

= Pirates of the Caribbean : Dead Man 's Chest =

Pirates of the Caribbean : Dead Man 's Chest is a 2006 American fantasy swashbuckler film and the second installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean film series , following The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) . It was directed by Gore Verbinski , written by Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio , and produced by Jerry Bruckheimer . In the film , the wedding of Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) is interrupted by Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander) , who wants Turner to acquire the compass of Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) in a bid to find the Dead Man 's Chest . Sparrow discovers his debt to Davy Jones (Bill Nighy) is due .

Two sequels to Pirates of the Caribbean : The Curse of the Black Pearl were conceived in 2004 , with Elliott and Rossio developing a story arc that would span both films . Filming took place from February to September 2005 in Palos Verdes , Saint Vincent and the Grenadines , Dominica , and The Bahamas , as well as on sets constructed at Walt Disney Studios . It was shot back @-@ to @-@ back with the third film of the series , Pirates of the Caribbean : At World 's End .

Dead Man 's Chest was released in the United States on July 7 , 2006 , and received mixed reviews . The film set several records in its first three days , with an opening weekend of \$ 136 million in the United States , and it was , at the time , the fastest film ever to gross over \$ 1 billion in the worldwide box office . It currently ranks as the eighteenth highest @-@ grossing film of all time worldwide and held the record as the highest @-@ grossing film released by the Walt Disney Studios for nearly six years until it was surpassed by The Avengers (2012) , although it remains the highest @-@ grossing live @-@ action Walt Disney Pictures release . The film received Academy Award nominations for Best Art Direction , Sound Editing , Sound Mixing , and won the Academy Award for Visual Effects .

= = Plot = =

The wedding of Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann is interrupted by Lord Cutler Beckett of the East India Trading Company , who has arrest warrants for the couple as well as for Commodore James Norrington , for allowing Captain Jack Sparrow to escape execution . Norrington 's whereabouts are uncertain , as he resigned after his obsessive pursuit of Sparrow resulted in the Navy 's flagship , HMS Dauntless , being destroyed in a typhoon . Elizabeth is imprisoned , but Beckett promises to free her if Will tracks down Jack and brings Beckett Jack 's magic compass which points to whatever the holder wants most . Shortly after , Governor Swann tries to escape Port Royal with Elizabeth but is captured . Elizabeth negotiates with Beckett to let her escape to find the compass herself , and she hides aboard a Scottish merchant vessel , the Edinburgh Trader .

On the Black Pearl , Jack reunites with Will 's father Bootstrap Bill , who reveals he is a crewman on the Flying Dutchman , captained by Davy Jones , whom Jack previously made a deal with to raise the Pearl from the depths . Jack must join Jones ' crew or be dragged to Davy Jones ' Locker by the monstrous Kraken . Will eventually finds Jack 's crew on an island ruled by cannibals , from which they escape . The crew meet voodoo priestess Tia Dalma (Naomie Harris) , who tells them Jones ' weakness is his heart , locked within the Dead Man 's Chest . Locating the Dutchman , Will is shanghaied into service while Jones sends Jack to bring him one @-@ hundred souls so his blood debt can be paid . On the Dutchman , Will meets his father , and learns that the chest 's key is in Jones ' possession . After playing a game of liar 's dice against Davy Jones , Bootstrap helps Will escape with the key , but Jones sends the Kraken after him , sinking the Edinburgh Trader .

In Tortuga , Jack hires a new crew , including Elizabeth , and Norrington , now a drunk . All parties arrive on Isla Cruces where the chest is buried but a three @-@ way sword fight breaks out between Jack , Will , and Norrington who all want the heart for their respective goals : Jack wants to call off the Kraken , Will wants to rescue his father , and Norrington wants to regain his life . In the chaos , Jack obtains Jones ' heart and hides it in a jar of dirt , but Norrington secretly steals the heart and runs off pretending to lure away the Dutchman 's crew . Jones attacks the Pearl with the Kraken , which devours most of the crew and destroys all but one of the Pearl 's lifeboats , but Jack , who briefly fled , returns and wounds it with a net full of explosives .

Jack orders the survivors to abandon ship , but Elizabeth manacles him to the mast so that the crew can escape the Kraken . Jack manages to break free , but is dragged down to the bottom of the sea by the Kraken . Jones discovers his heart is missing and rages . In Port Royal , Norrington approaches Beckett and gives him the heart and Letters of Marque meant for Jack , allowing him back into the navy as well as allowing Beckett to gain control of Davy Jones and the seas . The Pearl ' s crew take shelter with Tia Dalma , where they all agree to rescue Jack . Tia Dalma introduces the captain that will guide them : the resurrected Captain Barbosa .

