A TSCC MEMBER TALK

The Bond Trail

Olympia to Olympia: London to Greece in the tyre tracks of 007

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THE BOND TRAIL

London to Greece and back



ORDER OF VISITS

01	London
02	Calais
03	Verzasca Dam
04	Lucerne
05	Lake Como
06	Carrara marble quarries
07	Lucca
08	Igoumenitsa
09	Olympia
10	Corfu
11	Matera
12	Rome
13	Eybens
14	Versailles
15	London

Arrows show the visit sequence. Connections are indicative, not exact driving or ferry routes.

Basemap: Natural Earth. Lake Como and Carrara quarries are shown at representative locations.

THE ROUTE

From one Olympia to the other



Gold = Bond film location. Ferry across the Adriatic from southern Italy to Corfu.

THE TRIP

Five weeks, five countries, five Bond films

6,700

kilometres driven

5

countries: UK, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece

17

days touring with the AMOC group

4

ferry crossings








Arkangel Chemical Weapons Facility - USSR






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START

Olympia London

HISTORY

- Built as the National Agricultural Hall in the 1880’s
- Located in West Kensington
- Today it is a multi purpose building hosting exhibitions, music festivals, conferences, with hotels, restaurants and offices incorporated into the site



CALAIS

Meeting up with the Group

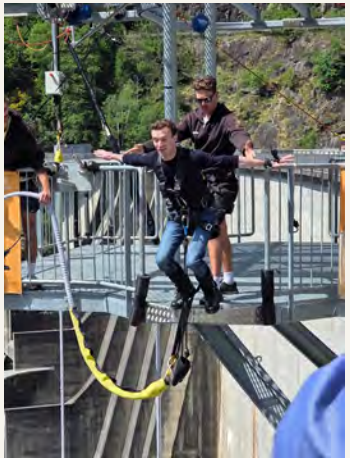












01 VERZASCA DAM · SWITZERLAND

GoldenEye (1995)

Brosnan's opening bungee jump: 220 m, performed by stuntman Wayne Michaels and still a record for a jump from a structure in a film. Three of our group took the leap, with their cars parked at the jump point.



02 LAKE COMO · ITALY

Casino Royale (2006)

- Villa del Balbianello: the lakeside hospital where Bond recovers and falls for Vesper
- A Franciscan monastery had existed on the tip of the peninsula of Dosso d'Avedo since the 13th century. The two towers which remain on the property are the remnants of the campanili of the monastery's church.
- Today the National Trust of Italy is custodian of the property. Villa del Balbianello is the most visited among the 52 National Trust of Italy properties.





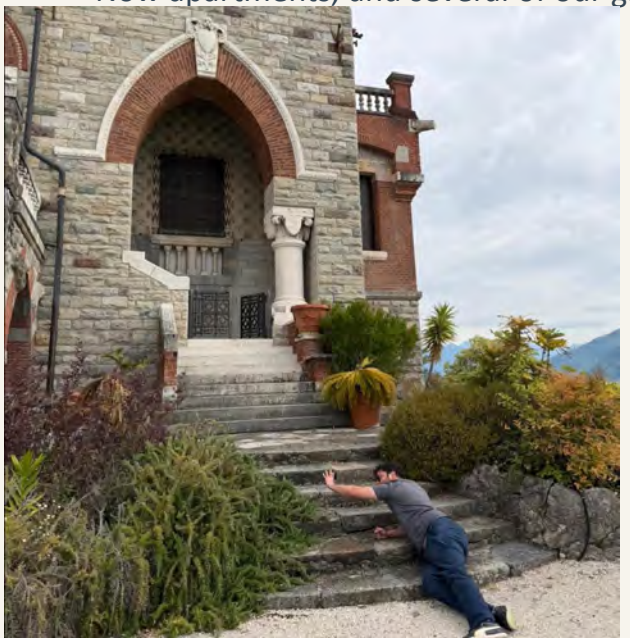


02 LAKE COMO · ITALY

Casino Royale (2006)

- Villa La Gaeta: Mr White's estate, where Bond shoots Mr White and the final scene: "The name's Bond... James Bond."
- Now apartments, and several of our group stayed there





