

= Pirates of the Caribbean (film series) =

Pirates of the Caribbean is a series of fantasy swashbuckler films produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and based on Walt Disney 's theme park ride of the same name . Directors of the series include Gore Verbinski (1 ? 3) , Rob Marshall (4) , and Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg (5) . The series was most notably written by Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio (1 ? 4) ; other writers include Stuart Beattie (1) , Jay Wolpert (1) , and Jeff Nathanson (5) . The stories followed the adventures of Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) , Hector Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) , Joshamee Gibbs (Kevin McNally) , Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) , and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) . The films take place in a fictional historical setting ; a world ruled largely by alternative versions of the British Empire , the East India Company and the Spanish Empire , with pirates representing freedom from the ruling powers .

The film series started with their first release on the big screen in 2003 with Pirates of the Caribbean : The Curse of the Black Pearl , which received positive reviews from the critics and grossed US \$ 654 million worldwide . After the first film 's success , Walt Disney Pictures revealed that a trilogy was in the works . The franchise 's second film , subtitled Dead Man 's Chest , was released three years later in 2006 ; the sequel proved successful , breaking financial records worldwide the day of its premiere . Dead Man 's Chest ended up being the number one film of the year upon earning almost \$ 1 @. @ 1 billion to @- @ date at the worldwide box office . The third film in the series , subtitled At World 's End , followed in 2007 , and Disney released a fourth film , subtitled On Stranger Tides , in 2011 in conventional 2D , Digital 3 @- @ D and IMAX 3D . On Stranger Tides succeeded in also grossing more than \$ 1 billion , becoming the second film in the franchise and only the eighth film in history to achieve this .

So far , the film franchise has grossed \$ 3 @. @ 73 billion worldwide ; it is the eleventh highest @- @ grossing film series of all @- @ time and it was the first franchise where more than one film grossed \$ 1 billion worldwide .

A fifth film , subtitled Dead Men Tell No Tales , is set to be released on May 26 , 2017 .

= = Films = =

= = = The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) = = =

Blacksmith Will Turner teams up with eccentric pirate Captain Jack Sparrow to save Turner 's love , Elizabeth Swann , from undead pirates led by Jack 's former mutinous first mate , Captain Barbossa . Jack wants revenge against Barbossa , who left him stranded on an island before stealing his ship , the Black Pearl , along with 882 pieces of cursed Aztec Gold .

= = = Dead Man 's Chest (2006) = = =

Lord Cutler Beckett of the East India Trading Company arrests Will and Elizabeth for aiding Captain Jack Sparrow in the previous film . Beckett offers clemency if Will agrees to search for Jack 's compass in a bid to find the Dead Man 's Chest ? and inside , the heart of villainous Davy Jones ? which would give Beckett control of the seas . However , Jack wants the Chest to escape from an unpaid debt with Jones , who raised the Black Pearl from the seabed (after it was sunk by Beckett) and made Jack captain for 13 years in exchange for 100 years of service aboard Jones ' ship .

= = = At World 's End (2007) = = =

Lord Beckett gains power over Davy Jones , and with the help of Jones ' ship , the Flying Dutchman , he is now executing his plans to extinguish piracy forever . To stand against the East India Trading Co . , Will , Elizabeth , Barbossa , and the crew of the Black Pearl set out to rescue Captain Jack Sparrow from Davy Jones ' Locker . As one of the Nine Pirate Lords , Jack is needed in order to

summon an ancient goddess with the power to defeat Beckett 's forces .

== On Stranger Tides (2011) ==

Captain Jack Sparrow is on a quest to find the fabled Fountain of Youth and crosses paths with a former lover , Angelica . She forces Jack aboard the Queen Anne 's Revenge , a ship captained by the infamous pirate Blackbeard , Angelica 's father . Both are also in search of the Fountain ; Angelica to save her father 's soul , Blackbeard to escape a prophecy of his demise at the hands of a one @-@ legged man . Joining the hunt is former pirate captain Barbossa , now a privateer in King George II 's Navy , who is in a race against the Spanish for the Fountain of Youth .

== Dead Men Tell No Tales (2017) ==

" Thrust into an all @-@ new adventure , a down @-@ on @-@ his @-@ luck Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) finds the winds of ill @-@ fortune blowing even more strongly when deadly ghost pirates led by his old nemesis , the terrifying Captain Salazar (Javier Bardem) , escape from the Devil 's Triangle , determined to kill every pirate at sea , including him . Captain Jack 's only hope of survival lies in seeking out the legendary Trident of Poseidon , a powerful artifact that bestows upon its possessor total control over the seas . "

== Short film ==

== Tales of the Code : Wedlocked (2008) ==

Wenches Scarlett (Lauren Maher) and Giselle (Vanessa Branch) fix each other up for their wedding , in which they would each marry their groom . Upon realizing that both their grooms were the same man ? Jack Sparrow ? the two wenches find themselves in an auction led by the Auctioneer . The short film serves as a prequel to The Curse of the Black Pearl , explaining just why Jack Sparrow 's boat , the Jolly Mon , was seen sinking at the beginning of the whole story , and explaining why wenches Scarlett and Giselle were so upset with him , and it also implies how Cotton lost his tongue . The plot took inspiration from the " Auction scene " from the original ride .

