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Flickr, a popular image-hosting site, obviously, is not a medieval website, but it does offer a treasure trove of images for questing Medievalists. You will find not only endless views of famous places, such as Chartres Cathedral, but pictures of obscure parish churches, photos taken in museums by visitors, and photos taken by the museums themselves and placed on Flickr for public viewing.

Try looking up a monument name and you’ll be amazed at the marvelous quality of images available. Of course, available is a relative term. As these are mostly private individuals posting their work, so allow for downloads and others don’t. Nonetheless, just being able to access images on this scale is useful for both teaching and research.

There are thematic groups that may appeal to those interested in medieval studies such as:

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