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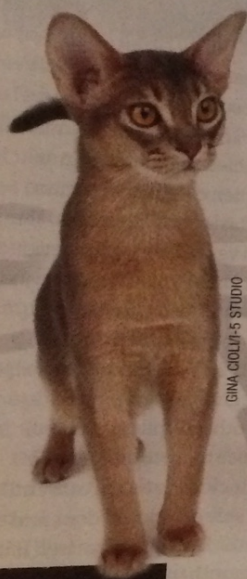


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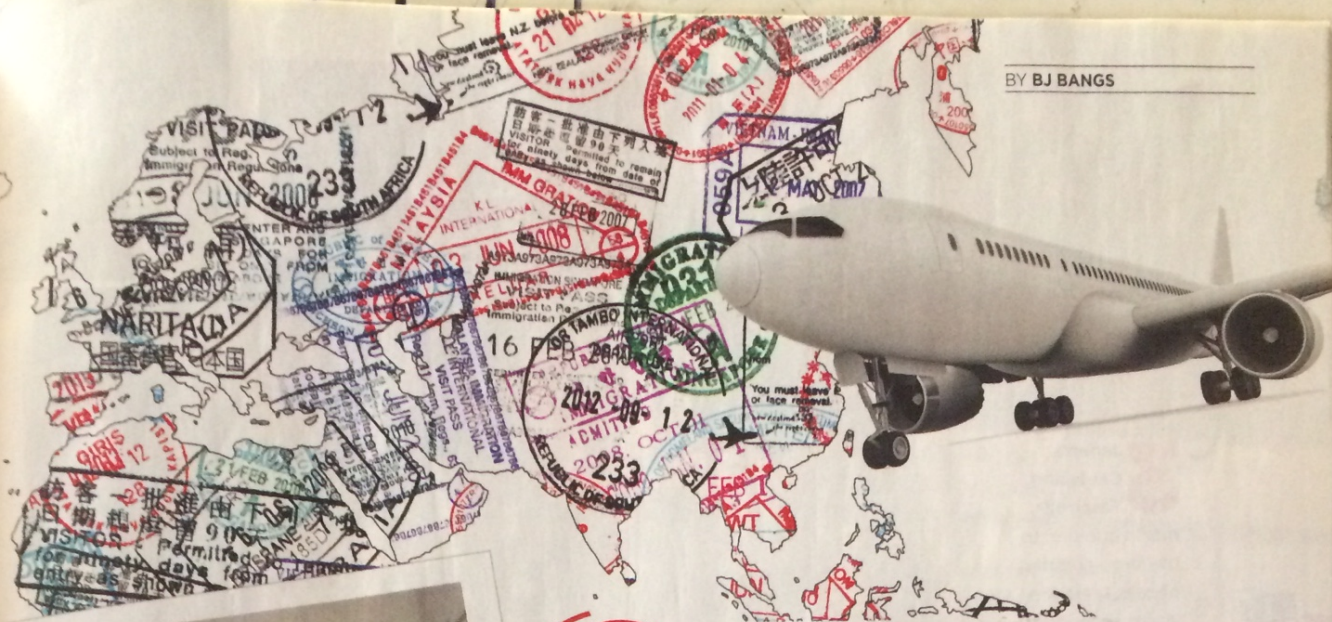
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## ON VACATION AND MISSING YOUR CAT?

There's a host of places where you can find a lot of felines while traveling. Here are 50 places where you can get a big "kitty fix" and a huge dose of cat while away from home.



This six-toed (polydactyl) cat named Hairy Truman checks out a Royal Portable typewriter in Ernest Hemingway's writing studio.

**1 The Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum, Key West, Florida.** From 40 to 50 polydactyl (extra-toed) cats, named after famous people, have had the run of the place for more than 50 years, and plans are that they'll be there for years to come. Info: 305-294-1136; [www.hemingwayhome.com](http://www.hemingwayhome.com)

**2 The Feline Historical Museum, Alliance, Ohio.** Home of the Cat Fanciers' Association, the museum is devoted to the history of cats and the American cat fancy, with more than 165 Maneki Nekos (Japanese good-luck cats) and a cat house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Info: 330-680-4444; [www.felinehistoricalfoundation.org/museum.html](http://www.felinehistoricalfoundation.org/museum.html)



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**3** **Japan's Cat Island, Tashirojima.** In addition to the large number of cats, there are 10 cat shrines, 51 cat-shaped stone monuments, as well as cat-shaped buildings.