The short was directed by James Ward Byrkit , and was only included as a special feature in the US 15 disc 3D Blu @-@ ray / 2D Blu @-@ ray / DVD + Digital Copy box set that includes Pirates 1 ? 4 ; and in the similar UK 5 @-@ disc set .

== Production ==

== First film ==

In the early 1990s screenwriters Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio conceived a supernatural spin on the pirate genre after completing work on Aladdin , but there was no interest from any studio . Undeterred , the writing team refused to give up the dream , waiting for a studio to pick up their take on a pirate tale . Disney had Jay Wolpert write a script based on the Pirates of the Caribbean , which producer Jerry Bruckheimer rejected , feeling it was " a straight pirate movie " . Bruckheimer brought Stuart Beattie in to rewrite the script in March 2002 , due to his knowledge of piracy , and later that month Elliott and Rossio were brought in . Elliott and Rossio , inspired by the opening narration of the Pirates of the Caribbean ride , decided to give the film a supernatural edge . As the budget rose , Michael Eisner and Robert Iger threatened to cancel the film , though Bruckheimer changed their minds when he showed them concept art and animatics .

In June 2002 Gore Verbinski signed on to direct The Curse of the Black Pearl , and Johnny Depp and Geoffrey Rush signed on the following month to star . Verbinski was attracted to the idea of

using modern technology to resurrect a genre , one that had disappeared after the Golden Age of Hollywood , and recalled his childhood memories of the ride , feeling the film was an opportunity to pay tribute to the " scary and funny " tone of it . Depp was attracted to the story as he found it quirky : rather than trying to find treasure , the crew of the Black Pearl were trying to return it in order to lift their curse ; also , the traditional mutiny had already taken place . Verbinski approached Rush for the role of Barbossa , as he knew he would not play it with attempts at complexity , but with a simple villainy that would suit the story 's tone . Orlando Bloom read the script after Rush , with whom he was working on Ned Kelly , suggested it to him . Keira Knightley came as a surprise to Verbinski : he had not seen her performance in Bend It Like Beckham and was impressed by her audition . Tom Wilkinson was negotiated with to play Governor Swann , but the role went to Jonathan Pryce , whom Depp idolized .

Shooting for The Curse of the Black Pearl began on October 9 , 2002 and wrapped by March 7 , 2003 . Before its release , many executives and journalists had expected the film to flop , as the pirate genre had not been successful for years , the film was based on a theme @-@ park ride , and Depp rarely made a big film . However , The Curse of the Black Pearl became both a critical and commercial success .

= = = Second and third films = = =

After seeing how well the first film was made , the cast and crew signed for two sequels to be shot back @-@ to @-@ back , a practical decision on Disney 's part to allow more time with the same cast and crew . Writers Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio knew that with an ensemble cast , they weren 't free to invent totally different situations and characters , as with the Indiana Jones and James Bond series , and so had to retroactively turn The Curse of the Black Pearl into the first of a trilogy . They wanted to explore the reality of what would happen after Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann 's embrace at the end of the first film , and initially considered the Fountain of Youth as the plot device . They settled on introducing Davy Jones , the Flying Dutchman and the Kraken , a mythology mentioned twice in the first film . They introduced the historical East India Trading Company (also mentioned in the first film) , which for them represented a counterpoint to the themes of personal freedom represented by pirates .

Filming for the sequels began on February 28 , 2005 , with Dead Man 's Chest finishing on March 1 , 2006 , and At World 's End on January 10 , 2007 . The second film was also the first Disney theatrical feature film with the computer @-@ generated Walt Disney Pictures logo .

= = = Fourth film = = =

Rossio and Elliot discovered the novel On Stranger Tides during production of Dead Man 's Chest and At World 's End and decided to use it as the basis for a fourth film . As Gore Verbinski was unavailable , Bruckheimer invited Rob Marshall to direct the film . Elliott and Rossio decided to do a stand @-@ alone film , with a story that would support new characters , and incorporate elements from the novel , such as Blackbeard , the Fountain of Youth and mermaids ? the latter two having been already alluded to in the previous films . Depp , Rush , Greg Ellis and Kevin McNally returned to their roles , and the cast saw the additions of Ian McShane as Blackbeard and Penélope Cruz as Angelica , Blackbeard 's daughter and Jack Sparrow 's love interest . A further addition was Richard Griffiths as King George II of Great Britain . After the costly production of two simultaneous films , Disney tried to scale down the fourth installment , giving a lower budget , which led to cheaper locations and fewer scenes with special effects . It was also filmed in 3D , with cameras similar to the ones used in Avatar .

