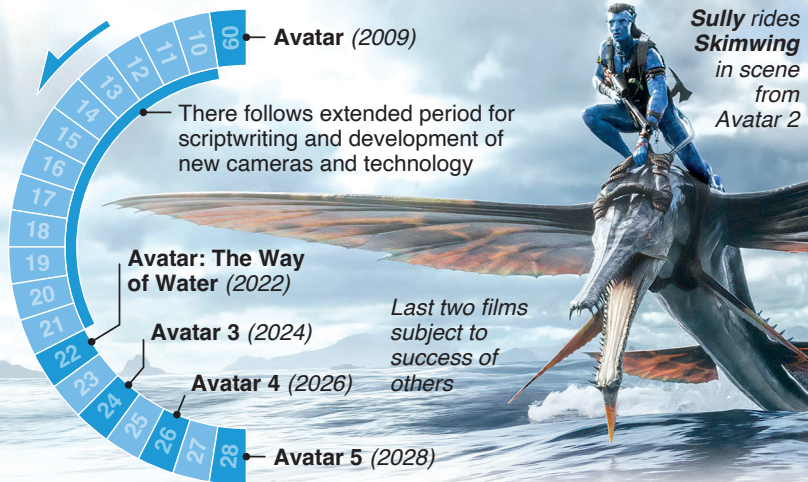


Avatar 2 – A long and costly endeavour

It's taken 13 years for a sequel to *James Cameron's Avatar* to arrive, thanks in part to needing to invent new technology to realise it



SELECTION OF MOST EXPENSIVE MOVIES EVER MADE

Movie	Released	Original budget (\$m)	Adjusted budget (\$m)*
1 <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides</i>	2011	379	500
2 <i>Avengers: Age of Ultron</i>	2015	365	457
3 <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End</i>	2007	300	430
4 <i>Cleopatra</i>	1963	44	429
5 <i>Avengers: Endgame</i>	2019	356	415
6 <i>Avengers: Infinity War</i>	2018	325	387
7 <i>Avatar: The Way of Water</i>	2022	375 [†]	375
8 <i>Spider-Man 3</i>	2007	258	370
9 <i>Titanic</i>	1997	200	370
10 <i>Justice League</i>	2017	300	362
16 <i>Avatar</i>	2009	237	327

Avatar is 16th most expensive movie ever made, but most successful movie in history, pulling in global box office gross earnings of **\$2,922,917,914**

Note: Budget numbers for movies can be both difficult to find and unreliable. *Budgets adjusted for inflation using U.S. CPI inflation calculator. [†]*The Hollywood Reporter* states *Avatar: The Way of Water* has budget of \$350m-\$400m (averaged here to \$375m). Pictures: © 20th Century Studios

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