

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Moriarty: Oregon location magical

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Playing a ghost has worked out well for actor and comic Richie Moriarty, who portrays Pete Martino on the CBS series "Ghosts." He spends half the year filming in Quebec and half at home in New Jersey.

"We film mostly in studio in Montreal on our beautiful set, but it's really fun to be able to film on location occasionally," he said. "We (shoot) the exteriors of Woodstone (mansion) in Montebello, Quebec, on a beautiful property that we all love. Rose McIver and I filmed for an entire day this season at Morgan Arboretum in western Montreal, which was a really nice change of scenery. Last season, I got to film a scene with Ben Feldman at an amazing old-school diner in Montreal called Paul Patates. Delicious poutine, great burgers!"

This interview with Moriarty has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Would Pete make a good travel partner?

A: I would love to go on a trip with Pete. He would plan the entire itinerary, and I could just sit back, relax and enjoy his dad jokes while I sucked down a piña colada. I'm going to politely request my own hotel room though. I'm sure I'll need a break from Pete by the end of each day.

Q: Do you believe that a location can become a character of the show?

A: The house in Montebello where we film all of the exteriors of the



"Ghosts" actor Richie Moriarty said filming in Montreal is brutally cold, but a lot of fun. NICK RASMUSSEN

mansion definitely feels like its own character on the show. It's the site of the deaths of all of the ghosts, so it feels so deeply personal to each character and their backstory. And now that we're 80-plus episodes into the show, we've gotten to explore and showcase so many parts of that amazing property.

Q: If you could pick a location to film a project, where would it be?

A: I would love an excuse to film anything in New Zealand. Rose McIver speaks so highly of where she grew up, and I've always wanted to explore that part of the world.

Q: Do you have any upcoming trips planned?

A: I always try to escape somewhere warm with my wife and kids after our season wraps in February. Montreal winters can be brutal, and I'm always desperate for sunshine by the end of our season. This year we're heading to Playa Mujeres in Mexico.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I love Cape Cod. I have a ton of family there and have been going there since I was a little kid, so it really feels like home. My Aunt Nance has always called the feeling of calm and relaxation when you arrive on the Cape as being "Caped." That has always

resonated with me. I just sleep better on the Cape and life feels a little lighter when I'm there.

Q: How do you separate work from vacation trips?

A: We joke as actors that as soon as you book a vacation, you've all but guaranteed that you'll book a role that will force you to cancel that vacation. I dealt with so many situations like that as a working actor in New York in my 30s, when I didn't have the luxury to turn down a job. One of the huge benefits of being a series regular on a show like "Ghosts" is that for the five months when we're not filming, I don't need to work. So when I'm on vacation during our off-season, I can totally relax and be in vacation mode without having to be distracted by work.

Q: What's a place people should know about?

A: Cape Kiwanda in Pacific City, Oregon. Amazing dunes, incredible beach. Magical place.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: To use the public transit system wherever you go. I always find that it's a great way to get to know a city and to get the best sense of what it would be like to actually live there.

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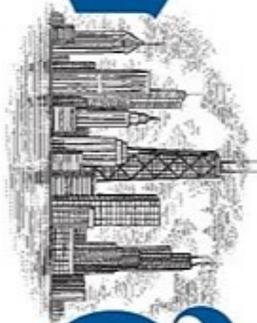


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