

Escapism in Video Games: Nintendo Switch Edition

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Have you ever wanted to trek across a grassy hillside searching for your lost memories and fighting monsters? Or maybe you dream about moving to a deserted island that is yours to customize and design. Video games offer up diverse and immersive worlds that you can experience firsthand. This list covers some of the best video games for escapism, and highlights that there is something out there for everyone.

Animal Crossing: New Horizons

ESRB Rating: E for Everyone



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Get lost in your own deserted island where you have control over everything from who lives there to its aesthetic appeal. Let your creativity flow as you search for crafting materials, collect bugs and do a bit of fishing. Animal Crossing: New Horizons gives you a space to explore your creative side in a quiet island life game that is a perfect escape from our bustling everyday lives.

Immortals Fenyx Rising

ESRB Rating: T for Teen



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Immortal Fenyx Rising is an open world RPG that is loosely based on Greek mythology. If you enjoyed reading Percy Jackson growing up, you will definitely want to give this game a try. Play as Fenyx as they encounter different Greek gods and goddesses, complete complex quests and puzzles and fight monsters.

Pokémon Sword

ERBS Rating: E for Everyone



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Another installment in the Pokémon franchise that brings with it new Pokémon to train and catch, and another mysterious story to explore. There are some exciting new additions introduced in this game, such as dynamaxing and Pokémon camp. Get ready for a fun exciting journey with your favourite Pokémon friends as you explore the world the Galar region. First you have to make an important decision, who is going to be your starter Grookey, Scorbunny or Sobble?

Zelda: Breath of the Wild

ERBS Rating: E 10+



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Zelda: Breath of the Wild is a wonderful addition to the Zelda franchise that gives players an expansive open world to explore. Play as Link as he travels in search of his lost memories in an exciting RPG that

has endless shrines and areas to explore. Let yourself escape to the wilds of Hyrule and get immersed in Link and Zelda's story.

Stardew Valley

ERBS Rating: E 10+



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Stardew Valley is a simple farming game that allows players to customize and grow their own farm space with different crops and animals. Play through various seasons and interact with a variety of different NPS villagers as you grow your farm. While expanding your land you'll find mysterious hints about your grandfather and his connection to your new home.

Super Mario Odyssey

ERBS Rating: E 10+



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An exciting addition to the Super Mario franchise with more exciting worlds to explore. Play as everyone's favourite plumber Mario as he once again chases after the bad guys who captured Princess Peach. This new take on the classic Super Mario game allows players to explore in 3 dimensions!

Xenoblade Chronicles: Definitive Edition

ERBS Rating: T for Teen



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Xenoblade Chronicles: Definitive Edition is the third open world RPG on this list but earns its place for its intriguing mecha storyline. Explore Shulk's story as he fights off robots called Mechon with his trusty blade Mondo in a world called Bionis. Throughout the game play players gathered a variety of different playable characters that can be switched in and out to make the perfect team and face increasingly difficult challenges. Get lost in this expansive world and immersive story.

Fire Emblem: Three Houses

ESRB Rating: T for Teen



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Fire Emblem: Three Houses is a strategy-based game that is focused on players decisions within a series of battles. Choose one of the representatives of the three big houses to work with in your game play, Claude and the Golden deer, Dimitri and the Blue Lions or Edelgard and the Black Eagles. With your team you will face various challenges and battles as you play through this strategical roleplaying game.

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