= = Cast = =

= = Production = =

= = = Development = = =

Following the success of *Pirates of the Caribbean : The Curse of the Black Pearl* (2003) , the cast and crew signed on for two more sequels to be shot back @-@ to @-@ back , a practical decision on Disney 's part to allow more time with the same cast and crew . Writer Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio decided not to make the sequels new adventures featuring the same characters , as with the Indiana Jones and James Bond series , but 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 . They also introduced the historical East India Trading Company , who for them represented a counterpoint to the themes of personal freedom represented by pirates .

Planning began in June 2004 , and production was much larger than *The Curse of the Black Pearl* , which was only shot on location in St. Vincent . This time , the sequels would require fully working ships , with a working Black Pearl built over the body of an oil tanker in Bayou La Batre , Alabama . By November , the script was still unfinished as the writers did not want director Gore Verbinski and producer Jerry Bruckheimer to compromise what they had written , so Verbinski worked with James Byrkit to storyboard major sequences without need of a script , while Elliott and Rossio wrote a " preparatory " script for the crew to use before they finished the script they were happy with . By January 2005 , with rising costs and no script , Disney threatened to cancel the film , but changed their minds . The writers would accompany the crew on location , feeling that the lateness of their rewrites would improve the spontaneity of the cast 's performances .

= = = Filming = = =

Principal photography began on February 28 , 2005 , in Palos Verdes , beginning with Elizabeth 's ruined wedding day . The crew spent the first shooting days at Walt Disney Studios in Los Angeles , including the interiors of the Black Pearl and the Edinburgh Trader which Elizabeth stows away on , before moving to St. Vincent to shoot the scenes in Port Royal and Tortuga . Sets from the previous film were reused , having survived three hurricanes , although the main pier had to be rebuilt as it had collapsed in November . The crew had four tall ships at their disposal to populate the backgrounds , which were painted differently on each side for economy . One of the ships used was the replica of the HMS Bounty used in the 1962 film adaptation of *Mutiny on the Bounty* .

On April 18 , 2005 , the crew began shooting at Dominica , a location Verbinski had selected as he felt it fitted the sense of remoteness he was looking for . However , this was also a problem ; the Dominican government were completely unprepared for the scale of a Hollywood production , as while the 500 @-@ strong crew occupying around 90 % of the roads on the island they had trouble moving around on the underdeveloped surfaces . The weather also alternated between torrential rainstorms and hot temperatures , the latter of which was made worse for the cast who had to wear

period clothing . At Dominica , the sequences involving the Pelegosto and the forest segment of the battle on Isla Cruces were shot . Verbinski preferred to use practical props for the giant wheel and bone cage sequences , feeling long close @-@ up shots would help further suspend the audience 's disbelief . Dominica was also used for Tia Dalma 's shack . Filming on the island concluded on May 26 , 2005 .

The crew moved to a small island called White Cay in the Bahamas for the beginning and end of the Isla Cruces battle , before production took a break until August , where in Los Angeles the interiors of the Flying Dutchman were shot . On September 18 , 2005 , the crew moved to Grand Bahama Island to shoot ship exteriors , including the working Black Pearl and Flying Dutchman . Filming there was a tumultuous period , starting with the fact that the tank had not actually been finished . The hurricane season caused many pauses in shooting , and Hurricane Wilma damaged many of the accessways and pumps , though no one was hurt nor were any of the ships destroyed . Filming completed on September 10 , 2005 .

= = = Special effects = = =

The Flying Dutchman 's crew members were originally conceived by writers Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio as ghosts , but Gore Verbinski disliked this and designed them as physical creatures . Their hierarchy is reflected by how mutated they were : newcomers had low level infections which resemble rosacea , while veterans had full @-@ blown undersea creature attributes . Verbinski wanted to keep them realistic , rejecting a character with a turtle shell , and the animators watched various David Attenborough documentaries to study the movement of sea anemones and mussels . All of the crew are computer @-@ generated , with the exception of Stellan Skarsgård , who played " Bootstrap " Bill Turner . Initially his prosthetics would be augmented with CGI but that was abandoned . Skarsgård spent four hours in the make @-@ up chair and was dubbed " Bouillabaisse " on set .

