

# B See the film...get on a plane

## 1 READING

- a Have you ever seen a film which made you want to go to the place where the film was made? b Read the article and try to complete each text with the name of the film and the country where it was made. Use the photos to help you.

## Famous films that moved us (literally!)

Sometimes when you see a film, the sense of place is so strong that it makes you think 'I have to go there one day'. Here are three films, from three different decades, that have made thousands of people pack their cases and catch a plane. There's travel information too, in case you want to go there yourself...



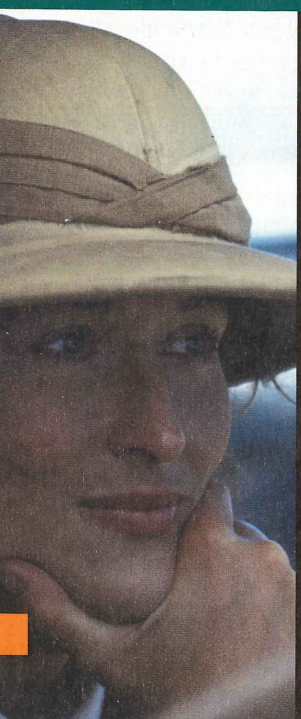
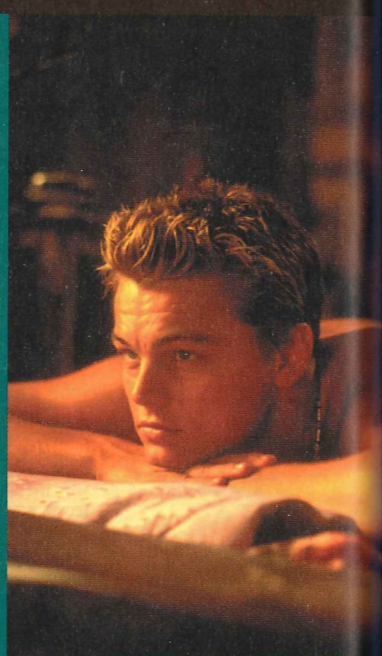
**1** The film is set in the 1990s on a small tropical island. It is based on a best-selling book by the young author Alex Garland and it was directed by the British director, Danny Boyle. It's about a young traveller (played by Leonardo DiCaprio) who finds a group of young people living on a beautiful, uninhabited island. But paradise soon turns into a nightmare...

### Where was it filmed?

The film was shot on the beautiful island of Phi Phi Leh in \_\_\_\_\_, which is now visited by more than a million tourists every year. Most of the hotels were destroyed in 2004 by the tsunami but they have now been rebuilt.

### How do I get there?

Fly to Phuket International airport and travel to the island by boat or small plane.



**2** This film was nominated for 11 Oscars and it won seven. It's about a Danish writer (Meryl Streep) who goes to Africa to help her husband run a coffee plantation. To her surprise, she finds herself falling in love with the country, the people, and a mysterious white hunter (Robert Redford). The film was based on an autobiographical novel by the Danish writer, Isak Dinesen, and was directed by the American director Sydney Pollack.

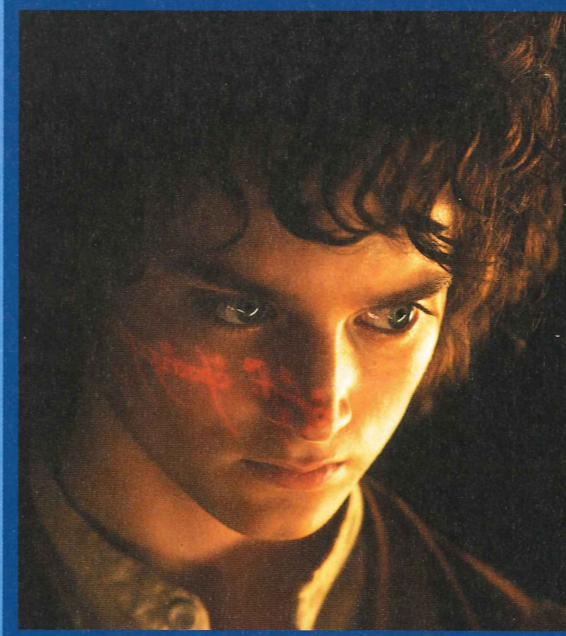
### Where was it filmed?