**4** **Japan's Lesser Known Cat Island, Aoshima.** After the silkworm farm industry closed, the few remaining people fed the cats hoping for good luck and prosperity.

**5** **Tokyo's Neko Bar Akanasu,** the world's first kitty pub. Cat lovers spend time with the kitties over a cold pint of lager.

**6** **Calico,** one of Tokyo's oldest and largest cat cafés. Visitors spend around \$9 an hour to visit with 28 resident felines.

**7** **Cat's Store,** Tokyo's first cat café. Having opened in 2005, it is still going strong even with the increasing number of cat cafés in Japan.

**8** **Rome's Largo di Torre Argentina.** About 250 feral cats reside among the ruins — some 20 feet below the street — including where Julius Caesar was assassinated.



Volunteers from around the world help care for the Largo di Torre Argentina cats.

**9** **Rome's Protestant Cemetery.** Home to one of Rome's most famous semi-feral colonies, the cats roam around the graves of well-known British poets Keats and Shelley. Info: [www.cemeteryrome.it](http://www.cemeteryrome.it)

**10** **The Houtong Coal Mine Ecological Park, Taiwan.** The train station's footbridge, complete with ears and tail, connects to Cat Village, where some 80 cats roam.

**11** **Turkey's Turquoise Coast, Kalkan.** Large numbers of cats, taken care of by the Kalkan Association for the Protection of Street Animals, gather by the old mosque and along the picturesque Kalkan beach.

**12** **Moscow Cats Theatre, Russia.** The theatre boasts non-stop action by talented felines performing original and astounding acrobatic feats.

**13** **Belgium's Kattenstoet (Festival of the Cats).** This parade and festival, commemorating the cat in the Middle Ages, is held every three years. This year, it happens on Sunday, May 10.





**14** Cat'n Around Catskill, New York. Statuesque cats line the downtown streets all summer. Info: [www.cat-n-around.com](http://www.cat-n-around.com)

**15** Spain's Cat's House, Lloret de Mar. Original works of art demonstrate the relationship between people and cats. Info: [www.catsmuseum.com](http://www.catsmuseum.com)

**16** Moon Cat Art Festival, Lloret de Mar, Spain (Feb. 28 to July 3, 2015), is a celebration of felines through art, literature, dance and music.

**17** Japan's Sanrio Puro-land, and Hello Kitty's Kawaii Paradise at Tama New Town, Tokyo. There are plenty of famous characters at this theme park, including Hello Kitty.



**The Cat Boat (De Poezenboot), Amsterdam.** The world's only cat boat, this floating cat sanctuary is one of the city's main tourist attractions. Info: [www.poezenboot.nl](http://www.poezenboot.nl)

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**19** The Algonquin Hotel, New York City. Famous resident feline Matilda is a real hit with guests, playing host to her birthday party and the popular feline fashion show. Info: 212-840-6800; [www.algonquinhotel.com](http://www.algonquinhotel.com)



**The Los Angeles Feline Film Festival** (Fall 2015). Presented by Organikat and the Walker Art Center, this annual event is full of fun, cat videos and famous cats.

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**21** The musical *Cats* at locations worldwide. *Cats* set records, running 21 years in London and 18 years on Broadway.

**22** Tama the Station Master, Kishi Station, Japan.

Tama works four days a week and has her own office at Wakayama Electric Railway.

**23** Le Bristol, Paris. Famous feline residents, Fa-Raon and Kléopatre watch over this leading Parisian palace hotel signifying the French *art de vivre*, delighting visitors. Info: [www.lebristolparis.com/eng](http://www.lebristolparis.com/eng)

**24** The Cat Museum, Lithuania. More than 10,000 cat-related exhibits and about 4,000 poems are an absolute delight.

**25** Lady Dinah's Cat Emporium, London. Named after Alice's cat in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, the city's first cat café has 11 resident felines. Info: <http://ladydinahs.com>



**26** The Savoy, London.

The hotel's most famous resident Kaspar the Cat, a 3-foot-high wood sculpture of a regal feline, dines with guests at the hotel's Savoy Grill. Info: [www.fairmont.com/savoy-london](http://www.fairmont.com/savoy-london)

**Le Café des Chats, Paris.**

Twelve cats are on standby to help caffeine lovers relax while stroking a kitty and sipping a cappuccino.