Recreating the final scene on the steps of Villa La Gaeta

02 LAKE COMO · ITALY

Casino Royale (2006)





Charter boat on Lake Como; Villa del Balbianello where Bond is recovering in the gardens

PRIVATE COLLECTION · SWITZERLAND

Spectre (2015): hero car vs villain car



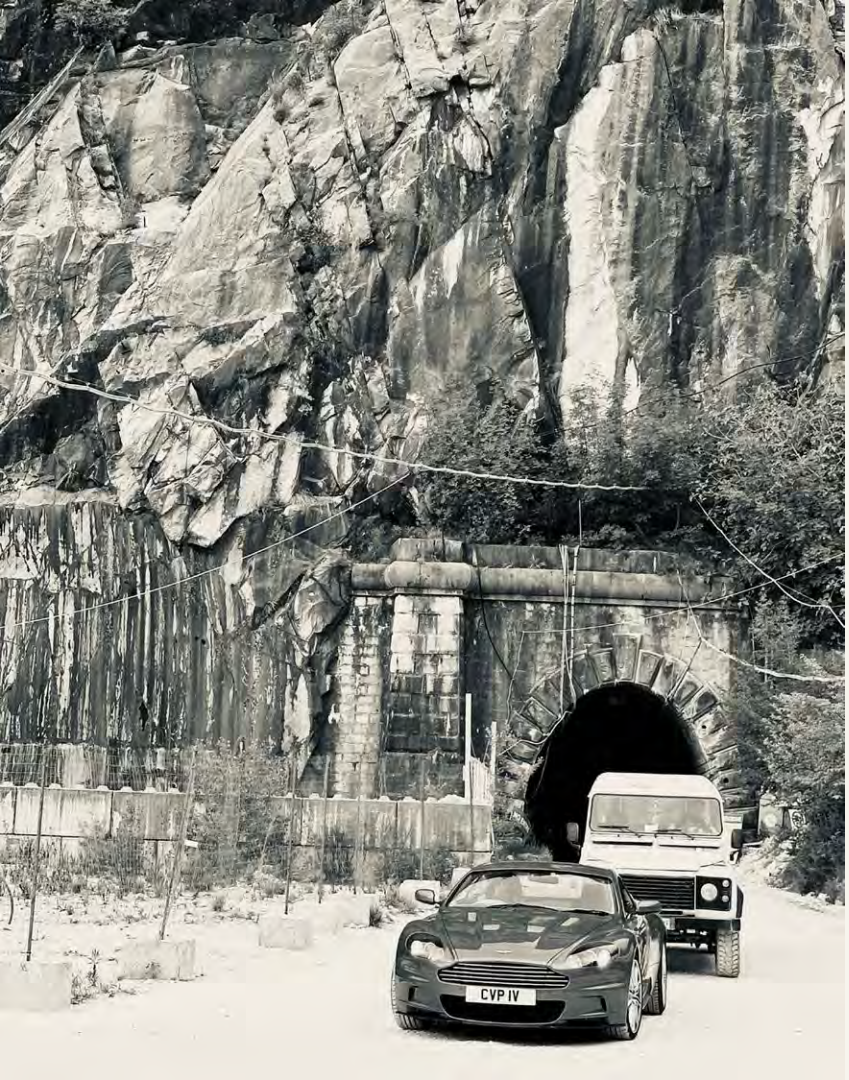
DB10 and Jaguar C-X75 side by side in a collection of 40+ Astons

ASTON MARTIN DB10

- 10 built by Aston Martin: 8 for filming, 2 show cars
- Stretched V8 Vantage platform
- 4.7 V8, about 430 hp found in the Vantage S
- Never sold as a road model. A show car fetched £2.4m in 2016

JAGUAR C-X75

- The Jaguar C-X75 is a hybrid-electric, 2-seat, concept car produced by Jaguar in partnership with Williams Advanced Engineering.
- In May 2011 Jaguar announced a limited production of the C-X75
- In December 2012, the company announced the cancellation of production due to the recession
- Five developmental prototypes were produced in the production car specifications in 2013
- Seven cars were supplied to the filmmakers.



