



# VIRTUAL CULTURE: EXPERIENCE EUROPE FROM YOUR SOFA

It's often said that travel broadens the mind, but journeying to exciting countries is not always possible. However, with thousands of cultural institutions and hotspots making their exhibitions accessible online, you can experience the best of European culture without leaving your armchair.

## DIGITAL SIGHTSEEING

- Horror fans may be interested in taking a virtual tour of **Bran Castle** – the inspiration behind Bram Stoker's Dracula – situated in the mountains near Braşov, Romania. Just remember to keep some garlic nearby...
- Known as Europe's first wooden city, the **Swedish municipality of Vaxjö** is using wood as an eco-friendly construction material. It also aims to be climate-neutral by 2030. Why not take a virtual tour of this green, wooden city?
- Did you know that there's more to **the Polish city of Gdansk** than its industrial port and shipbuilding traditions? Take a digital walk through the cobbled streets of the old town to discover the hidden beauty of the city.
- From the Temple of Zeus to the Olympic Stadium, explore the **birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games** through a digital tour of the archaeological site.

## MUST-SEE MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

- You've heard of the Heartbreak Hotel – now try the heartbreak museum! The online collection of **The Museum of Broken Relationships**, based in Zagreb, Croatia, offers a melancholic snapshot into failed romances.
- From melting clocks to surreal animals, explore the brilliant and bizarre mind of Salvador Dalí through a virtual visit to the **Dalí Theatre and Museum**, based in his hometown of Figueres, Spain.
- Discover the emotional story of one of the most defining operations of the Second World War – **the Warsaw Uprising** – through the Warsaw Rising 1944 online exhibition.
- Street art more your style? You'll love Berlin's **Urban Nation Museum for Contemporary Art**, which offers online introductions to – and explanations of – many of its pieces.
- How has European Art evolved over the years? The online **Faces of Europe exhibition** aims to let you find out.
- Culture isn't restricted to art and museums – it also includes traditions such as sport. The **European Sport Heritage** digital exhibition aims to trace sporting achievements in Europe from the Olympic Games to the Champions League.

## VIRTUAL FILM AND THEATRE

- Interested in opera, but unsure where to start? Let **Operavision** be your guide. Operavision is a Creative Europe project that aims to digitise opera, operettas and dance, making them accessible and free.
- Lights, camera, action! From Georges Méliès to Sergio Leone, discover **the history of cinema** in this 360° short film, presented by the Parisian La Cinémathèque Française and Google Arts and Culture.

## SEARCH AND RESEARCH!

You can find more information on European cultural heritage using this free online tool, in addition to planning your next adventure with the RailPlanner app (for iOS and Android)! In addition, why not consider **EU programmes** such as **Erasmus+**, the **European Solidarity Corps** and **EURES** for other opportunities to explore new countries.

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