



## Lights, Camera, Action!

Interested in visiting the filming locations for some of your favorite movies and television series? The Sunshine State's gorgeous beaches, favorable weather and captivating natural scenery make it one of the most popular filming destinations in the world. While traveling Florida's Scenic Highways, take a film tour and eat, play and stay where some

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Are you a movie buff?  
Travel along Florida's Scenic Highways



### 1 Scenic Highway 30A

In *The Truman Show*, Jim Carrey portrays the unknowing star of a reality show. Scenes from this film were shot in Northwest Florida, including Deer Point Dam, St. Andrews State Park, Destin and Panama City – areas that are known for sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters. The cast and crew of the movie spent most of their time in Seaside – a village located off **Scenic Highway 30A**. Seaside, with its narrow red-brick roads and pastel-colored houses with white picket fences, set the scene for “Seahaven” in the movie. Numerous existing gift shops, art galleries, the post office and a market were all featured in the film.

- 2 *Big Bend Scenic Byway*,
- 3 *Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway and*
- 4 *A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway*

Relive the history of the 1930s, 40s and 50s by visiting Wakulla Springs and Silver Springs, where many classic old movies were filmed. These are two of the largest springs in the world and are known for their lush, jungle-like vegetation and crystal clear waters – so clear that the trend of underwater filming was born here. In *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954), crucial underwater scenes were filmed at Wakulla Springs and Silver Springs State Parks, located off the **Big Bend Scenic Byway** and the **Florida Black Bear Scenic Byway**, respectively. In that movie, professional diver and Florida-native, Ricou Browning, played the Gill-man. Scenes for the sequel, *Revenge of the Creature* (1955), were shot at Marineland, which is located along the **A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway**. This movie featured a now famous actor in his first movie role ever. You might recognize his name ... Clint Eastwood! The tropical vegetation surrounding

### 5 Old Florida Heritage Highway

*Doc Hollywood*, starring Michael J. Fox, was filmed in the early 1990s in Micanopy, which you can visit on your drive along the **Old Florida Heritage Highway**. The movie is about a young hotshot doctor who, on his way to becoming a cosmetic surgeon in Beverly Hills, gets stranded in a small rural town. Fox plays Dr. Benjamin Stone, who crashes his Porsche Speedster into the fence of the local judge’s home. The judge then sentences him to community service at a hospital to pay off the debt. Many of the buildings featured in the movie, such as the repair garage and large house that served as the hospital, are still standing today. Time your visit to attend the annual “Doc Hollywood Days” festival, which celebrates the filming of the movie in this small Florida town with a parade and other events.

### 6 Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway

As any movie buff knows, many space-themed movies have launched from Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center. Visit these epic filming locations on your drive along the **Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway**. A few of the most popular movies and television series shot here include: *Apollo 13* (1995), *Armageddon* (1998), *From the Earth to the Moon* (1998), and *Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon* (2010). Directed by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks, *Apollo 13* tells the gripping story of the third Apollo mission to the moon. Many scenes, based on actual events, show the Kennedy Space Center at Launch Complex 34 (now the Apollo 1 Memorial), Launch Complex 39A and the real “crawler” in action, which brings the rockets out for launch. *Armageddon* and *Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon*, both directed by Michael Bay, used the same locations but transformed them into different sci-fi scenes. The television mini-series, *From the Earth to the Moon*, traces Apollo missions from 1961 to 1972. This series was shot at the Kennedy Space Center and Orlando’s Naval Training Center, now redeveloped into the community of Baldwin Park.

### 7 Florida Keys Scenic Highway

Some of the most spectacular action sequences shot in Florida were filmed in the Florida Keys for the 1994 film *True Lies*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jamie Lee Curtis. The film was made by famed director James Cameron, who also directed *Titanic* and *Avatar*. The *True Lies* crew filmed on the now obsolete Overseas Highway, which was built in 1912 by Henry Flagler to serve the railroad and is now a Pigeon Key Historic Site. The Overseas Highway used to parallel the Seven Mile Bridge (part of U.S. Highway 1 and the present **Florida Keys Scenic Highway**), which also carries the All-American Road designation. In the movie, the bridge appears to have been blown up by a missile, but that sequence was actually filmed using a model of the highway. After the fictional explosions, the characters played by Schwarzenegger, Curtis and Tom Arnold meet at the entrance of the Old Flagler Railroad right-of-way. After you’ve toured these shoot locations, follow Schwarzenegger’s character in the movie and book a room at the Hawk’s Cay Resort on Duck Key. We have no doubt that you’ll be back.

Grab a martini – shaken not stirred – and tour some of the areas where James Bond had a *License to Kill*. Starring Timothy Dalton, *License to Kill* was shot in 1989 along the **Florida Keys Scenic Highway** and in Key West. Former Governor Bob Martinez had a cameo as a security guard in this British film featuring a running travelogue of the Florida Keys – including scenes on the Seven Mile Bridge, aerial shots and one moment where James Bond is stripped of his “license” at the former home of Ernest Hemingway in Key West.

