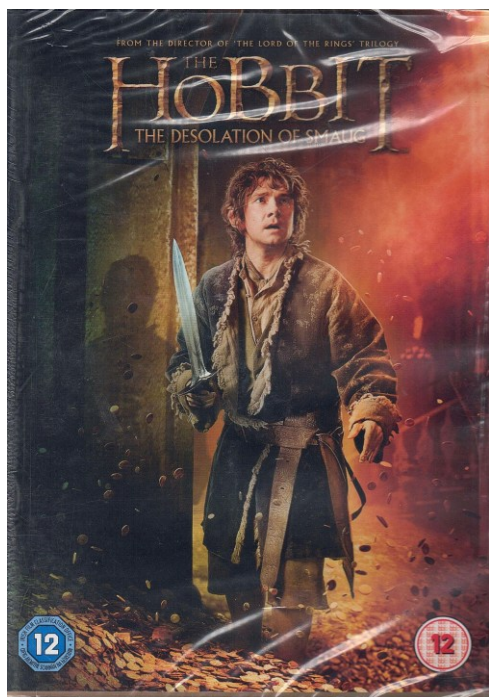


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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Peter Jackson
Screenplay by	Fran Walsh Philippa Boyens Peter Jackson Guillermo del Toro
Based on	<i>The Hobbit</i> by J. R. R. Tolkien
Produced by	Carolynne Cunningham Zane Weiner Fran Walsh Peter Jackson
Starring	Ian McKellen Martin Freeman Richard Armitage Benedict Cumberbatch Evangeline Lilly Lee Pace Luke Evans Ken Stott James Nesbitt Orlando Bloom
Cinematography	Andrew Lesnie
Edited by	Jabez Olssen
Music by	Howard Shore
Production companies	New Line Cinema Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures WingNut Films
Distributed by	Warner Bros. Pictures
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Running time	161 minutes ^[1]
Countries	New Zealand ^[2] United States ^[2]
Language	English
Budget	\$225 million ^{[3][4]}
Box office	\$959 million ^[5]

Storyline – The Desolation of Smaug

Thorin Oakenshield and his company are being pursued by Azog and his Orc party. They are ushered by Gandalf to the nearby home of Beorn, a skin-changer who can take the form of a bear. That night, Azog is summoned to Dol Guldur by the Necromancer, who commands him to marshal his forces for war. Azog delegates the hunt for Thorin to his son Bolg. Beorn escorts the company to the borders of Mirkwood, where Gandalf discovers Black Speech imprinted on an old ruin. This, and a prior request by Galadriel, prompt him to investigate the tombs of the Nazgûl. He warns the company to remain on the path before leaving. Upon entering the forest, they lose their way and are ensnared by giant spiders. Bilbo frees the dwarves with the help of the invisibility ring. However, he begins to understand its dark influence after he drops the ring and brutally kills a spider to retrieve it.

The remaining spiders are killed by the Wood-elves led by Tauriel and Legolas, who capture the Dwarves and bring Thorin before their king, Thranduil. Thorin confronts the king about his neglect of the Dwarves of Erebor following Smaug's attack 60 years earlier and is consequently imprisoned with the other Dwarves. Bilbo, having avoided capture, arranges their escape via empty wine barrels that are sent downstream. They are pursued by the Wood-elves and ambushed by Bolg and his Orc party, engaging in a running three-way battle down the river. The Dwarves are able to escape both groups of pursuers, but Kili is wounded with a Morgul shaft. Thranduil seals off his kingdom when an Orc captive reveals an evil army is amassing in the south, but Tauriel decides to leave and assist the Dwarves; Legolas goes after her. Meanwhile, Gandalf and Radagast investigate the tombs of the Nazgûl, which they find to be empty.

The company is smuggled into Esgaroth by a bargeman called Bard. Thorin promises the Master of Laketown a share of the mountain's treasure, and they are given arms and sent off to the mountain. Due to his injury, Kili is forced to remain behind at Bard's home, tended to by Fili, Óin, and Bofur. Bilbo discovers the hidden entrance in the Lonely Mountain and is sent inside to retrieve the Arkenstone. However, he accidentally awakens Smaug, who reveals his knowledge of both the dwarves' plot and the return of Sauron.

In Laketown, it is revealed that Bard is a descendant of the last ruler of Dale and possesses the last black arrow capable of killing Smaug. Bard attempts to bring the black arrow to the town's launcher, fearing what may happen in the mountain. However, he is arrested by the Master, charging his son to hide the arrow. Bolg and his Orc party infiltrate the town and attack the four Dwarves, but Tauriel and Legolas arrive and quickly dispatch them. Tauriel tends to Kili, who openly admires Tauriel's beauty, while Legolas pursues Bolg.

Meanwhile, Gandalf infiltrates Dol Guldur alone after sending Radagast to warn Galadriel of their discovery at the tombs. He finds and cures Thrain before they are ambushed by Azog. The Necromancer overpowers and defeats Gandalf and reveals himself as Sauron. Gandalf watches helplessly as Azog and an Orc army march from Dol Guldur towards the Lonely Mountain.

Inside the mountain, during a long chase, Bilbo and the Dwarves rekindle the mountain's forge using Smaug's flames and create and melt a large golden statue, hoping to bury Smaug alive in the molten gold. They do so, but Smaug emerges from the gold, stumbles out of the mountain and flies off to destroy Laketown as Bilbo watches in despair.

