

Virtual Adventures From Home



Week 2: Virtual Experiences of Beaches and Coastal Areas

Getting online from your armchair

- The following slides provide some links to internet sites that can be accessed using any desktop or mobile device (computer, laptop, smartphone). Simply open up your internet browser and copy the links, or click through directly from the links if your device allows.
- There are also some suggestions for apps to download which are available both in the AppStore and Google Play

360° Experiences of Beaches Across the World

- Valencia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZusoUCUYsyQ>
- Maldives: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgJITGvVfR0>
- Myrtos Beach, Greece: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJF-2FaJT80&t=8s>
- Playa Del Carmen, Mexico: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKOU2PoZNVs>

- These are just some suggestions, but if you search in google or any other internet search engine for virtual tours of beaches, the coast, the seaside, or other related words, a whole range of different options will come up for you to choose from.

- Alternatively, select any of your favourite beaches, or those you would love to explore and visit them using Google Earth. Start your search at: <https://earth.google.com/web/>

Webcams on beaches

- You can view live-streaming footage of beaches through a number of webcams installed across the UK. A comprehensive list of these is available at: <https://www.thebeachguide.co.uk/webcams>
- For the USA, try: <https://www.livebeaches.com/>
- Of course, in the current times, the beaches are understandably generally empty, but the streams give a great insight into the different beach and coastal environments around the world.

Snorkelling, Diving, Paragliding and Surfing!

- There are a huge range of videos of beach and coastal related activities whether 360 like the ones below, or in fixed frame view. Some examples are:
 - Surfing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKWWhf8RAV8>
 - Paragliding: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yb84Y5WvmWo>
 - Snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v64KOxKVLVg&t=53s> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Yv7hJCpMPU>
 - Diving at Green Island, Taiwan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OzIksZBTiA>
 - Swimming and Diving at Paulau: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvtvFHPRcsY> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvtvFHPRcsY&t=259s>

Sailing, Kayaking and Kitesurfing

- Sea Kayaking in South Greenland: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=931hIPC_OVQ&list=PLJ1sL9ORKV2Fx8cWmtOQ3NApVPhVBKdaF&index=21&t=0s
- Sea Kayaking in New Hampshire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2RKH8L1S3w&list=PLJ1sL9ORKV2Fx8cWmtOQ3NApVPhVBKdaF&index=26>
- Sailing to Ascension Island: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QViWx753YCc>
- Kitesurfing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0e5SuchCnY>

These are just a few examples of the wide range of videos (both 360 and fixed frame) that are available on each of these activities. Have a look and see which ones appeal to you.

Swimming & Diving with..... (360° videos)

- Diving with Sea Lions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=FkTZsEeD8Ns&feature=emb_logo
- Diving with Sharks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rG4jSz_2HDY/ / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3UOyWo2rg8/> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwRjPP-ANzs>
- Swimming with wild dolphins: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_XPYtyiMWE/ / https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbT_e8lWWdo&t=19s/ / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOsq7fQ9Z3A>
- Diving with a Blue Whale: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Og7tHSDDhI0>
- American Museum of Natural History – Swimming with Giants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOsq7fQ9Z3A>

Virtual Adventures in Rockpools

Rock-pooling in the UK:

- Wembury, South Devon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTOtjY3p7Os> (360° film)
- Inverclyde: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=695zvdIT-IU>
- Newlyn, Cornwall: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0lb3f750z0>
- More information on the wildlife found in rockpools is available on sites such as:
 - <https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/marine-life/rockpool-identification-guide/>
 - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/wildchallenge/rockpool-id-sheet.pdf>
 - <https://www.discoverwildlife.com/how-to/identify-wildlife/how-to-identify-rockpool-wildlife/>

Exploring the Rock Pools of Sydney, Australia: <http://blog.panedia.com/2009/09/28/sydney-rock-pools-virtual-tour/>

Virtual Experiences of Sandcastles

- For those of us who can't resist building a sandcastle when we're at the beach, here's some inspiration from the professionals:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrcevSWFltA>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgS9RFjULgM>

Coastal and Clifftop walks

- There are a number of videos available that you can either watch on laptop or smart device and feel like you are walking along the path as the camera moves through the landscape. For example:
 - Singapore Coastal Path: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64uGzJ0P16c&list=PLajqxGozD6Z_2X1m2wL-H22uyDQEAbz18&index=151
 - Bali: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u_5oJbLDRI
 - Thailand: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZ6-B9cZs_M
 - Sunset walk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKnx00Fkgig>
 - Scottish Coastal Walks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF34md4PQ9U>
- You can also select your preferred coastal path and 'walk' with Google StreetView. For example:
 - The Belgian Coast (walk with streetview): <https://www.belgiancoast.co.uk/en/inspiration/virtual-walks-along-coastal-walking-route-google-street-view>

Soundscapes of The Coast and Beach

- As with the first instalment last week, there are lots of videos and recordings of the sounds of the coast and beaches available online which you can access through a range of different websites. Some examples are:
 - Lapping waves: <https://sounds.bl.uk/Environment/Listen-to-Nature/022M-LISTNAT00236-0001V0>
 - Coastal birds (black-headed gulls, oystercatchers, gannets, etc): <https://sounds.bl.uk/Environment/Listen-to-Nature/022M-LISTNAT00135-0001V0> / <https://sounds.bl.uk/Environment/Listen-to-Nature/022M-LISTNAT00114-0001V0> / <https://sounds.bl.uk/Environment/Listen-to-Nature/022M-LISTNAT00172-0001V0>
 - General coastal soundscapes (with video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bW9VYhytk-c> ,
 - Sea/harbour: <https://sounds.bl.uk/Environment/Soundscapes/022M-W1CDR0000300-0600V0>
- As with last week, have a search through the following links to find your own:
 - British Library Sounds: <https://sounds.bl.uk/> (extensive library of different sounds of the coast – waves, pebbles, birds, animals), shorter recordings)
 - Youtube - www.youtube.com (lots of different coastal sounds, often longer recordings)
 - Soundcloud - <http://soundcloud.com> (a range of different recordings of various lengths)
 - Spotify – www.spotify.com (a range of different recordings of various lengths)

Enjoy your virtual adventures!

- Please note, in the current climate, the availability of virtual travel, leisure and recreation experiences is constantly changing with new opportunities emerging every day. What is provided here are some examples to start you off and it is no way even close to an exhaustive list. It is simply some prompts and suggestions. There are many other sites and organisations to explore.
- Wishing everyone the very best in these times. Stay safe. Look out for each other.