03 CARRARA MARBLE QUARRIES · TUSCANY

Quantum of Solace (2008)

The opening chase: Bond's DBS hunted through the quarries of the Apuan Alps by a pack of Alfa Romeo 159s. The same white marble Michelangelo used, still mined today.



Our cars, and a Defender, at the quarries

HOW IT WAS FILMED · QUANTUM OF SOLACE

The opening chase

10
Aston Martin DBSs

8
Alfa Romeo 159s

2
Land Rovers



WHAT WENT WRONG

- Shot at Lake Garda (April 2008) and Carrara (May 2008)
- An Aston Martin employee put a DBS into Lake Garda while delivering it. He survived with a broken collarbone
- A stuntman in one of the Alfas was seriously injured in the crash with one of the trucks
- The car sent over the cliff had its engine and fuel removed first

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CARS

- Aston Martin provided **10 total cars** (chassis numbered E00038 through E00047) for the production.
- Two of the surviving stunt cars are in museums. One of the cars is in Lake Garda
- Of the remaining six cars one was retained by Aston Martin and five are held by collectors.
- The stunt Alfas were totally obliterated or scrapped for parts

04 CORFU · GREECE

For Your Eyes Only (1981)

- Pagi olive groves: the 2CV chase roads
- The café: base for the film crew. The owner's family were extras and he has a great collection of on-set photos
- The tunnel: Bond chases Locque's Mercedes on foot before kicking it off the cliff. "He had no head for heights."







Chase roads · "Roger sat here" at the café · the tunnel

04 CORFU · GREECE

For Your Eyes Only (1981)







The café location, Bond memorabilia and where the 2CV rolled in front of the bus.

HOW IT WAS MODIFIED · FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Making a 2CV fast enough for Bond

602 cc → **1,015 cc**

standard twin

Citroën GS flat-four, about 55 hp

THE MODIFICATIONS

- Four cars provided for the movie by Citroën
- Three stunt 2CVs were prepared in Britain
  - Upgrade to GS flat-four engine keeping the air-cooled boxer layout
  - Reinforced chassis and a full roll cage for the rolls and jumps

THE FILMING

- Twelve days of shooting on Corfu
- Pursued by black Peugeot 504s
- Chase coordinated by French stunt legend Rémy Julienne
- Citroën then sold a yellow 2CV "007" special edition in France, complete with stick-on bullet holes



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MATERA · BASILICATA, ITALY

No Time to Die (2021)



- Ancient cave city used for the opening: the cemetery, Bond and Madeleine, then the chase
- Bond's DB5 spins doughnuts in the square, guns blazing
- Trivia: the bridge Bond leaps from is actually in Gravina in Puglia, 30 to 40 minutes away





Matera · our Vantage in the square · the bridge at Gravina

05 MATERA · BASILICATA, ITALY

No Time to Die (2021)







Matera ·locations of the motorbike jump, car chase and DB5 shootout

HOW IT WAS BUILT · NO TIME TO DIE

The DB5 that isn't a DB5



8

stunt replicas, plus 2 real DB5s

~1,000 kg

all-up weight

UNDER THE SKIN

- Carbon-fibre body, digitally scanned from an original DB5
- Bespoke spaceframe with integral roll cage
- BMW E46 M3 straight six (300+ bhp), manual box
- Double wishbones, Öhlins dampers
- Period-pattern tyres in a modern compound

BUILT TO SLIDE

- Set up to be unstable at the rear for drifting
- Hydraulic handbrake, racing seats, six-point harnesses
- The doughnuts were driven by rally driver Mark Higgins
- Chased by Jaguar XFs re-tuned for the cobbles
- Filmed from a Ford F-150 camera truck with a roof boom
- Thousands of litres of Coca-Cola were poured onto the dusty Italian cobblestone roads on set to increase tire traction by up to 70 percent for the high-speed drifting.

BEYOND BOND

Other highlights



Route Napoléon

324 km from the Med through gorges into the Alpine foothills, following Napoleon's 1815 march from Elba. One of the world's great drives.



Palace of Versailles

Louis XIV's palace, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a bonus line-up of veteran cars in the forecourt.

OLYMPIA GREECE

Gold Medals







WHERE TO NEXT YEAR

An Atlas of James Bond Locations

