



7 Set-Jetting Vacation Destinations

These popular TV and movie locations double as great getaways

Vacation plans find their muse in a myriad of places. These days, pop culture is elbowing its way into our suitcases.

The American Express Global Travel Trends Report showed last year that 64 percent of respondents were inspired to visit a destination after [seeing it in a TV show](#) or [movie](#). There's even a term for it: set-jetting.

The travel search engine Skyscanner named set-jetting as one of the top travel trends for 2024.

In the spirit of finding [travel inspiration](#) on screens large and small, here are a few films and shows that may spark your wanderlust.

Newport, Rhode Island

The writer of [Downton Abbey](#), Julian Fellowes, wrote this gold-lacquered HBO series that pits a high-society family from New York against its nouveau riche neighbors in the 1880s. Real-life magnates including the [Vanderbilts](#) built massive summer “cottages” in Newport. Many of the cottages that turn up in *The Gilded Age* can be visited. The exterior of character Sylvia Chamberlain's (Jeanne Tripplehorn) house, for example, is Rosecliff, a mansion built for Nevada silver heiress Theresa Fair Oelrichs, which was recently renovated for \$7.4 million. The grandest of the Rhode Island mansions is the Breakers, built for Cornelius Vanderbilt II in the late 1800s. The Great Hall and Music Room do double duty as Bertha Russell's (Carrie Coon) ballroom and George Russell's bedroom in the series. Stay at Chanler, the only hotel on Cliff Walk, the location of Newport's astonishing abodes.

If you can't make it to Newport: Visit Hearst Castle, the impressive 127-acre estate on California's central coast dreamed up by publishing tycoon William Randolph Hearst and Julia Morgan, California's first certified female architect.