Filming for On Stranger Tides began June 14 , 2010 and ended on November 19 , 2010 . It was released in the United States on May 20 , 2011 . With a budget of \$ 378 @.@ 5 million , On Stranger Tides holds the record for most expensive film ever made .

= = = Fifth film = = =

On January 14 , 2011 , it was confirmed that Terry Rossio would write the screenplay for the fifth installment , without his co - @ - @ writer Ted Elliott . On January 11 , 2013 , Jeff Nathanson signed on to write the script for the film . On May 29 , 2013 , it was announced that Norwegian directors Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg were selected to direct . On August 22 , 2013 , the two revealed that the title of the fifth film would be Dead Men Tell No Tales , alluding to the line well @ - @ known from the Pirates of the Caribbean theme park attractions . They also confirmed that they were working on the film , speaking highly of Jeff Nathanson 's " funny and touching " script and that they are inspired by the first film , The Curse of the Black Pearl . On September 10 , 2013 , Disney pushed back the film 's initial 2015 release , with sources indicating that a Summer 2016 release is likely . Producer Jerry Bruckheimer revealed that script issues were behind the delay , and that Jeff Nathanson was at work on a second attempt based on a well @ - @ received outline . While Disney originally announced a release on July 7 , 2017 , Dead Men Tell No Tales is now set to be released on May 26 , 2017 .

A spokesman for the Australian Arts Minister confirmed that the fifth installment was set to shoot in Australia after the government agreed to repurpose \$ 20 million of tax incentives originally intended for the remake of 20 @ , @ 000 Leagues Under the Sea . According to Australian film industry sources , pre @ - @ production started in late September 2014 with filming expected to commence in February 2015 . This was officially confirmed by Disney and Ian Walker the Queensland Arts Minister on October 2 , 2014 , stating that filming will take place exclusively in Australia , being the largest production to ever shoot in the country . Village Roadshow Studios and Port Douglas were officially confirmed as filming locations . Production began in Australia on February 17 , 2015 and wrapped on July 9 , 2015 .

= = Principal cast = =

= = Crew and other = =

= = Reception = =

= = = Box office performance = = =

The Pirates of the Caribbean film series was successful at the box office , with each film grossing over \$ 600 million , and all at some point ranking among the fifty highest @ - @ grossing films of all time . It became the first ever series to own two billion @ - @ dollar films , these being Dead Man 's Chest and On Stranger Tides , but other series have followed (the Batman series , the Marvel Cinematic Universe and Transformers) .

The Curse of the Black Pearl was the third highest @ - @ grossing 2003 film in North America (behind The Lord of the Rings : The Return of the King and Finding Nemo) and fourth worldwide (behind The Return of the King , Finding Nemo and The Matrix Reloaded) . Dead Man 's Chest was the most successful film of 2006 worldwide , and At World 's End led the worldwide grosses in 2007 , though being only fourth in North America (behind Spider @ - @ Man 3 , Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix and Shrek the Third) . On Stranger Tides was the third highest @ - @ grossing film of 2011 worldwide (behind Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows ? Part 2 and Transformers : Dark of the Moon) and the fifth in North America . All of the sequels broke box office records upon release , of which the most notable are the opening @ - @ weekend record in North America (Dead Man 's Chest) , the Memorial @ - @ Day weekend record in North America (At World 's End) and the opening @ - @ weekend record outside North America (On Stranger Tides) .

= = = Critical and public response = = =

The series is noted for its high quality of acting talent , and is one of the aspects of the films that is always praised . The visual and practical effects are considered some of the best ever done on film , so much so that audiences believed certain CGI elements of the films were real and done practically . The plot and story to the first three sequels received mixed reviews , with the general consensus that they were too bloated and convoluted to follow . Pirates of the Caribbean is noted for reinvigorating the pirates genre of film after decades of either no pirate films , or failed films . The success of the series saw Disney try to replicate Pirates ' success by launching films such as Prince of Persia : The Sands of Time and The Lone Ranger .

= = = Accolades = = =

= = = = Academy Awards = = = =

Together , all the first three films were nominated for a total of 11 Academy Awards , of which a single award was won .

= = = = Golden Globe Awards = = = =

Together , all the four films were nominated for a total of 2 Golden Globe Awards , of which neither were won .

= = = = MTV Movie Awards = = = =

Together , all the first three films were nominated for a total of 13 MTV Movie Awards , of which 4 were won .

= = = = Teen Choice Awards = = = =

Together , all the four films were nominated for a total of 25 Teen Choice Awards , of which 16 were won .