



The funfair seen in the Prisoner episode The Girl Who Was Death is the former Kursaal amusement park at Southend. However there are some early shots of a different location and for some years it was thought that the stock footage used was of somewhere like London's Battersea funfair. Now the mystery has been solved, thanks partly to the image clarity of today's Blu-ray presentations and also the eagle eye of Robert D. Lovsin, who contacted Bruce Clark with some interesting information: "... there is a shot of a flagpole when Number 6... emerges from the Tunnel of Love and before he gets on the carousel. The top flag is the Canadian (Maple Leaf) flag and the other two I suspect are the provincial flag of Alberta and the flag of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. Since I'm from Calgary, I would find it most interesting if it had been used." The other clues are the "Pizza" stall and behind it is a Moon ride "Voyage à la Lune" clearly using the French language spoken in Canada.

Out of interest, the Kursaal Water Chute, Big Dipper ride and the Caves are all seen just as they were, at Southend back in 1967. Finally, the exit gate, with twin arched pedestrian toll entrances is where the Girl's E-Type Jaguar sports car leaves. As is known, Patrick McGoochan was not present and his close-ups were added over back projected shots. Also, Alexis Kanner made an uncredited appearance as the fashion photographer. The preserved façade of the establishment is retained, but sadly the rest is now domestic housing.



Top picture – aerial view Calgary; next - Canada and Calgary flags; next - Pizza stall and Voyage à la Lune ride; next - Water Chute. First row above – Big Dipper with back of Water Chute visible; Caves beside exit; Car leaves through exit. Large picture – shows **A** exit gate, **B** Horses ride, **C** covered Caterpillar ride, **E** Water Chute, **D** Big Dipper ride. First 3 Blu-ray screen shots by Bruce Clark; next 4 screen shots by Karen Langley; article and layout by Roger Langley