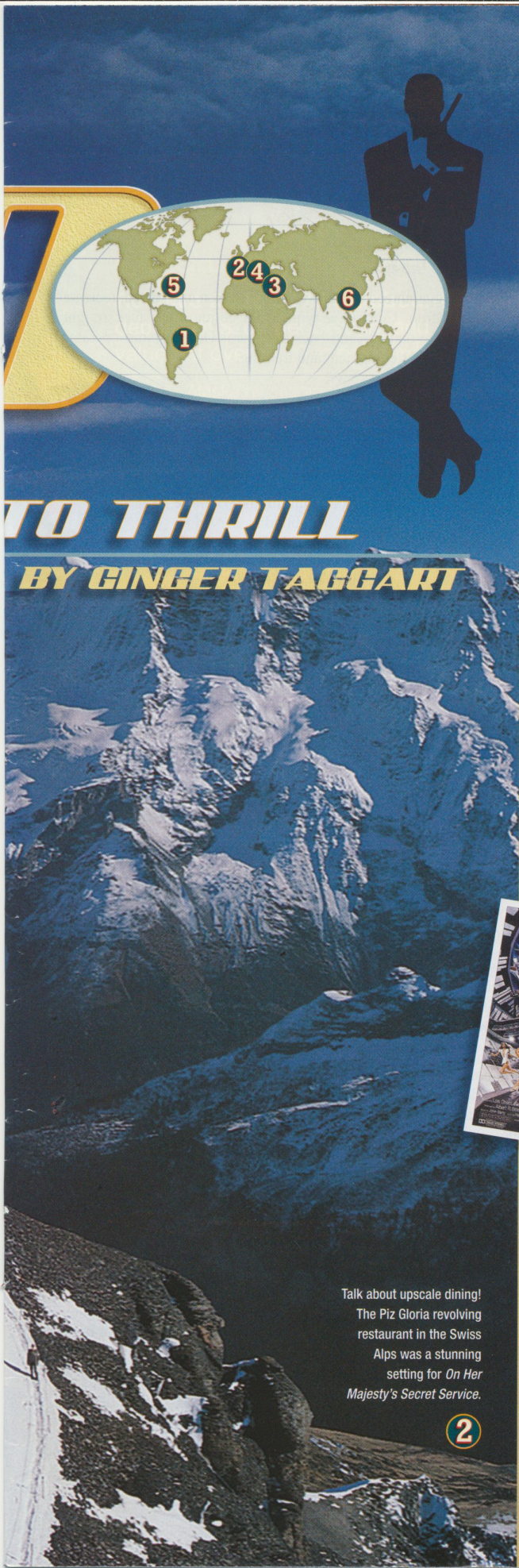


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LOCATIONS WITH A LICENSE***

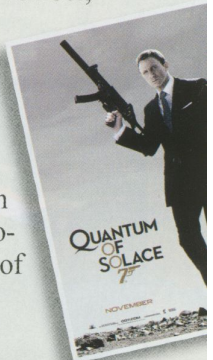




GOT AN URGE for a glamorous adventure? Long for travels that could light up the silver screen? To see some of the world's most magnificent settings, why not follow in the footsteps of the world's best-known secret agent? You know the name: Bond ... James Bond.



2008 marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ian Fleming, the man who created the James Bond character in a series of novels. In November, Bond will be back on the big screen with his latest epic film, *Quantum of Solace*. So there's no better time to indulge your inner 007 by visiting an exotic place once frequented by the electrifying superspy.



We've compiled a sampling of sites you can visit to relive your favorite Bond movie moments — and imagine yourself a member of Her Majesty's secret service.

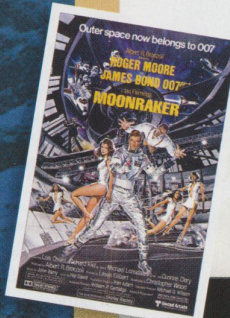
1 **RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

SEEN IN: *Moonraker* (1979)

PLAYING BOND: Roger Moore

A man of many faces, Bond no doubt felt at home when he attended Rio's famous Carnival in a *Moonraker* escape sequence. A wildly colorful and flamboyant musical festival, Carnival (Feb. 20 – 24 in 2009) occurs annually before the commencement of Lent. Thousands of costume-covered (or not-so-covered) dancers fill the streets for four days, creating one of the world's largest parties.

Yet it wasn't elaborate revelry that drew Bond to South America. Rather, it was a hunt for his nemesis, Hugo Drax. Far above Rio, a spectacular fight between Bond and the mammoth henchman known as Jaws ensued on the glass-paneled cable cars that run between peaks near Sugarloaf Mountain. You can take the same ride — minus the fisticuffs — and enjoy outstanding aerial views.