Cast

Martin Freeman as Bilbo Baggins: A hobbit hired by the 13 dwarves, on the advice of wizard Gandalf, to accompany them on a quest to reclaim the Lonely Mountain from Smaug.

Ian McKellen as Gandalf the Grey: An Istari wizard who recruits Bilbo and helps to arrange the quest to reclaim the dwarves' lost treasure in Erebor.

Richard Armitage as Thorin Oakenshield II: The leader of the Company of dwarves and the true heir to Erebor's throne who has returned to reclaim Erebor from Smaug.

Benedict Cumberbatch as Smaug (vocal performance/motion capture): A great dragon of Middle-earth who claimed the Lonely Mountain, its vast treasures and the surrounding human areas.

Cumberbatch also plays The Necromancer: A mysterious sorcerer residing in Dol Guldur with the ability to summon the spirits of the dead, who is later revealed to be the Dark Lord Sauron.

Evangeline Lilly as Tauriel: The elven chief of the Mirkwood Guards serving under Thranduil, who develops romantic feelings towards Kili and falls in love with him.

Luke Evans as Bard the Bowman: A skilled archer living in Esgaroth and the heir of Girion, the last king of old Dale.

Evans also plays Bard's ancestor, Girion, in a flashback.

Lee Pace as Thranduil: The aloof and cold-hearted Elven king of the northern part of Mirkwood (the Woodland Realm).

Stephen Fry as Master of Lake-town: The pompous and greedy mayor of the settlement of Men at Lake-town near the Lonely Mountain.

Orlando Bloom as Legolas Greenleaf: An elf from Mirkwood, prince of the Woodland Realm, and Thranduil's son.

Graham McTavish as Dwalin: Balin's brother.

Ken Stott as Balin: Dwalin's brother.

Aidan Turner as Kili: One of Thorin's nephews and Fili's younger brother. He develops romantic feelings towards the Elf Tauriel and falls in love with her.

Dean O'Gorman as Fili: Another of Thorin's nephews and Kili's older brother.

Mark Hadlow as Dori: Nori and Ori's brother.

Jed Brophy as Nori: Dori and Ori's brother.

Adam Brown as Ori: Dori and Nori's brother.

John Callen as Óin: Glóin's brother.

Peter Hambleton as Glóin: Óin's brother and father of Gimli, the noble Dwarf who accompanies Frodo on his quest to destroy the One Ring.

William Kircher as Bifur: Bofur and Bombur's cousin.

James Nesbitt as Bofur: Bombur's brother and Bifur's cousin.

Stephen Hunter as Bombur: Bofur's brother and Bifur's cousin.

Cate Blanchett as Galadriel: An elven co-ruler of Lothlórien along with her husband, Lord Celeborn.

Mikael Persbrandt as Beorn: A skin-changer who can assume the appearance of a great black bear.

Sylvester McCoy as Radagast the Brown: An Istari wizard whose wisdom is based on nature and wildlife.

Manu Bennett as Azog the Defiler: An orc and the nemesis of Thorin Oakenshield, on whom he seeks revenge for losing his forearm and hand in battle.

Lawrence Makoare as Bolg: Son of Azog the Defiler.

Craig Hall as Galion: Thranduil's butler, whose fondness for drink allows for Bilbo and the dwarves' escape attempt.

Ryan Gage as Alfrid: The Master of Laketown's conniving and arrogant servant.

John Bell as Bain: Bard's son, who is described as "confident and brave and ready to do battle if required even though he is still a boy."

Mark Mitchinson as Braga: captain of the Lake-town Guard.

Ben Mitchell as Narzug: An orc who gets interrogated by Thranduil after the ambush at the River Gate.

Stephen Ure as Fimbul, Azog's second-in-command

Robin Kerr as Elros: An elf of the Woodland Realm who is a captain of the Woodland Guard and Keeper of the Keys - initially charged with watching the dwarves, he is later charged with watching the Front Gate of Thranduil's Halls.

Simon London as Feren: An elf of the Woodland Realm.

Dallas Barnett as Bill Ferny Snr: An assassin sent by Azog to kill Thorin Oakenshield in Bree and retrieve the Key to Erebor.

The following appear only in the Extended Edition

Antony Sher as Thrain: Thorin's father who is held captive in Sauron's stronghold of Dol Guldur.

Additionally, Peter Jackson makes a cameo appearance in the film, reprising his role as the man eating a carrot in Bree, his daughter Katie portrays Barliman Butterbur's wife Betsy, Philippa Boyens's daughter Phoebe and scale double Kiran Shah appear as a waitress and a Hobbit in the Prancing Pony, James Nesbitt's daughters Peggy and Mary portray Sigrid and Tilda, the daughters of Bard, Stephen Colbert and his family along with WingNut Films' assistant Norman Kali and producer Zane Weiner appear as Lake-town spies, and editor Jabez Olssen appears as a fishmonger. Brian Sergent (who portrayed the Hobbit Ted Sandyman in the extended edition of Fellowship of the Ring) and Peter Vere-Jones (a frequent voice actor collaborator of Jackson's) provide the voices of the spiders in Mirkwood. This was the final performance of Vere-Jones before his death in January 2021.

Parents Guide

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Sex & Nudity

None

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity

None

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Moderate

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