

Stay Entertained at Home with Unique Virtual Experiences

With outside-the-house activities temporarily closed, seniors and families alike are looking for safe ways to have fun at home.

To keep people of all ages from getting bored, restless, or agitated, DailyCaring put together a list of free virtual experiences. These experiences include observing animals in zoos and in their natural habitats around the world, a variety of live music and concerts, virtual travel to amazing places across the globe, tours of the world's top museums, and even virtual visits to top U.S. theme parks.

Listen to Amazing Music and Watch Shows "Live"



The New York Philharmonic

Orchestra members are sharing wonderful performances from home as well as past concerts at [facebook.com/nyphilharmonic](https://www.facebook.com/nyphilharmonic) and [youtube.com/user/NewYorkPhilharmonic](https://www.youtube.com/user/NewYorkPhilharmonic).

PBS Great Performances

PBS Great Performances is America's top performing arts TV series. It showcases a diverse range of performing arts specials from around the world. Many of their full-length performances are available to watch for free – go to [pbs.org/wnet/gperf/video](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/video) and look for the videos without the blue star (those require a membership).

If you have questions, please contact your Social Worker or MVHCaregiverSupport@state.mn.us

Animals and Nature



Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

Five nature cams at nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams allow you to observe a cheetah and her new cubs, giant pandas Tian Tian and Mei Xiang, six Asian elephants, the lion habitat, and a colony of naked mole rats.

Live nature cameras across the world

We found a wonderful website that has dozens of live camera feeds from all around the world, [explore.org/livecams](https://www.explore.org/livecams). From the comfort and safety of home, watch horses in Kentucky, a tropical reef aquarium in California, the Northern Lights in Canada, pandas in China, beautiful sunsets in Hawaii, and more.



New England Aquarium

From the main Aquarium page at [neaq.org](https://www.neaq.org) – go to *Visit* and then *Virtual Visits* for featured videos. You can also view more videos on their Youtube page at [youtube.com/user/NewEnglandAquarium](https://www.youtube.com/user/NewEnglandAquarium).





Explore Some of the World's Top Museums

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

In 2018, the National Museum of Natural History was the 11th most visited museum in the world and the most visited natural history museum in the world. Feel like you're actually there with this 360-degree room-by-room tour of every exhibit in the museum, naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH.

NASA in Virginia

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is responsible for the U.S. space program, as well as aeronautics and aerospace research. NASA's Langley Research Center, oh.larc.nasa.gov/oh, and Ohio's Glenn Research Center, nasa.gov/glennvirtualtours, both offer free online tours.

The Louvre in Paris, France

The Louvre is the world's largest art museum and a historic monument. See some of its most famous pieces with free online tours of four exhibits, including Egyptian Antiquities, at louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne#tabs.

For more virtual tours visit:

dailycaring.com/coronavirus-virtual-experiences-at-home-animals-music-art-world-travel-museums-theme-parks/

www.leadingagemn.org/assets/docs/2020_VirtualAdventures.pdf

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Travel the World

Visit five amazing U.S. National Parks

Google created a beautiful, interactive way to explore the scenic wonders in five U.S. National Parks – the Kenai Fjords in Alaska, Hawaiian volcanoes, New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns, Utah's Bryce Canyon, and Florida's Dry Tortugas – at artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service.

Smithsonian Virtual Travel

Smithsonian magazine created a collection of virtual travel experiences, digital exhibits, and books that will transport you to far-off lands. Start at their virtual travel home page, smithsonianmag.com/travel/virtual-travel-180974440, and browse dozens of amazing experiences.

Enjoy Two Theme Parks

Six Flags Great America in Illinois

This amusement park features nine themed areas and 16 roller coasters, as well as a 20-acre water park called Hurricane Harbor. Take a virtual tour of the park and virtual rides on nine roller coasters at visitlakecounty.org/virtual-tour-of-six-flags-great-america.

SeaWorld Orlando in Florida

A virtual tour of Seaworld includes a tour of Discovery Cove and the option to "ride" the steel roller coaster Mako, visitorlando.com/en/things-to-do/virtual-tours/seaworld-orlando.