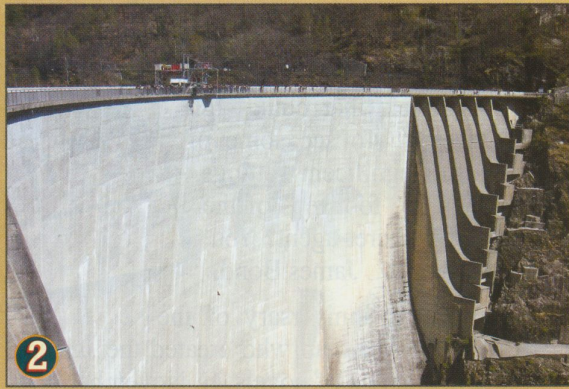
Talk about upscale dining! The Piz Gloria revolving restaurant in the Swiss Alps was a stunning setting for *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*.

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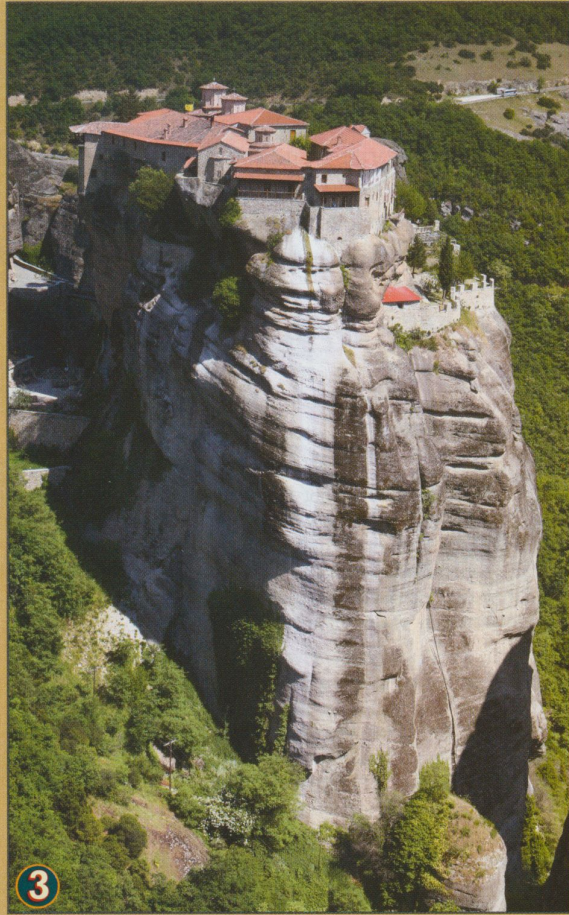


Rio Carnival revelers provided cover for Bond in *Moonraker*.

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2 Fly like a spy in *GoldenEye* with a bungee jump off Switzerland's Verzasca Dam.

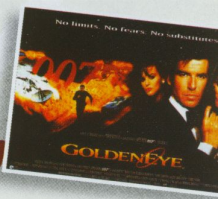


3 Bond found foes in high places when he visited the monasteries of Metéora, Greece, in *For Your Eyes Only*.



2 SWITZERLAND

This country bursts with Bond backdrops!



VERZASCA DAM

SEEN IN: *GoldenEye* (1995)

AS BOND: Pierce Brosnan

For an experience guaranteed to leave you both shaken *and* stirred, recreate the opening scene from *GoldenEye* with a bungee jump 720 feet straight down the face of the dam — and back up again! On-site jump operator Trekking Team provides equipment and training.

PIZ GLORIA

SEEN IN: *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* (1969)

AS BOND: George Lazenby

The revolving restaurant Piz Gloria — 9,700 feet above sea level, atop the Schilthorn summit in the Bernese Alps — provides views to die for. The building served as a headquarters for archvillain Blofeld in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. Today, you can start your day there with a James Bond breakfast buffet. Or wind down at the James Bond Bar with a martini. (You *know* how it's prepared.)

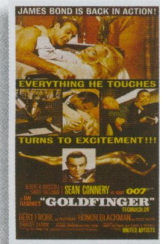


FURKA PASS

SEEN IN: *Goldfinger* (1964)

AS BOND: Sean Connery

Rent the car of your dreams (an Aston Martin, perhaps?) and hit this long and winding Alpine road. You can take in stunning scenery, including the Rhône glacier, while imagining yourself hot on the trail of Goldfinger himself.



3 METÉORA, GREECE

SEEN IN: *For Your Eyes Only* (1981)

AS BOND: Moore

Metéora is a rolling green valley filled with towering, naturally formed stone pillars. A handful of the daunting monoliths are crowned with elaborate stone monasteries, which were hand-built by monks in the 14th century.

The monks created their nearly inaccessible fortresses by hauling supplies (and even people) up 300-meter cliffs using only rope ladders and netting. In *For Your Eyes Only*, Bond scaled one of the cliff faces with his bare hands. You can reach the same vantage point using a less precarious technique: hiking a series of stone steps.



Grand Hotel Pupp CZECH REPUBLIC

Explore scenery from *Casino Royale* (2006) with a stay at this luxury hotel, which was used in the film. Those who hurry can book a 2008 Bond-theme package, which includes a 007 dinner and shooting-range visit.

