Abu Dhabi to host Middle East Premiere of
*Paramount Pictures’ Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One*

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- Cast and crew, including Tom Cruise and Christopher McQuarrie, to walk the red carpet at Emirates Palace on June 26
- Abu Dhabi is featured in the film after key scenes were shot at Midfield Terminal and the Liwa desert – the second time the franchise has filmed in the emirate

**Abu Dhabi, UAE – 06 June 2023:** Abu Dhabi will host the Middle East premiere of the eagerly-awaited *Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One* at a red-carpet event at Emirates Palace on June 26 attended by the movie’s cast and crew, including star Tom Cruise and director Christopher McQuarrie.

Both the breath-taking landscape of the Liwa desert and the iconic Abu Dhabi Midfield Terminal were used as locations for Paramount Pictures’ movie thanks to the support of [Abu Dhabi Film Commission (ADFC)](https://www.adfc.ae), part of the [Creative Media Authority](https://creative.ae). The complexity of the shoot – which included building an Arabian village in the desert and multiple sets at the terminal – required a collaborative effort from multiple businesses and entities across Abu Dhabi, including [towfour54 Abu Dhabi](https://www.towfour54.ae), [Abu Dhabi Airports (AD Airports)](https://www.ad-airports.com) and [Etihad Airways](https://www.etihad.com), the official airline partner of the film.

It is the second time the *Mission Impossible* franchise has filmed in Abu Dhabi, following the jaw-dropping HALO jump sequence that was shot in Abu Dhabi for 2018’s *Mission: Impossible – Fallout*, again with the support of ADFC, towfour54 and the UAE military.

Along with Tom Cruise and Director Christopher McQuarrie, the other stars of the film due to attend the Middle East Premiere later this month are Hayley Atwell, Pom Klementieff and Simon Pegg.

**HE Khalfan Al Mazrouei, Acting Director General of Creative Media Authority,** said: “Hosting the premiere of *Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One* is an honor for Abu Dhabi and is also a reflection of the position the emirate holds as one of MENA’s top film and TV locations. We are proud to have worked with such a genre-defining franchise once again and it demonstrates how Abu Dhabi has everything filmmakers need to successfully complete such large, complex productions.”

It was the success of shooting *Mission Impossible: Fallout* in Abu Dhabi that convinced Paramount Pictures to turn to ADFC again to help them complete another ‘Impossible Mission’ – this time sourcing an airport terminal and a desert landscape that would truly elevate the production. The Commission supported the team by securing approvals and permits for the shoot at both the Abu Dhabi Midfield Terminal and in Liwa, liaising closely with multiple stakeholders and Abu Dhabi government entities.
After more than a year of planning, filming took place in Abu Dhabi in 2021 over 15 days at the height of the pandemic, yet there was no disruption caused by COVID-19 thanks to the ADFC protocols put in place in Abu Dhabi.

As well as building the sets in Liwa and at the Midfield Terminal, the production team also shot on the roof of the 742,000sqm terminal, the longest single standing arch in the world at 180m.

The shoot also benefitted from ADFC’s 30% cashback rebate and was supported by numerous other Abu Dhabi-based companies, specialist suppliers, 125 local freelance crew and 250 local extras.

Meanwhile, twofour54 supported the Mission Impossible team with full production services, and, through its Tawasol team, also secured shooting permits and managed applications for the other government services needed to ensure a smooth and seamless production.

Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One is among the 140 major productions to have shot in Abu Dhabi in the past 10 years, from companies including Disney, Netflix, Legendary Pictures and Universal Pictures. Films include Dune and Dune 2, Mission: Impossible – Fallout, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, 6 Underground and Furious 7, as well as Bollywood hits such as Vikram Vedha, Tiger Zinda Hai and Bharat.

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About Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One

In Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his IMF team embark on their most dangerous mission yet: To track down a terrifying new weapon that threatens all of humanity before it falls into the wrong hands. With control of the future and the fate of the world at stake, and dark forces from Ethan’s past closing in, a deadly race around the globe begins. Confronted by a mysterious, all-powerful enemy, Ethan is forced to consider that nothing can matter more than his mission – not even the lives of those he cares about most.

About Abu Dhabi Film Commission

The Abu Dhabi Film Commission supports the development of Abu Dhabi’s film and TV industry by promoting the emirate as a world-class production destination and facilitating local, regional and international productions in the emirate.

ADFC has made it possible for Abu Dhabi to welcome global franchises including Star Wars, Mission Impossible and Fast & Furious, with two of the top-10 highest-grossing films of all time having shot in the emirate, as well as a diverse slate of high-quality Arabic-language and Bollywood productions.

ADFC offers a generous 30% production rebate, as well as technical services such as free location scouting assistance and support with government services such as shooting permits, visas, script approval, and customs clearance.

ADFC is part of the Creative Media Authority, which champions content creation in Abu Dhabi, including film and TV production.

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About Creative Media Authority

The mission of the Creative Media Authority (CMA) is to champion content creation in Abu Dhabi by empowering content creators through strategic guidance, talent development, financial support, and a world-class regulatory environment.

Part of the Abu Dhabi Media Office, CMA was launched with a mandate to ensure the right ecosystem is in place for content creators to thrive.
The Authority’s responsibilities include overseeing a number of strategic organizations and initiatives within Abu Dhabi’s creative industries, including Image Nation Abu Dhabi and Abu Dhabi Film Commission, as well as training and development initiatives such as creative lab and Arab Film Studio.

About Paramount Pictures

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