My Favorites:
I Love You Alice B. Toklas--The ultimate 1960s movie
La Cage Au Folle (in French)--hilarious
Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown--Almadovar
Desperately Seeking Susan--with a young Madonna
Overboard--young Goldie Hawn, actually, anything with Goldie Hawn
The Tall Blonde Man with One Red Shoe--In French
Bagdad Cafe--!!
Midnight in Paris--with 1920s artists
Pride and Glory--new Almadovar. sad but beautiful.

Good Russian Movies (in roughly chronological order):
Ivan the Terrible, Part I-- (1944) is set in sixteenth-century Moscow, where the newly crowned Czar Ivan attempts to thwart both the boyars (the feudal nobility) and the hold of the church to create a unified Russia. Part I follows Ivan from his coronation to his voluntary exile to Alexandrov to await his people’s summons. Shows how people lived. No wonder there was a revolution.
Ekaterina: The Rise of Catherine the Great. (2014)--Great film, Katherine the Great from a modern perspective. The renowned Empress of 18th Century Russia and part of the Romanoff dynasty begins her journey as a German princess selected to marry Peter the Third, heir to the Russian throne and grandson of Peter the Great. 10 episodes. Filmed in Russia.
War and Peace--Sergei Bondarchuk’s 1960s adaptation of the Leo Tolstoy novel “War and Peace” is a singular feat of filmmaking that can never be repeated. In Revival. (NYTIMES) Restored.
The Young Karl Marx--(2017) The early years of Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and Jenny Marx, between Paris, Brussels and London.- Biographic, really good
The Death of Stalin (2017)--a comedy with Krushov and gang--Moscow, 1953. After being in power for nearly 30 years, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin takes ill and quickly dies. Now the members of the Council of Ministers scramble for power. for those knowledgeable about the time.
Meeting Gorbechev (2019) Werner Herzog, the incisive documentarian engaged in a meeting of minds with as robust a subject as 88 year old Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev, architect of Perestroika and Glasnost and the eighth and last leader of the Soviet Union. A long movie interesting to people really interested in this history.
The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming! (1966) Without hostile intent, a Soviet submarine runs aground off New England. Men are sent for a boat, but many villagers go into a tizzy, risking bloodshed. Funny at the time. Filmed in Mendocino..
The White Crow--(2017) Mockumentary --Young Rudolf Nureyev becomes a top ballet dancer in Russia, but a life-changing visit to Paris soon makes him seek asylum in France in 1961.

And for history of eastern Europe, see
The End of the Ottoman Empire (2016)--This documentary offers an overview of the Ottomans, who ruled three continents for six centuries, and explains how the decline of the Ottoman Empire throughout the nineteenth century and up to 1925 informs current politics. Great movie, I saw it 3 times at BAMPFA. Done by the French with a different perspective.
Letters from Baghdad (2017)-- Gertrude Bell (1868-1926), a character no less colourful, charismatic and compelling than Lawrence of Arabia. In this finely wrought documentary Tilda Swinton reads from the letters of the colourful and charismatic explorer, diplomat and archeologist who, along with TE Lawrence, shaped modern Iraq.

Others have suggested Russian movies
Eisenstein’s
Potemkin (1925), and Alexander Nevsky (1938).
Anastasia (1956) and
**Nicholas and Alexandra** (1971-this is the one with Rasputin!).
And Marlene Dietrich in *Cranes are Flying*--Catherine the Great.

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