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Art Institute of Chicago, USA

<http://www.artic.edu/visit-us-virtually>

Explore the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago with written offerings, behind-the-scenes videos, audio tours, highlights from the collections, and interactive features that explore objects and artworks in more detail.

National Museum Bangkok, Thailand

<http://www.virtualmuseum.finearts.go.th/bangkoknationalmuseums/index.php/en/virtual-museum.html>

Take a virtual tour of the National Museum Bangkok to discover more about Thailand's past with this interactive view of the museum, offering additional information about highlights in the collections.

Experience Versailles, France

<https://en.chateauversailles.fr/news/life-estate/experience-versailles#let-yourself-be-guided>

Take a virtual visit to the Palace of Versailles with this VR experience that allows you to travel around the palace and relive the visit of the Ambassador of Siam in 1686 or the Yew Ball in 1745.

Al-Hijr (Madain Salih), Saudi Arabia

<https://artsandculture.google.com/story/hegra-the-archaeological-site-of-al-hijr-madain-salih/xAlixatmfRWQLQ>

Explore the first UNESCO World Heritage site to be inscribed in Saudi Arabia, with this Google Arts & Culture page. Al-Hijr is the Nabataean settlement that was formerly known as Hegra, founded in the 2nd century BC.

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Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore

<http://www.nhb.gov.sg/acm/whats-on/tours>

Explore the Asian Civilisations Museum with virtual tours of galleries and exhibitions, and 3D models of objects from the collections, along with videos and photographs on the ACM Facebook and Instagram pages.

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Mausoleum of Augustus, Italy

<http://www.mausoleodiaugusto.it/en>

Take a virtual tour of the final resting place of Emperor Augustus in Rome, the largest circular tomb in the world. Find out about the structure's recent restoration and see how it would have looked when it was first constructed.

Elmswell Farm, UK

<https://digventures.com/elmswell-farm/timeline>

Discover more about this Roman site in East Yorkshire through the Dig Timeline from DigVentures, with daily updates and photographs from the recent excavations, guided video tours, a radio interview, and 3D models.

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Quirigua, Guatemala

<https://artsandculture.google.com/story/dwXhQiphJcixEg>

Explore ancient Quirigua and find out more about the Maya civilisation that created it through this online exhibition.

Sagrada Familia, Spain

<https://sagradafamilia.org/en/virtual-tour>

Visit the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia in Barcelona with the virtual tour that takes you around the facade and different areas inside, offering views of its unique architecture.

Trajan's Market, Italy

<https://tourvirtuale.mercatiditraiano.it>

Discover the ruins of Trajan's Market in Rome and explore the Museum of the Imperial Fora next to it with this online tour.

Hue, Vietnam

<https://vietnam.travel/sites/default/files/360Tour/Hue/index.htm>

Enjoy a trip around the royal architecture of the Complex of Hue Monuments, with these 360 degree views of the Hue Citadel and the Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang.

Venice, Italy

<http://www.google.co.uk/maps/about/behind-the-scenes/streetview/treks/venice>

Take a tour around Venice and discover its rich history through old maps and works of art that allow you to feel like you are stepping back in time, along with views of the modern streets and canals.

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The Grand Palace, Thailand

<http://www.p4panorama.com/panos/grand-palace-thailand-360-virtual-reality-tour>

Explore this complex in the heart of Bangkok, discovering the buildings, courtyards, and gardens of the Grand Palace.

Historic Homes, Wales

<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/whats-on/virtual-visits/virtual-visits-historic-homes>

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Petra, Jordan

<http://www.google.co.uk/maps/about/behind-the-scenes/streetview/treks/petra>

Take a trip to the 2,000-year-old city of stone with this narrated tour that takes you from the entrance to the Siq, through the mile-long gorge, past Al-Khaznah (the Treasury), and up to Ad Deir (the Monastery).

Roman Remains, Wales

<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/whats-on/virtual-visits/virtual-visits-roman-remains>

Discover life in Roman Wales with a new virtual visit to Caerleon Amphitheatre, as well as an existing tour of the late Roman settlement at Din Lligwy Hut Group.

Tikal, Guatemala

<http://www.airpano.com/360photo/tikal-guatemala>

Enjoy aerial views of the Maya temples and monumental structures that make up the UNESCO World Heritage Site and the surrounding Tikal National Park.

