

# British stars in the spotlight at the Golden Globes

Lights, camera, Britain! At the Golden Globes it wasn't just the stars of the big screen stealing the spotlight – Britain's iconic film locations were proving they deserve their moment of fame too. From the buzzing streets of London to the drama of the East Sussex coastline, Britain has starred as the backdrop for some of this year's most talked-about films and TV series. Whether it is the screen magic of the award-winning Wicked, or the gritty comedy of Baby Reindeer, the locations are just as memorable as the productions themselves. It is time to explore Britain, the real star of the show!

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The winners

On a star-studded night in Los Angeles, Britain shone brightly at the 2025 Golden Globe Awards, with Baby Reindeer winning 'Best Limited or Anthology Series or Television Film', and Jessica Gunning receiving 'Best Supporting Actress in a Series, Miniseries, or Television Film' for her role. Additionally, the film adaptation of Wicked scooped the 'Cinematic and Box Office Achievement' award.

#### Wicked: Part I

Winner of: Cinematic and Box Office Achievement

#### Nominated for: Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy

Grab a broom and prepare for some movie magic at the <u>Seven Sisters Country Park</u>, part of the Sussex Heritage Coast. With its dramatic white chalk cliffs, this stunning setting provided the backdrop for Glinda's arrival at Shiz University in a pink sailboat, filmed along the Cuckmere River within the park. Meanwhile, the quaint village of Ivinghoe, near Luton, was transformed into Munchkinland, featuring colourful cottages and the iconic Yellow Brick Road. Ivinghoe has plenty to offer visitors beyond its connection to the film. A part of the Chiltern Hills, Ivinghoe Beacon offers stunning panoramic views and marks the start of the <u>Ridgeway National Trail</u>. <u>Waddesdon Manor</u>, a short drive from Ivinghoe, is a French Renaissance-style château not only famed for its opulent interiors, art collection and landscaped gardens, but also for its appearances in *The Crown*, *Queen Charlotte* and *Cinderella* (2021).

#### Baby Reindeer

Winner of: Best Television Limited Series, Anthology Seres or Motion Picture Made for Television

This dark comedy drama is a wild, offbeat ride through Edinburgh and London's pub, bar, and club scene. In the Scottish capital, follow in the footsteps of anti-hero Donny as he tries his luck at Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Explore scenic spots like Arthur's Seat and the Royal Mile, which can be spotted in several scenes, and quirky drinking holes such as the Hoppy Pub in Meadowbank which served as the exterior for the venue of Donny's disastrous Fringe appearance. In London, the cinematic pub (and club) crawl continues with the Army and Navy pub in Stoke Newington, where Donny's Edinburgh gigs were actually filmed, or visit the Comedy Club in Leicester Square where Donny hits the stage in the final episode. The Regent's Canal in North London, near Haggerston Park, is the setting for Donny's late-night encounter with Martha (played by Best Supporting Actress, Television winner Jessica Gunning) on his way home from a date with Teri. Go for a stroll there on a Sunday and check out the bustling stalls of <u>Columbia Road Flower</u> Market, brimming with colourful blooms and street food stalls.

# Nominated

Britain proved its dominance infront of the camera with a remarkable line-up of nominated productions, from the animated charm of Wallace and Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl to the tense espionage of Slow Horses.

#### Wallace and Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl

#### Nominated for: Best Motion Picture - Animated

<u>Bristol</u>, the home of Aardman Animations, remains at the heart of Wallace and Gromit's adventures, including their latest exploits in *Vengeance Most Fowl*. Follow the brand-new

dazzling <u>Gromit Unleashed 3 Trail</u> created by children's charity The Grand Appeal (coming summer 2025), or plan the great getaway at <u>A Grand Way Out</u>, the first ever Wallace and Gromit escape room. For a truly immersive experience, <u>We The Curious</u>, where Aardman previously hosted behind-the-scenes exhibitions, allows visitors to a try their hand at animation. Pop into the <u>Gromit Unleashed Shop</u> at The Mall at Cribbs Causeway and stock up on unique Wallace and Gromit merchandise or grab a piece of Wallace's favourite Wensleydale at <u>The Bristol</u> <u>Cheesemonger</u>. Bristol is brimming with film and TV history too; its picturesque streets and iconic landmarks have also featured in other film and TV productions like *Sherlock* and *His Dark Materials*. Alternatively, head to the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal near Wrexham, in northeast Wales. This UNESCO World Heritage masterpiece of engineering provided inspiration for creator Nick Park and *Vengeance Most Fowl's* captivating conclusion.

# Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice

#### Nominated for: Cinematic and Box Office Achievement

Step into the gothic glamour of *Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice* at <u>West Wycombe Park</u> in Buckinghamshire, where a gloomy funeral scene was shot. With the infamous <u>Hellfire Caves</u> just around the corner, it is an eerily fitting filming location for the ghostly blockbuster. The caves, once a notorious haunt for secret societies, ooze atmosphere with their dimly lit passageways and spooky legends. The atmospheric West Wycombe Park, managed by The National Trust, has also appeared in *Bridget Jones' Diary, Sense and Sensibility, X-Men, Howard's End* and *Downton Abbey*. Fans of the film can channel their inner Beetlejuice while exploring these historic spots. Just don't say his name three times!

#### Deadpool and Wolverine

#### Nominated for: Cinematic and Box Office Achievement

The secret is out, the US superhero franchise found cinematic inspiration in Britain! Holkham Beach in Norfolk features in *Deadpool's* third instalment, with its golden sands and vast skies providing an unlikely backdrop for the chaotic anti-hero's antics. For a more dramatic vibe, London's iconic cityscapes serve as an ideal setting for urban escapades, from gritty streets to towering skyscrapers. For cinematic views of this sprawling city, head to the <u>Sky Garden</u> atop the Walkie Talkie building or, if you dare, climb to the top of the <u>Tottenham Hotspur Stadium</u> and walk along its glass walkway for the ultimate adrenaline-pumping adventure. Whether it is the tranquil beaches of Norfolk or the bustling, vibrant energy of the English capital, Britain is a superhero's playground packed with adventure.

# The Diplomat

#### Nominated for: Best Television Series - Drama

Netflix's slick political thriller takes visitors on a tour of Britain's finest filming locations. Wrotham Park, a Palladian mansion in Hertfordshire, stands in for an opulent embassy, while London's iconic <u>St. Paul's Cathedral</u> and <u>Old Royal Naval College</u> in Greenwich appear in MP Merritt Grove's funeral scenes. Why not grab a <u>Royal Museums Greenwich Pass</u> and delve into the history of this borough, or marvel at its opulent buildings from the lofty heights of an <u>IFS Cloud</u> <u>Cable Car</u>? Up in Scotland, <u>Inveraray Castle</u> delivers an elegant backdrop in episode four of season two, while Winston Churchill's birthplace, <u>Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire</u>, is another aristocratic abode on the thrilling set-jetting list. Do not miss <u>Wilton House</u> in Salisbury too, as its stately corridors and stunning gardens make for a truly 'diplomatic' setting in the show.

#### **Slow Horses**

#### Nominated for: Best Television Series - Drama

*Slow Horses* takes its espionage to unexpected places, including the charming town of <u>Stroud</u>, in Gloucestershire. Here scenes were filmed at the Stroud District Council building for a tense meeting between spies. Or explore a piece of Bedfordshire, as Dunstable's <u>Priory House</u> serves as a key setting for covert operations and tense confrontations. Meanwhile, London's gritty streets steal the spotlight, with the MI5 building at Vauxhall Cross acting as the headquarters for the team, while scenes set in <u>Leadenhall Market</u> capture the city's buzzing energy. Visitors can also channel their inner spy on a <u>Secret London Bike Tour</u> or sit back and experience the magic of the capital on a Thames Evening Cruise with Canapés and Music.

# The Gentlemen

# Nominated for: Best Television Series - Musical or Comedy

Go on a tour of Britain's stately homes featured in *The Gentlemen*, where crime has never looked so good! Channel your inner 'lord of the manor' at <u>Badminton Estate</u> in Gloucestershire, which doubled up as the exteriors of Halstead Manor. Meanwhile, the stunning stately home of Knebworth House, in Hertfordshire, is used as the family seat of another on-screen lord. Over in Dorset, Sherborne New Castle, built by English explorer Sir Walter Raleigh, also made an on-screen appearance, and invites visitors to explore its landscaped gardens designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. For gardening inspiration, look to the architectural gem of <u>Loseley Park</u> in Surrey, used to depict one of the weed farms in *The Gentlemen*. Its grounds can be viewed in the summer months, when guided tours of the 16th-century Loseley House also operate.

# Disclaimer

# Nominated for: Best Television Limited Series, Anthology Seres or Motion Picture Made for Television

Alfonso Cuarón's gripping mystery thriller *Disclaimer*, starring Cate Blanchett, finds its cinematic backdrop in some of England's most iconic locations. The sleek interiors of the Leadenhall Building, known as the 'Cheesegrater', take centre stage in some of the London scenes, complemented by <u>St. Paul's Cathedral</u> nearby. While in the area, explore shopping destination <u>One New Change</u> for rooftop views of the cathedral, or stroll across the Millenium Bridge to see innovative art at <u>Tate Modern</u>. Other key locations include the trendy streets of Notting Hill and the leafy corners of Islington, both historic neighbourhoods with plenty of stylish boutiques and cosy lunch spots. Further afield, the picturesque Blackpool seafront adds coastal charm to the tense thriller. While in Blackpool, venture up the iconic <u>Blackpool Tower</u>, enjoy the charming <u>Pleasure Beach</u>, or take a walk along the pier.