Captain Davy Jones had originally been designed with chin growths , before the designers made the move to full @-@ blown tentacles ; the skin of the character incorporates the texture of a coffee @-@ stained Styrofoam cup among other elements . To portray Jones on set , Bill Nighy wore a motion capture tracksuit that meant the animators at Industrial Light & Magic did not have to reshoot the scene in the studio without him or on the motion capture stage . Nighy wore make @-@ up around his eyes and mouth to splice into the computer @-@ generated shots , but the images of his eyes and mouth were not used . Nighy only wore a prosthetic once , with blue @-@ colored tentacles for when Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) steals the key to the Dead Man 's Chest from under his " beard " as he sleeps . To create the CG version of the character , the model was closely based on a full @-@ body scan of Nighy , with Jones reflecting his high cheekbones . Animators studied every frame of Nighy 's performance : the actor himself had blessed them by making his performance more quirky than expected , providing endless fun for them . His performance also meant new controls had to be stored . Finally , Jones ' tentacles are mostly a simulation , though at times they were hand @-@ animated when they act as limbs for the character .

The Kraken was difficult to animate as it had no real @-@ life reference , until animation director Hal Hickel instructed the crew to watch King Kong vs. Godzilla which had a real octopus crawling over miniatures . On the set , two pipes filled with 30 @,@ 000 pounds of cement were used to crash and split the Edinburgh Trader : Completing the illusion are miniature masts and falling stuntmen shot on a bluescreen stage . The scene where the Kraken spits at Jack Sparrow does not use computer @-@ generated spit : it was real gunge thrown at Johnny Depp .

= = Release = =

Pirates of the Caribbean : Dead Man 's Chest premiered at Disneyland in California on June 24 , 2006 . It was the first Disney film to use the new computer @-@ generated Walt Disney Pictures production logo , which took a year for the studio to design . Weta Digital was responsible for the logo 's final animated rendering and Mark Mancina was hired to score a new composition of " When

You Wish Upon A Star " . The main people responsible for the logo 's rendering are Cyrese Parrish and Cameron Smith .

= = = Home media = = =

The film became available on DVD on December 5 , 2006 , for Region 1 and sold 9 @, @ 498 @, @ 304 units in its first week of sales (equivalent to \$ 174 @, @ 039 @, @ 324) . In total it sold 16 @, @ 694 @, @ 937 units , earning \$ 320 @, @ 871 @, @ 909 . It was the best @-@ selling DVD of 2006 in terms of units sold and second in terms of sales revenue behind The Chronicles of Narnia : The Lion , the Witch and the Wardrobe .

The versions for Regions 2 and 4 had already been released on November 15 , 2006 , and November 20 , 2006 , respectively . The DVD , incompatible with some Region 1 hardware DVD Players due to the use of ARccOS Protection , came in single and two @-@ disc versions . Both contained a commentary track with the screenwriters and a gag reel , with the double @-@ disc featuring a video of the film premiere and a number of documentaries , including a full @-@ length documentary entitled " According to the Plan " and eight featurettes . The film was released on Blu @-@ ray Disc on May 22 , 2007 . The film had its UK Television premiere on Boxing Day 2008 on BBC One at 20 : 30 . It was seen by 6 @. @ 8 million viewers according to overnight figures .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

Critical Reception was mixed . The film scored a 54 % rating on Rotten Tomatoes with an average rating of 6 / 10 . The site 's consensus says " Gone is Depp 's unpredictability and much of the humor and originality of the first movie . " Michael Booth of the Denver Post gave the film three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half stars out of four , calling it " two hours and 20 minutes of escapism that once again makes the movies safe for guilt @-@ free fun . " Drew McWeeny compared the film to The Empire Strikes Back , and also acclaimed its darkness in its depiction of the crew of the Flying Dutchman and its cliffhanger . The completely computer @-@ generated Davy Jones turned out to be so realistic that some reviewers mistakenly identified Nighy as wearing prosthetic makeup .

