

Behind-the-scenes exploration of Dune 2's Abu Dhabi film locations

Experience Abu Dhabi invites you on an exhilarating journey behind the scenes of the highly anticipated Dune 2, set to premiere in Abu Dhabi on February 18th.

As the sequel to the blockbuster Dune (2021), Warner Bros cinematic masterpiece promises to transport audiences back to the mesmerising landscapes of Arrakis, the desert planet at the heart of Frank Herbert's iconic novel.

In Dune: Part Two, directed by Denis Villeneuve, Al Dhafra serves as the backdrop for Paul Atreides' epic odyssey. Featuring an A-list cast led by Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, and Rebecca Ferguson, you can now step into the enchanting realm of Al Dhafra, the real Arrakis on Earth, where the timeless beauty of the desert meets the allure of Arabian culture.

Just a short drive away from the vibrancy of Abu Dhabi city, Al Dhafra offers an immersive escape into the heart of the desert. Covering nearly two-thirds of Abu Dhabi, this expansive region boasts the iconic Empty Quarter desert, where ancient landscapes seamlessly blend with the luxurious comforts of secluded resorts.

Embark on an adrenaline-fueled adventure with dune bashing in the Empty Quarter, the awe-inspiring landscape that served as the primary setting for Arrakis, or experience the wonders of nature at Sir Bani Yas Island, where sprawling safari parks and lush landscapes await. "Filming in Al Dhafra was an unforgettable experience," shares Denis Villeneuve, director of Dune 2. "The stark beauty of the desert landscape served as the perfect canvas for our vision, transporting audiences to the far-flung reaches of the universe."

As the cast of Dune 2 descends upon Abu Dhabi for the premiere, Abu Dhabi will celebrate the release of Dune 2 with the "Arrakis on Earth" experience, featuring a jaw-dropping 3D replica of the iconic sand worm. This larger-than-life installation promises to immerse visitors in the world of Arrakis, offering thrilling photo opportunities and behind-the-scenes glimpses of the film's production.

Whether you're seeking heart-pounding thrills or tranquil moments of relaxation - experience the magic of Al Dhafra for yourself and discover why it served as the perfect backdrop for Dune 2's epic tale.

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