The story is set in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1914 and was shot on location in the Masai Mara National Park. Apart from the actors, the 'stars' of the film are the breathtaking scenery and the exotic wildlife, which look so wonderful on the big screen. The film also had an unforgettable soundtrack guaranteed to move even the most unromantic.

The film won the Oscar for Best Picture and the following year tourism replaced agriculture as the country's top industry.

### How do I get there?

Fly to Nairobi and then drive to the Masai Mara National Reserve where the cast and film crew lived during filming. Then take a three-day safari to see giraffes, elephants, lions, and much more.



**3** This trilogy of films won a total of 17 Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director. They are based on the books written by JRR Tolkien. They tell the story of a hobbit, Frodo Baggins, who has to try and destroy a magic ring in order to defeat the evil forces of the Dark Lord Sauron. He is helped on his journey by a group of friends.

### Where was it filmed?

The story is set in an imaginary land called Middle Earth. All three films were filmed in \_\_\_\_\_, which was chosen because of its magnificent and dramatic scenery. The director of the film, Peter Jackson, was born there. The success of the films has attracted thousands of tourists to the country, and last year it was voted the most popular holiday destination by UK travellers.

### How do I get there?

You can either fly to Auckland or Wellington, the capital city (where you will be greeted by a huge sign saying 'Welcome to Middle Earth'). From there you can travel to visit all the fantastic film locations, including the battlefields. There are guided tours by road or helicopter.



- c Read the article again and answer the questions.

### Which film(s)...

- 1 had three parts
- 2 were based on a book
- 3 was set at the beginning of the 20th century
- 4 was set in a place where later there was a natural disaster
- 5 was filmed in a wildlife park
- 6 didn't win an Oscar
- 7 was a romantic film
- 8 was directed by a man born in the country where the film was made

- d Answer the questions.

Have you seen any of these films? Did you like it / them? Which of the three places would you most like to visit?

## 2 GRAMMAR passive: be + past participle

- a Read about *The Beach* again. Underline an example of the present passive, the past passive, and the present perfect passive. How do you form the passive?  
b Look at the active sentences in the chart below and underline the verbs. What tense are they? In pairs, complete the chart with passive verbs.

Active	Passive
Films inspire people to travel.	People <u>are inspired</u> to travel by films.
Sydney Pollack directed <i>Out of Africa</i> .	<i>Out of Africa</i> <u>was directed</u> by Sydney Pollack.
They're making the film on location.	The film _____ on location.
They will release the film next year.	The film _____ next year.
Thousands of fans have visited the country.	The country _____ by thousands of fans.

- c p.140 Grammar Bank 6B. Read the rules and do the exercises.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

- a 6.5 Dictation. Listen and write six passive sentences.  
b Listen again. Underline the stressed words.  
c Listen and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

## 6B the passive: *be* + past participle

A lot of films **are shot** on location.

My car **is being repaired** today.

*Death in Venice* **was directed** by Visconti.

She died when **the film was being made**.

My bike **has been stolen**.

You'll **be picked up** at the airport.

This bill **has to be paid** tomorrow.

- We often use the passive when it's not clear or important who does an action, e.g. *My bike has been stolen* (= Somebody has stolen my bike. I don't know who.)
- If you want to say who did the action, use *by*.

## 6B

a Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.

Lada cars **made in Russia** . *are made in Russia*.

- 1 A new motorway **is being build** at the moment.
- 2 The film **based on** a famous novel.
- 3 This programme **were watched by** millions of people.
- 4 My bag **was stole** when I was in Florida.
- 5 The Harry Potter books **were written for** JK Rowling.
- 6 I couldn't send you an email because **my computer was repairing** .
- 7 **You will taken** to your hotel by taxi.
- 8 Oh no! Our flight **has being cancelled** .
- 9 English **is spoke** in this restaurant.
- 10 Seat belts **must wear** at all times.

b Rewrite the sentences with the passive.

They sell cold drinks here. Cold drinks *are sold here* .

- 1 They subtitle a lot of foreign films.  
A lot of foreign films \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2 Someone threw the letters away by mistake.  
The letters \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3 Some people are painting my house.  
My house \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4 They have sold all the tickets for the concert.  
All the tickets for the concert \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 They will play the match tomorrow.  
The match \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 Somebody must pay this bill tomorrow.  
This bill \_\_\_\_\_ .