British Colonial Hilton BAHAMAS

Featured in *Thunderball* (1965) and *Never Say Never Again* (1983), this beachfront hotel features a "Double-O" suite (No. 417) complete with ocean views and Bond memorabilia.

Stoke Park Club ENGLAND

In a memorable golf match from *Goldfinger* (1964), Bond defeated his nemesis on the 18th green at this historic hotel and country club. Stay once at the elegant property and you'll want to return — just as Bond did in *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997).

Goldeneye Resort JAMAICA

This one's better than a movie set! Guests are welcome to stay in Ian Fleming's modest, three-bedroom home (now part of a secluded Caribbean luxury resort), where the author dreamed up many of 007's original adventures.

Icehotel SWEDEN

For a thrill with a chill, stay at the original Icehotel, the inspiration for Bond's accommodations in *Die Another Day* (2002). Located north of the Arctic Circle, Icehotel is rebuilt every year. Rooms are available December through April. You can even overcome cold feet and get married there!

007 SLEPT HERE. YOU CAN TOO.

SHARING BOND'S BEDROOMS

4 VENICE, ITALY

SEEN IN: *From Russia With Love* (1963), *Moonraker* (1979), *Casino Royale* (2006)

AS BOND: Connery, Moore, Daniel Craig

Bond might have only lived twice, but he visited Venice three times on screen, making the enigmatic, canal-lined city on the Adriatic Sea one of the world sites most closely associated with 007.

In *From Russia With Love*, Connery's Bond rode to Venice by rail — and romanced the fetching Tatiana Romanova in one of the city's charming gondolas. Moore's Bond boarded a gondola in *Moonraker* — but his was a motor-propelled model that rose out of a canal, transformed into a hovercraft, and sped across St. Mark's Square. Craig — the actor currently carrying Bond's license to kill — spent a climactic *Casino Royale* sequence in a historical Venetian building that crumbled into a canal.

You're encouraged to soak in Venice at a leisurely pace. Wander without an agenda through interconnecting islands and plazas. Enjoy classical music and a magical nighttime ambiance in St. Mark's Square. And, like Bond, be sure to hop in one of those famous gondolas. (Just don't expect to leave the water while you ride.)

5 KEY WEST, FLORIDA

SEEN IN: *License to Kill* (1989)

AS BOND: Timothy Dalton

In *License to Kill*, Bond was in the United States' southernmost city when he resigned his post with Britain's Secret Intelligence Service. Ordered to go on assignment in Turkey, Bond declined so he could instead pursue revenge for the murder of a friend's wife. The confrontational quitting scene was shot at the landmark former home of author Ernest Hemingway. When Bond's boss, M, revokes Bond's license to kill, our hero quips, "I guess this is a farewell to arms," a cheeky reference to Hemingway's famous novel.

The Hemingway house is a museum devoted to its former owner's life and work. If you go, be sure you also take in more of what Key West has to offer: beaches, cocktail bars, motor scooters and warmly celebrated sunsets. An unabashed attitude of mellow acceptance permeates the place. Bond probably wasn't the only person to contemplate early retirement after arriving here!

6 KO TAPU, THAILAND

SEEN IN: *The Man With the Golden Gun* (1974)

AS BOND: Moore

Perhaps the only Bond film location to take 007's name after appearing with him onscreen is Ko Tapu — now more commonly called James Bond Island. *The Man With the Golden Gun's* title character, supervillain Scaramanga, hid out near Ko Tapu on another idyllic island, Ko Khao Phing Kan. Both sites are in Phang Nga Bay within Ao Phang Nga National Park, near Phuket, Thailand.

Standing 65 feet, Ko Tapu juts up out of the water, taller than it is wide and narrower at the bottom than at the top. Those unusual dimensions account for some of the island's appeal. So do its surroundings: vibrant turquoise waters and beaches the color of Scaramanga's famous firearm.

Tours by bus and long-tail boat take crowds of tourists to James Bond Island every day. If you seek a more serene visit, junk boat cruises — including some at sunset — also are available.

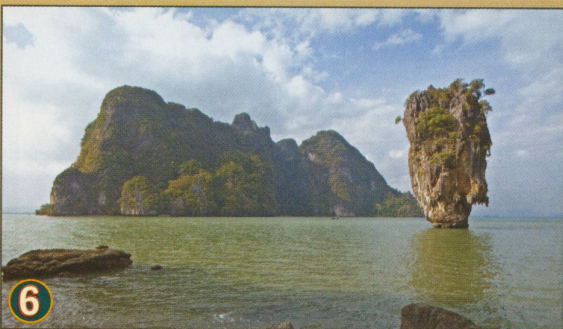
In the Summer 2008 Postcards, Ginger Taggart wrote about India. (Yup, James Bond has been there — in 1983's Octopussy.)



Unlike Bond, who visited Venice during several adventures, you should take your time while you wander in St. Mark's Square.



In *License to Kill*, Bond almost called it quits at Ernest Hemingway's Key West home.



After appearing in *The Man With the Golden Gun*, Thailand's Ko Tapu assumed a new identity: James Bond Island.

