

## Visit the Grand Canyon, Eiffel Tower and Niagara Falls from your couch

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It's a gray, rainy afternoon at the Eiffel Tower and a sunny, hazy dawn at the Grand Canyon. Niagara Falls continue to churn, even as many parts of the world go on lockdown.

For passionate explorers and travelers, it may not be possible to physically visit those destinations as long as fears of the coronavirus and advisories against travel persist. But it is possible to satisfy your wanderlust from your couch while virtually globetrotting with webcams from all around the world.

These sights can prove cathartic and provide relief from the news cycle, or they can jog memories of previous trips or inspiration for future travel. Here are some of the worthwhile webcams out there.

### **Niagara Falls**

Though there are only a few stray cars that pass by the Canadian-side visitor center, Horseshoe Falls, North America's most powerful waterfall, keeps on churning with more than 6 million cubic feet of water cresting the falls every minute. Not even a pandemic can stop this natural wonder, which can be viewed at [EarthCam.com](#).

### **Meerkats at the zoo**

Let me just say: Awwwwwww. In January, Zoo Miami was home to the birth of two baby meerkats, pictured above with their mom, "Yam Yam." The Meerkat Cam from [EarthCam.com](#) allows people from around the world to peer into the small burrowing mammals' habitat.

### **Grand Canyon**

Although Grand Canyon National Park is closed for business, adventurers can still travel there virtually using some of the park's webcams. Though they aren't live, the cams offer photos that update regularly to show the conditions around the canyon. A live look at the park's south entrance station shows deserted entrance booths with cones blocking visitors from entering. View the webcams: [nps.gov](#)

## **Manatees**

Manatee season at Blue Spring State Park ended March 16, but one above-water webcam from Save the Manatee Club may occasionally show sea cows lazily floating by. Otherwise, viewers can enjoy a two-hour highlight reel of magical manatee moments captured underwater. Or float on over to Homosassa Springs (virtually) to view more webcams. Find them at [savethemanatee.org](https://savethemanatee.org).

## **Eiffel Tower**

The crowds are sparse at the usually-packed Eiffel Tower as France continues its national lockdown due to COVID-19. But it's still possible to enjoy a virtual visit to the iconic monument thanks to [EarthCam.com](https://EarthCam.com). In a vertical video, see how the tower changes from dawn until dusk and then lights up the night skyline.

## **Baby goats**

There's nothing to ease the mind quite like the splendor of watching baby goats go about their daily business, unaware of anything happening in the external world. A live look provided by Syman Says Farms in Salem, Conn., allows us to be virtually graced by their presence. The [homestead's YouTube channel](#) has it all.

## **A safari, complete with commentary**

Do you want to hear play-by-play speculation about when a group of sleepy lions might wake up? Oh, wait — now we cut over to the giraffes! This is the daily adventure of a WildEarth safari. Live from private game refuges in South Africa, experts provide commentary about wild animal happenings twice daily. Find the livestream and schedule at [wildearth.tv](https://wildearth.tv).

## **Beaches of Maui**

Is Hawaii on your bucket list? This might not stack up to actually sipping a Mai Tai on the sandy shores of Maui, but you can visit the destination virtually with webcams. One view from behind a Maui condo presents an opportunity ripe for spotting Humpback Whales, depending on the time of day and conditions: [mauisands.com](https://mauisands.com). The Hawaii Surf Cam from [EarthCam.com](https://EarthCam.com) shows a popular spot on Kauai where surfers can be seen catching waves.

## **Grand Tetons**

Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park features towering peaks that provide a scenic background for the town of Jackson Hole. On a clear day, witness the magnificent Tetons from the comfort of your own home via [EarthCam.com](https://EarthCam.com).

## **Out of this world... literally**

This webcam is literally out of this world. Mounted aboard the International Space Station, this NASA camera shows people a far-out look at the blue sphere we call home. The station orbits the Earth once every 90 minutes, which provides viewers a sunrise or sunset every 45 minutes. Find this spacey webcam at [EarthCam.com](https://EarthCam.com).