**29** Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York. The ongoing display, *Divine Felines: Cats of Ancient Egypt*, explores cats in Egyptian mythology, kingship and everyday life. Info: 718-638-5000; [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org)

**30** Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

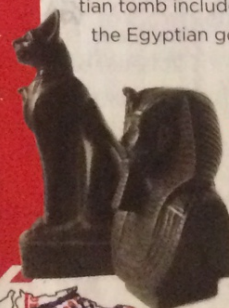
An unusual but striking bronze Cat Statuette is believed to contain a mummified cat. Info: 212-535-7710; [www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org)



**31** The British Museum, London. The sculptured Gay-er-Anderson cat is considered to be a sacred representation of the Egyptian goddess Bastet. Info: [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)

**32** The Field Museum, Chicago. An ancient Egyptian tomb includes a shrine to the Egyptian goddess Bastet.

**33** The Louvre, Paris. Cats, including a sculpture of a goddess in animal form,







are on display in the Department of Egyptian Antiquities. Info: [www.louvre.fr/en](http://www.louvre.fr/en)

**34** De Kattenkabinet (The Cat Cabinet), Amsterdam. Devoted to art representing cats, the feline works are displayed to make visitors smile.

**35** Cat Museum of San Francisco. A series of pop-up shows will don city streets in summer and online at [www.catmuseumsf.org](http://www.catmuseumsf.org) until they find a permanent residence.

**36** Moscow Cat Museum, Russia. With everything connected to the theme Cat in Art and Life, there's a permanent display of art inspired by felines. Info: [www.moscowcatmuseum.com/eng](http://www.moscowcatmuseum.com/eng)

**37** Cat Museum, Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia. Almost everything is related to cats, including an Egyptian mummified cat and an extraordinary number of cat figurines.

**38** Cat Art Show, LA 2, Los Angeles. This art exhibit focusing on cats will return in January 2015, featuring more than 100 artists. Info: <http://catartshow.com/>

America's Family Pet Expo, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, California (April 10 to 12, 2015). This 18-ring show has educational seminars and lots of cats. Info: [www.petexpoooc.org](http://www.petexpoooc.org)



**40** The World of Dogs & Cats and Pet Exhibition (WODAC), Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, South Africa (July 17 to 19, 2015). WODAC includes the National Cat Show Finals. Info: [www.dogscats.co.za](http://www.dogscats.co.za)

**41** Ohio's Lucky Cat Museum, Cincinnati. Open by appointment only, the museum features a collection of more than 700 Japanese waving cats. Info: 513-633-3923

**42** KitTea, San Francisco's first cat café. Scheduled to open by early 2015, the café will be separate from the cat lounge where 10 to 12 felines will be available for snuggles.

**43** Cat Town Café, a new venture in Oakland, California. Slated to be open by 2015, this café will be promoting cat adoptions, as well as up-close-and-personal time with the felines.

**44** Paws Around the World, Portland, Oregon (Jan. 23 to 25, 2015). Part of The Interna-

tional Cat Show lineup, this show, with 250 cats, is a Pacific Northwest favorite. Info: [www.tica.org](http://www.tica.org)

**45** The Cat Fanciers' Association's World Show, Oaks, Pennsylvania (Nov. 21-22, 2015). Two concurrent cat shows in one feature 1,000 felines. Info: [www.cfainc.org](http://www.cfainc.org)

**46** National Capital Cat Show, The East Coast's Premier CFA Cat Show, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, Virginia (Sept. 2015). This event showcases 450 cats. Info: [www.nationalcapitalcatshow.com](http://www.nationalcapitalcatshow.com)

**47** Fédération Internationale Féline (FIFe) World Show, Malmö, Sweden (Oct. 24

to 25, 2015). Cats from around the globe will be vying for top place. Info: [www.1.fifeweb.org](http://www.1.fifeweb.org)

**48** Royal Queensland Show, Ekka, Queensland, Australia (Aug. 7 to 16, 2015). More than 40 breeds of cats and kittens will be displayed and judged at this event. Info: [www.royalqueenslandshow.com.au](http://www.royalqueenslandshow.com.au)

The 19th Annual "On Safari" Bengal Congress and TICA Cat Show, Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 27 to 29, 2015). This show increases awareness about Bengals.

**50** The Orange Cat Cafe, Kingfield, Maine. Named in honor of one special orange tabby, Les, it's a great stop for cappuccino, coffee and a little cat nostalgia. Info: 207-265-2860; [www.orangecatcafe.com](http://www.orangecatcafe.com)

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While the cat isn't always on premise, the Orange Cat Cafe offers lots of cat nostalgia.