign Food and Drink Trail](#) for a foodie journey of discovery.

### *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning*

Tom Cruise is back as Ethan Hunt – and once again, Britain gets top billing. *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning* lands on screens this May, with Cruise pulling off his signature stunts at some of England's most iconic landmarks. London's [Natural History Museum](#), [Houses of Parliament](#) and Trafalgar Square all play cameo roles, meaning visitors can follow in Ethan's footsteps without the need for a grappling hook. Sharp-eyed fans might also recognise [St Paul's Cathedral](#) from *Mission: Impossible – Fallout*, where Ethan made a characteristically dramatic appearance. For [Mission: Impossible filming locations](#) beyond London, the action heads north to the dramatic [Buttermere Valley](#) in the Lake District – perfect for hiking, minus the helicopter chases. Mission accepted? Absolutely.

### **Outdoor cinema experiences to enjoy this summer**

Nothing beats a night at the cinema – and it's even better in the fresh air. London's [Rooftop Film Club](#), in Peckham and Stratford, is serving up a summer of blockbusters in spectacular open-air settings. [Secret Cinema](#) is also bringing its latest immersive production of *Grease* to Battersea Park from 1 August to 7 September 2025, with a cast of 30 performers.

Elsewhere, [Adventure Cinema](#) and [Cinestock](#) are pitching up at Britain's heritage properties for a breathtaking backdrop, while in south Wales, [Wonder Cinema](#) is bringing back drive-in cinema experiences. Finally, Edinburgh's [Square Cinema](#) returns from 13 to 15 June 2025 for a free packed weekend of film.