Portchester Castle, England

https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/portchester-castle-from-roman-fort-to-prisoner-of-war-depot/EAlY0_hNEznxLA

Find out more about the history of Portchester Castle in Hampshire, and its transformation from Roman fort to military prison, with this online exhibit.

Lascaux Cave, France

<https://archeologie.culture.fr/lascaux/en>

Explore the Palaeolithic art of Lascaux cave through a guided tour, and find out more about the site's discovery, conservation, and research.

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Rila Monastery, Bulgaria

<https://rilskimanastir.org/en/about/virtual-tour/>

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Treasures of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/treasures-of-saxony-anhalt>

Travel to five UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Saxony-Anhalt and find out more about the area's rich history, ranging from Bauhaus architecture in Dessau to the life of Martin Luther.

Religious Relics, Wales

<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/whats-on/virtual-visits/virtual-visits-religious-relics>

Discover a new virtual tour of the 17th-century Rug Chapel in Denbighshire and explore several other religious sites.

Suwon Hwaseong Fortress, South Korea

https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/suwon-hwaseong-fortress/3AKCo3ZQ5R_CLQ

Learn more about this 18th-century fortress, built in the Joseon Dynasty to house the remains of Crown Prince Jangheon.

Prague Castle, Czech Republic

<http://www.hrad.cz/en/prague-castle-for-visitors/virtual-tour>

Enjoy a virtual tour of Prague Castle through 360 degree images, experience the views from the gardens and courtyards, and examine St Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, and more.

Catacombs of Paris, France

<http://www.catacombes.paris.fr/en/virtual-visit>

Explore the ossuary containing the remains of several million Parisians, created in the late 1700s in tunnels under the city.

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Roman Walls of Lugo, Spain

<https://artsandculture.google.com/story/roman-walls-of-lugo/sALCGQjgKEVOJg>

Experience an astonishing example of late Roman fortifications in western Europe with this online exhibition and virtual tour.

Jericho: An Ancient City Revealed

<https://stories.durham.ac.uk/jericho>

This new online exhibition from Durham University's Oriental Museum presents never-before-seen artifacts that tell the story of ancient Jericho from the Neolithic to the Iron Age.

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Rapa Nui, Easter Island

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/heritage-on-the-edge-rapa-nui>

Find out more about the statues and sacred sites of the island through 3D images, virtual tours, and online exhibitions looking at its past, present and future.

Neolithic Tombs, Wales

<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/whats-on/virtual-visits/virtual-visits-neolithic-tombs>

Discover new virtual tours of two of Wales' prehistoric sites: the Neolithic tomb of Barclodiad y Gawres, with its rare examples of prehistoric art, and the burial chambers of Dyffryn Ardudwy

Taj Mahal, India

<http://www.airpano.com/360photo/Taj-Mahal-India>

Take a virtual tour around the UNESCO World Heritage Site to appreciate the magnificent structure and its classical gardens and surroundings through aerial photographs and pictures from around the site.

The Palace Museum, China

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-palace-museum>

Explore the splendour of the Forbidden City in Beijing and find out about stories from its history and the objects kept in the museum housed in the palace.

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Blenheim Palace, UK

<https://virtual.blenheimpalace.com/360-tour>

Take a trip around the beautiful State Rooms and grounds of this famous country house, designated a World Heritage Site in 1987 with 360 degree virtual tours and an accompanying audio guide.

The Queen's Hamlet, France

<https://en.chateauversailles.fr/long-read/queens-hamlet#the-queens-house-and-the-stove-room>

Take a tour around the Queen's Hamlet in the Trianon Gardens at the Palace of Versailles and explore the small buildings built by Marie Antoinette as an escape from the grandeur of the Court.

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Batalha Monastery, Portugal.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/batalha-monastery>

Find out about this 14th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site with online exhibitions and virtual tours exploring the architecture and history of the Batalha Monastery.

Baalbek Reborn: Temples, Lebanon

<http://www.flyoverzone.com/baalbek-reborn-temples>

Take a virtual tour around the Roman temples of Baalbek, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Lebanon. See the site as it is now, listen to expert commentary about its history, and travel back in time with digital reconstruction.