The New York Times said , " You put down your money ? still less than \$ 10 in most cities ? and in return you get two and a half hours of spirited swashbuckling , and Gore Verbinski has an appropriate sense of mischief , as a well as a gift , nearly equaling those of Peter Jackson and Steven Spielberg , for integrating CGI seamlessly into his cinematic compositions . " Empire magazine gave the film 3 stars saying " Depp is once again an unmitigated joy as Captain Sparrow , delivering another eye @-@ darting , word @-@ slurring turn with some wonderful slapstick flourishes . Indeed , Rossio and Elliot smartly exploit these in some wonderful action set @-@ pieces . " " We don ? t get the predictable ? all friends together on the same quest ? structure , and there ? s a surfeit of surprises , crosses and double @-@ crosses and cheeky character beats which stay true to the original ? s anti @-@ heroic sense of fun . After all , Jack Sparrow is a pirate , a bad guy in a hero ? s hat , a man driven by self @-@ gain over concern for the greater good , who will run away from a fight and cheat his ? friends ? without a second ? s thought . " Lord McLovin of MovieWeb said " The second tale of Captain Jack Sparrow is another epic adventure ! "

Paul Arendt of the BBC compared it to The Matrix Reloaded , as a complex film that merely led onto the next film . Richard George felt a " better construct of Dead Man 's Chest and At World 's End would have been to take 90 minutes of Chest , mix it with all of End and then cut that film in two . " Alex Billington felt the third film " almost makes the second film in the series obsolete or dulls it down enough that we can accept it in our trilogy DVD collections without ever watching it . "

= = = Box office = = =

Dead Man 's Chest earned \$ 423 @, @ 315 @, @ 812 in the North America and \$ 642 @, @ 863 @, @ 913 in other territories , for a worldwide total of \$ 1 @, @ 066 @, @ 179 @, @ 725 . Worldwide , it ranks as the eighteenth highest @-@ grossing film , the seventh highest @-@ grossing film distributed by Disney , the highest @-@ grossing 2006 film , the highest @-@ grossing film in the Pirates of the Caribbean series , the highest @-@ grossing film to star Johnny Depp and the highest @-@ grossing second installment in a franchise . It is the third film in history to reach the \$ 1 @-@ billion @-@ mark worldwide , and it reached the mark in record time (63 days) , a record that has since been surpassed by many films , of which the first was Avatar (in January 2010) .

In North America , the film broke many records including the largest opening- and single @-@ day gross (\$ 55 @. @ 8 million) , the biggest opening weekend gross (\$ 135 @. @ 6 million) , the least time to reach \$ 100 , \$ 200 and \$ 300 million and the highest ten @-@ day gross . However , most of them were broken by Spider @-@ Man 3 in May 2007 and The Dark Knight in July 2008 . The film was in first place at the box office for three consecutive weekends . It closed in theaters on December 7 , 2006 , with a \$ 423 @. @ 3 million haul . Thus , in North America , it is the fifteenth highest @-@ grossing film , although , adjusted for inflation , the film ranks forty @-@ eight . It is also the highest @-@ grossing 2006 film , the highest @-@ grossing Pirates of the Caribbean film , and the fifth highest @-@ grossing Disney film . The film sold an estimated 64 @, @ 628 @, @ 400 tickets in the US .

Outside North America , it is the twenty @-@ first highest @-@ grossing film , the third highest @-@ grossing Pirates film , the eighth highest @-@ grossing Disney film and the highest @-@ grossing film of 2006 . It set opening @-@ weekend records in Russia and the CIS , Ukraine , Finland , Malaysia , Singapore , Greece and Italy . It was on top of the box office outside North America for 9 consecutive weekends and 10 in total . It was the highest @-@ grossing film of 2006 in Australia , Bulgaria , Germany , Japan , the Netherlands , New Zealand , Spain , Sweden and Thailand .

= = = Accolades = = =

At the 79th Academy Awards , visual effects supervisors John Knoll , Hal Hickel , Charles Gibson , and Allen Hall won an Oscar for Best Visual Effects , which was also the first time since 1994 's Forrest Gump that Industrial Light & Magic had received that particular Academy Award . The film was also nominated for Best Art Direction , Sound Editing , and Sound Mixing .

The film also won a BAFTA and Satellite award for Best Visual Effects , and six awards from the Visual Effects Society .

Other awards won by the film include Choice Movie : Action Adventure , Choice Drama / Action Adventure Movie , Actor for Johnny Depp at the 2006 Teen Choice Awards ; Favorite Movie , Movie Drama , Male Actor for Depp and On @-@ Screen Couple for Depp and Keira Knightley at the 33rd People 's Choice Awards ; Best Movie and Performance for Depp at the 2007 MTV Movie Awards and Best Special Effects at the Saturn Awards , and Favorite Movie at the 2007 Kids ' Choice Awards .

It was ranked # 475 on Empire 's 500 Greatest Films .

= = Video game = =

A video game adaptation of the film was developed by Griptonite Games and Amaze Entertainment and released by Buena Vista Games in June ? August 2006 for the PlayStation Portable , Nintendo DS and Game Boy Advance .