

For Star Wars Day: Ten movies filmed in Scotland

The new Star Wars trilogy will be the latest in a long line of films featuring Scotland

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The new Star Wars trilogy is due to start filming in Scotland next month

Star Wars fans celebrating the official 4th May world day ([May the 4th Be With You](#)) will be delighted to learn that filming for the latest trilogy will begin in Scotland next month.

Filming for the sci-fi franchise is scheduled to begin in June 2018 and will introduce a new set of heroes, departing from the Luke Skywalker saga.

Rest and Be Thankful in Argyll has been tipped as a potential site for the £1billion film in the first of a new stand-alone trilogy from The Last Jedi director Rian Johnson.

Scotland's striking backdrops have starred in hundreds of films and TV productions and have helped land accolades including the world's best cinematic destination.

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Avengers: Infinity War (2018) - the makers of Marvel's latest Avengers movie were looking for a "unique, gothic and dramatic" location - and felt Edinburgh's Old Town with its medieval architecture fitted the bill.

Outlander (2014) - Sony Starz' hugely popular historical time travel series, based on US author Diana Gabaldon's novels, is based out of a studio in Cumbernauld and has been filmed at locations around Scotland including Midhope Castle in South Queensferry, Doune Castle in Perthshire, Blackness Castle in West Lothian and Culross and Aberdour Castle in Fife.



 Culross in Fife is one of the settings for TV series Outlander

World War Z (2013) - The opening sequence of the zombie attack in 'Philadelphia' was filmed in Glasgow's George Square, with Gerry Lane (Brad Pitt) and his family, stuck in traffic on Cochrane Street in the city centre and unaware of the impending chaos. The film also visits Grangemouth.

Skyfall (2012) - starring Daniel Craig as 007, Sam Mendes' Skyfall sees Bond return to his Scottish roots in Glencoe. Other movies featuring Scotland's most famous glen include Mel Gibson's Braveheart (1995) and Hitchcock's The 39 Steps (1935).

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2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) - the Isle of Harris in the Southern Hebrides gained a well-earned reputation for being 'out of this world' when it doubled for the surface of Jupiter in Stanley Kubrick's legendary science fiction adventure

Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010) - iconic shots of the Hogwarts Express were filmed at the Glenfinnan Viaduct in the Highlands. Glenfinnan also features in the second and third Harry Potter books, Harry Potter and the Chambers of Secrets (2002) and Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004).



📍 **Glenfinnan Viaduct on the West Highland Line features in the Harry Potter movies.**

Prometheus (2012) - Ridley Scott's prequel to the Alien series is set on a planet light years' away and features the rocky Old Man of Storr on the Isle of Skye. Other films shot on Skye include Steven Spielberg's BFG, Snow White And The Huntsman and the Gaelic language film Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle.



The Da Vinci Code (2006) - Ron Howard's adaptation of Dan Brown's mystery thriller novel, starring Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou, famously features Rosslyn Chapel in Midlothian. With its ornate gothic architecture, the 15th century chapel was described by Brown as "the most mysterious and magical chapel on earth."

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975) - this Terry Jones & Terry Gilliam classic was filmed extensively in Scotland, despite telling the very English story of King Arthur and his knights. Locations include Glencoe, Perthshire, Rannoch Moor and Castle Stalker (Python's 'Castle of Aaarrrrgggghhhh'), set on a tidal islet on Loch Laich, an inlet off Loch Linnhe about 25 miles north of Oban.

Hamlet (2012) - Franco Zeffirelli's Shakespearean classic saw Dunnottar Castle in Stonehaven used as a setting. Other features filmed here include Braveheart and Victor Frankenstein(2015), in which Scottish actor James McAvoy joins Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe for a new spin on the Mary Shelley classic.



 **Dunnottar Castle in Aberdeenshire features in films including Hamlet and Braveheart**

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