

## **ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL HEROIC JOURNEYS**

### **1. The Odyssey (1997)**

This lavish small-screen adaptation of Homer's ancient epic--replete with Maltese and Turkish locations, state-of-the-art special effects, and many bronzed muscles gleaming with sweat--chronicles the voyage home of a Trojan hero, Odysseus King of Ithaca, and includes many more scenes of his faithful, beautiful wife Penelope dodging leering suitors at home than Homer ever composed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cMEMkAL1YY>

### **2. Alexander (2004)**

Alexander, the King of Macedonia and one of the greatest military leaders in the history of warfare, conquers much of the known world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bh6LKldxqCU>

### **3. Saladin (1963)**

Saladin, ruler of the kingdoms surrounding the Latin state of Jerusalem, is brought to attack the Christians in the Holy Land by the sacking of a convoy of Muslim pilgrims, a group which included his sister.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6LXbfZZ2JQ>

### **4. King Arthur (2004)**

A demystified take on the tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqZh1tg\\_bF4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqZh1tg_bF4)

## **COLONISATION PERIOD**

### **5. Lawrence of Arabia (1962)**

The story of T.E. Lawrence, the English officer who successfully united and lead the diverse, often warring, Arab tribes during World War I in order to fight the Turks.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmr1iSG3RTA>

### **6. A Passage to India (1984)**

Cultural mistrust and false accusations doom a friendship in British colonial India between an Indian doctor, an Englishwoman engaged to marry a city magistrate, and an English educator.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mIHlofacDg>

### **7. The Man Who Would Be King (1975)**

Two British soldiers in India decide to resign from the Army and set themselves up as deities in Kafiristan-a land where no white man has set foot since Alexander.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNb6SxXcD7g>

**8. Out of Africa (1985)**

In 20th-century colonial Kenya, a Danish baroness/plantation owner has a passionate love affair with a free-spirited big-game hunter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsyiQIYcA6E>

**9. Indochine (1992)**

This story is set in 1930, at the time when French colonial rule in Indochina is ending. A widowed French woman who works in the rubber fields, raises a Vietnamese princess as if she was her own daughter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xJQPuY3G7k>

## **PILGRIMAGE/RELIGIOUS JOURNEYS**

**10. The Great Journey (2004)**

Reda, a young French-Moroccan guy and his old father drive from the south of France to Mecca in order for the father to do his pilgrimage. At first distant, they gradually learn to know each other.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YCiubVzuK8>

**11. Il cammino per Santiago/The way (2010)**

A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5VZKWcgw6c&list=PLqOKI3TdKRdRKIr9VQ5XIMEmbVjLTQc5Y>

## **LOOKING FOR SELF, LOVE, HAPPINESS...**

**12. The Darjeeling Limited (2007)**

A year after their father's funeral, three brothers travel across India by train in an attempt to bond with each other.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aO1bYukdvLI>

**13. The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011)**

British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than advertised, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roDQowqG3cE>

**14. Into the Wild (2007)**

After graduating from Emory University, top student and athlete Christopher McCandless abandons all his possessions, and hitchhikes to Alaska to live in the wilderness. Along the way, he encounters a series of characters that shape his life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7ArZ7VD-QQ>

**15. The Motorcycle Diaries (2004)**

The dramatization of a motorcycle road trip Che Guevara went on in his youth that showed him his life's calling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWBsQArUkQY>

**MIGRATIONS**

**16. Journey of Hope (1990)**

The story of a poor Turkish family who try to emigrate illegally to Switzerland.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl4\\_pKtjuE8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl4_pKtjuE8)

**ADVENTURE, EXPLORATION**

**17. Mutiny on the Bounty (1962)**

In 1787, British ship Bounty leaves Portsmouth to bring a cargo of bread-fruit from Tahiti but the savage on-board conditions imposed by Captain Bligh trigger a mutiny led by officer Fletcher Christian.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEmZ\\_A0UTrA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEmZ_A0UTrA)

**18. Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003)**

Blacksmith teams up with eccentric pirate "Captain" Jack Sparrow to save his love, the governor's daughter, from Jack's former pirate allies, who are now undead.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5GgQF9K2Fs>

**19. Marco Polo**

In a world replete with greed, betrayal and rivalry, "Marco Polo" is based on the famed explorer's adventures in Kublai Khan's court in 13th century Mongolia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4d6zUIxfes>