Mantua, Italy

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/mantova-capitale-della-cultura>

Discover the cultural treasures of Mantua, with videos, virtual tours, and online exhibitions covering everything from ancient monuments to works of art, sculpture, and architecture.

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Chauvet-Pont d'Arc Cave, France

<https://archeologie.culture.fr/chauvet/en>

Discover the Palaeolithic art of Chauvet Cave through a virtual tour of the original cave, learn about its discovery and the project to make a replica, and explore the art and the society that created it.

Diamantina, Brazil

<https://artsandculture.google.com/story/1AUBb069AJIRsw>

Visit the historic centre of Diamantina and see the 18th- and 19th-century buildings that line its streets, built by the diamond prospectors who were responsible for the city's expansion.

Criccieth Castle, Wales

<https://cadw.gov.wales/visit/whats-on/virtual-visits/virtual-visits-medieval-forts/virtual-visits-criccieth-castle>

Explore the ruins of Criccieth Castle in North Wales with this 3D tour, the first of seven Welsh heritage sites and landmarks to be released as part of Cadw's new series of "virtual visits".

Preserving Afgan Heritage

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/preserving-afghan-heritage>

Learn more about the art, architecture, and history of Afghanistan with this online exhibition about the country's rich culture, traditional crafts, and buildings, and the people and stories behind them.

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Palmyra. Learn about the rich history of the ancient city with this online exhibition, which includes 18th-century etchings and 19th-century photos of the site, as well as new research and discussions of ancient issues that are very relevant today.

<http://www.getty.edu/palmyra>

Elizabeth Gaskell's House. Book a virtual tour of the Grade II*-listed Regency-style house that was home to the famous author, or take advantage of other online events, including talks, readings, and recitals.

<https://elizabethgaskellhouse.co.uk/whats-on>

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Hagar Qim Archaeological Park, Malta. Explore the temple of Hagar Qim with Google Street View or find out more about the site, built between 3600 and 3200 BC, in several online exhibits.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-hagar-qim-archaeological-park>

Sutton Hoo. Enjoy a tour of the Anglo-Saxon burial ground led by a National Trust archaeologist, and learn about the history of the site and the excavation that featured in the new film *The Dig*.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mBe6TAMqRM>

Schloss Schonbrunn, Austria. Take a trip to the favourite summer residence on the Habsburgs in Vienna with this interactive map, which provides pictures and information about each of the rooms in the palace.

<http://www.schoenbrunn.at/en/about-schoenbrunn/the-palace/tour-of-the-palace>

Workhouse Network. Discover online exhibitions and databases bringing together information about the history of poverty and welfare from a range of museums, heritage organisations, archives, and universities.

<http://www.workhousenetwork.org>

Preserving Egypt's Layered History. Find out how the American Research Center in Egypt is working to conserve stories from the country's past, with articles, videos, 3D models, activities, and more.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/preserving-egypt>

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The Roman Baths, Bath

<http://www.romanbaths.co.uk/discover>

"Discover the Roman Baths in a variety of different ways, including a walk through with Google Street view, a 3D model of the complex, informative videos, and online resources for both learning and entertainment."

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Palmyra, Syria

<http://www.kaemena360.com/360/PalmyraTour>

"This 360 degree tour, created in 2007, offers a unique opportunity to explore the ruins of the ancient Semitic city as it existed before the destruction of much of the site by ISIS terrorists in 2016."

Heritage on the Edge

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/heritage-on-the-edge>

"This Google Arts & Culture online exhibition explores not one, but five heritage sites around the world, looking at how they are dealing with the challenges posed by climate change."

Explore Maeshowe, Orkney

<http://www.historicenvironment.scot/about-us/news/explore-orkney-s-maeshowe-tomb-with-new-3d-app>

"Download this app, designed by Historic Environment Scotland to take a virtual tour around the 5000 year old tomb of Maeshowe, which is part of the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site."

Chauvet Cave, France

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/chauvet-cave>

"Explore the art created by Palaeolithic people in Chauvet Cave through a selection of online exhibitions, games, videos, augmented reality features, and more."

Colosseum, Rome

http://www.il-colosseo.it/en/visita_virtuale_colosseo.php

"Take a tour around the famous Roman amphitheatre with this hour-long video, which guides you around every area of the site and offers information about its construction and history"
