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What is a virtual trip?

A **virtual trip** is a simulation of an existing location, usually composed of a sequence of videos or still images. It may also use other multimedia elements such as sound effects, music, narration, and text. It is distinguished from the use of live television to affect tele-tourism.

1. The Great Wall of China

Begin the trip here: thechinaguide.com/great-wall-of-china



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The longest man-made structure in human history is unsurprisingly one of the world's biggest tourist draws. The Great Wall of China is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New7Wonders of the World. Officially measuring 21,196 kilometers, only a few thousand kilometers of the Wall remain intact today. While many sections of the wall have been restored, there are some which have been left in a wilder state.

The virtual tour of the Great Wall is breathtaking both because of the significance of the site itself and also because you would be undertaking it crowd-free. You can use your VR set for a more immersive experience and better appreciate the spectacular natural vista around the Wall. Among the sections you can explore are Mutianyu and Jinshanling, the latter of which is also renowned for being a scenic hiking destination. Part of the tour is free; the full version for any section costs US\$8.

2. Go to the highest point at Yosemite National Park

Enjoy the experience here: virtualyosemite.org/virtual-tour



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Yosemite National Park is a place guaranteed to take your breath away. Spread across 3,107 square kilometers of California's Sierra Nevada mountains, the park is famous for its waterfalls and camping grounds. But equally enthralling are its ancient giant sequoias, valleys, and meadows. And which intrepid mountaineer wouldn't want an opportunity to scale the world-famous granite cliff of El Capitan?

The high-resolution virtual tour of Yosemite will take you through more than 250 different locations in the park and some areas around it. You can zoom in to see every detail of whichever corner of the park you are in. Crosshairs on the screen lead to the various sites of the park from any point; all you have to do is click and you'd be immediately transported there. Throughout the interactive experience, you also get to hear the sounds of the place. So, when you are at Glacier Point, there will be the distinct chatter of tourists and the "ka-chick" of the cameras. Sounds of birds, gushing water and even the flowing wind can be experienced through this virtual tour.

3. Tour of Orlando

Become a tourist in Orlando here: visitorlando.com/virtual-tours



(Image: Héctor Vásquez/@hmva24)

There are just too many things to do in Orlando. From music to food to entertainment, the city is one of the best places to be in. You can take interactive virtual tours of everything on offer to visitors. From the top hotels to classiest restaurants and entertainment districts to globally famous theme parks, there is no dearth of entertainment and leisurely activities — all for your pleasure from behind the screen. There is the wonderful Walt Disney World Resort and all of its magnificent destinations including Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom Theme Park, and Blizzard Beach Water Park. Head to the Universal Orlando Resort for a trip with your favorite movie characters at Universal Studios Florida or just take the Universal City Walk for a delightfully pleasant feel.

Some of the experiences that a virtual tour of Orlando has on offer can be best enjoyed with a VR set. These include zip-lining over alligators at Gatorland and roller coaster rides such as LEGO Kingdoms, Fun Spot, Manta, and Mako — thrills you have probably been missing for a long time now. You can also choose to ride the waves of the speedy river of the Aquatica's Roa's Rapids at the Aquatica Orlando water park or take the more relaxing float down the winding lazy river in Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort.

4. King Power Mahanakhon

See King Power Mahanakhon here: <https://thaivirtualtour.info/VT/MNK360/>



(Image: <http://story.kingpower.com/>)

King Power Mahanakhon, formerly known as MahaNakhon, is a mixed-use skyscraper in the Silom/Sathon central business district of Bangkok, Thailand. It was opened in December 2016. It features the unconventional appearance of a glass curtain walled square tower with a cuboid-surfaced spiral cut into the side of the building. Following the transfer of the first residential units in April 2016, at 314.2 meters (1,031 ft) with 77 floors, it was recognized as the tallest building in Thailand on 4 May 2016 by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH). Featuring hotel, retail, and residences, 200 units of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Bangkok inside the building are priced between around \$US1,100,000 to \$US17,000,000, making it one of the most expensive condominiums in Bangkok.

The building was recognized as the tallest building in Thailand until the Magnolias Waterfront Residences at ICONSIAM broke the record in 2018 with a height of 317 meters. The building was purchased from PACE Development by King Power group in April 2018, resulting in the name change from MahaNakhon to King Power Mahanakhon.