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**ENJOY A STARRING ROLE VISITING ICONIC TV AND FILM LOCATIONS**

Bring a friend for free to Britain with Stena Line

Take the car to Britain with the Irish Sea’s leading ferry company, Stena Line and visit the locations where some of the best-loved films and TV shows ever created, were made.

For decades now, Britain has been one of the go-to places for savvy location managers looking for the perfect backdrops to film their big-budget Hollywood movies, TV productions and music videos. And people love to visit these locations in order to capture their beauty in a selfie or relive a favourite scene from a film or Television programme.

Getting to Britain couldn’t be easier or more fun, explained Diane Poole from Stena Line: “Stena Line offers four great routes from Ireland to Britain and there is no better way to travel when visiting the fantastic locations made famous by the big screen. By taking the car on holiday, visitors have the opportunity to take in as much of Britain as they want to and get to see the sights of the magical locations that appeared in the likes of Dr Who, Harry Potter and Mission Impossible.

“What’s more, don’t miss out on the chance to bring a friend for free when you book a new motorist fare by May 22 as part of Stena Line’s celebrations of National Ferry Fortnight. With this show stopping offer you can travel up to December 17, and with prices starting from just €89 single for a car plus 2, it’s time to ring a buddy or tell a family member they’re going to Britain for a Hollywood themed trip, for free!

“There are many reasons to have a short break in Britain but a visit to locations seen on the big and small screen is such an exciting way to spend time with the family and make some lovely memories,” concluded Diane.

Set sail to Britain with Stena Line and visit some of these magical locations:-

**Liverpool**

        Stanley Dock - the grade two listed buildings in the Vauxhall area of the city were used for the filming of Sherlock Holmes, starring Robert Downey Jnr and Jude Law, as well the 2011 American superhero film Captain America: The First Avenger.

* Woolton Picture House - this cinema in the Woolton area of Liverpool can be spotted in the film Nowhere Boy, a biopic of John Lennon’s adolescence. Nowhere Boy was nominated for four BAFTA awards, including Outstanding British Film and Outstanding Debut by a British director. Lennon’s old school Calderstones also features in the film.
* Faulkner Street - just a stone’s throw away from Liverpool Cathedral, Falkner Street provided the backdrop for scenes of the British drama series Foyle’s War, which is shot entirely on location in Liverpool.
* Many of the scenes in Florence Foster Jenkins starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant, though set in New York City, were filmed in Liverpool. In one part the characters can be seen stepping out of Liverpool’s Royal Liver Building.

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**Wales**

* Doctor Who is filmed all over Wales and while tours are rarely available of its purpose-built studio at Roath Lock in Cardiff Bay, the BBC has produced a Doctor Who walking tour app that enables fans to dose up on everything to do with the series.
* Breacon Beacons National Park – is the set of scenes from the forthcoming film Jurassic World 2 which is due to hit the big screens in June 2018. In the 2012 movie The Dark Knight Rises, the Batcave is hidden behind the 88-foot (27 metre) curtain of thundering water known as Henrhyd Falls, the highest of dozens of cascades in the western [Brecon Beacons](http://www.visitwales.com/explore/mid-wales/brecon-beacons).
* Pembrokeshire Coast National Park - the design team for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows recreated Bill Weasley and Fleur Delacour’s Cornish home here. Complete with three-storey attic, shell-tiled roof and crooked chimneys, it was built on the sandy dunes behind Freshwater West beach and deconstructed after filming.
* Penbryn Beach – this beach in Ceredigon, a great stargazing spot almost completely unspoiled by light pollution, was used for scenes set in North Korea in the James Bond film Die Another Day.
* Barry and Barry Island – this seaside town has become so famous thanks to the BBC comedy series Gavin and Stacey that local tour guides offer themed coach tours. Essential stops include Trinity Street where Stacey and her family live, Marco’s Cafe where Stacey gets a job and St. Peter’s Church where Nessa and Dave nearly get married.
* [Margam Park](http://www.visitwales.com/attraction-search/attraction-search-results/attraction-search-details?id=917068&industry=TEA&location=Swansea+Bay%2C+Mumbles+and+Gower&radius=10&filterIds=&city=&price=0-5&latitude=51.56197&longitude=-3.726772) - is an 850-acre country park with its own 12th-century abbey and neo-Gothic mansion. It’s also a slice of sun-dappled Renaissance Tuscany – as a film location for the hit US drama Da Vinci’s Demons.

**Manchester**

        Dale Street – this street in the Northern Quarter was chosen as it was decided it looked like 1940s New York, for use in the film Captain America: The First Avenger just after Captain America’s transformation.

* Manchester Town Hall was used in the Daniel Radcliffe film Victor Frankenstein, as well as Sherlock and the Iron Lady as a double for the House of Commons.

**Leeds**

* Emmerdale The Village Tour is a tour of the outdoor TV set which is located within the Harewood Estate in Leeds. The gates are opened to the public on selected dates with cast and crew downing scripts for the weekend to allow visitors to enjoy an exclusive tour of the popular, fictional village.

Anyone who books a new motorist fare by May 22 to Britain on the Dublin - Holyhead, Rosslare - Fishguard, Belfast - Cairnryan and Belfast – Liverpool routes as well as the Harwich – Hook of Holland route with leading ferry company Stena Line, gets to bring a friend for free\* (for travel up to December 17)!

Visit [www.stenaline.ie/buddy](http://www.stenaline.ie/buddy) and book your trips to Britain now using offer code: BUDDY.

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