



**DESERT MOTION**  
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# Filming in Jordan

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# Why Jordan?

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Jordan has been a growing player in Film and TV production since the establishment of Royal Film Commission in 2003.

Its reputation as a top filming destination skyrocketed after the release of the Academy Award-winning *The Hurt Locker*.

Some of the high-profile productions that have shot in Jordan:

- *The Martian*
- *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*
- *Queen of the Desert*
- *Zero Dark Thirty*
- *Fair Game*
- *All the Money in the World*
- *Aladdin*
- ...and more

# The Elephant in the Room...

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# ...Safety and Security

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Jordan is very safe to visit and, despite issues such as the Syrian refugee crisis and unemployment, you are unlikely to feel any hint of the turmoil of neighboring nations.

King Abdullah II is a respected leader with wide public support for his efforts in introducing democratic reforms, curbing political corruption, and preventing extremism.

Jordan has low levels of crime and the vast majority of hotels have a thorough security system in place that all guests must pass through. Visitors will also note the security personnel and checkpoints among popular areas of the country, especially where tourists frequent.

At least one security officer is present on any film/TV set and is provided at no extra cost to the production. Additional security for hire is always an option.



# Solid Filming Infrastructure

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As a filming location, Jordan offers an impressive, industry-standard array of amenities like:

- An experienced crew base
- Royal and Government support
- Equipment houses and trucks
- A population fluent in English
- International hotels and vehicle rental companies
- Great restaurants, pubs, and bars
- Reliable weather
- A rich atmosphere for creative and artistic excellence

By working with Desert Motion Pictures, you will have access to our substantial relationships in various parts of government, military/security, tourism - and many others - to ensure that your production operates at the highest levels of efficiency and professionalism.

# Incentives

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## ❖ VAT Exemption

The Royal Film Commission offers a VAT exemption, based on a point system that is designed to pass easily.

The VAT in Jordan is 16% on all expenditures such as daily purchases, vehicle rentals, hotels, equipment, etc.

## ❖ Withholding Tax Exemption

The RFC also allows for an exemption on withholding tax, providing that various criteria are met.

Desert Motion Pictures works with your production to ensure that these exemptions are successfully implemented.

# Cash Rebate

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In 2018, Jordan introduced a Cash Rebate Incentive.

- ❖ 10% Cash Back if Total Budget is between 7 Million and 10.5 Million USD
- ❖ 15% Cash Back if Total Budget is between 10.5 Million and 14 Million USD
- ❖ 20% Cash Back if Total Budget is above 14 Million USD

Desert Motion Pictures consults on ensuring your project meets the terms of rebate eligibility.

# Locations

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Jordan has locations that will take your breath away. There is easy access between sites to enable fast travel, saving your production time and resources. Desert Motion Pictures has an unprecedented knowledge of Jordan's many location offerings that we will be thrilled to share with you. The benefits of filming in Jordan include:

- ❖ A diversity of locations with short inter-travel distances and proximity to top hotels
- ❖ Authentic historical sites dating from ancient Rome, to the Crusades, to World War I
- ❖ Biblical epic sites
- ❖ Doubling abilities for most other Middle Eastern countries and beyond
- ❖ Grand desert (Wadi Rum), turquoise sea (Aqaba), archaeological wonders (Petra, Jerash)
- ❖ ...and many others

# Location Image Samples

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