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Profile

Habti Voyage is a leading solution provider in the field of film production in Morocco and we help you in transforming your ideas into enticing productions. Our office in New York enables us to keep ourselves updated with the latest in the Hollywood and our office in Marrakesh allows us to match up with the latest infrastructure in the world and provide that to you in Morocco.

As your film production solution provider, we help you in the following areas:

-Getting Morocco film permit: Our office in Morocco allows us to not only help you with the permit but also speed up the process for you.

-Arranging film equipment: We can arrange the latest film equipment for you to give you a comfortable filming experience in Morocco.

-Finding exotic Moroccan landscapes: We know the most exotic and scenic filming locations in Morocco and you can discuss with us regarding the locations you require for your film project.

-Crew members: When you use our services you do not need to worry about crew members, we will help you find the most professional crew members in no time.

-Weather: Although Moroccan weather is pleasant all round the year, there are some places to be avoided especially for shootings in a particular season. We will help you with in planning your film schedule in a way that will save you from the inconveniences of visiting in an extreme season.

The advantage of using our services lies in the fact that with us you will get the expertise of many top film production companies in Morocco. Over the years we have developed a strong network of the best film production companies in Morocco, all of whom have been carefully selected.

-All our partners are CCM certified (CCM - Moroccan Cinematographic Centre which is the sole governing agency of Moroccan film industry).

-They have excellent past records in producing films, documentaries, TV serials, and fashion shoots.

-They have the state-of-the-art film production equipments that you can utilize for the shooting of your film.

-They have professional and multilingual film crew members, all of whom are backed with past experiences in similar projects.

We understand that although production needs vary on the surface, but in the core every good production requires a thorough professional approach. With the help of the same professional approach, we have helped countless companies come up with great productions. So let us know of your plans of film shooting in Morocco and leave the rest on us. We assure you of the best filmmaking experience in Morocco. Browse through our site for more information.

Catering and Accommodation





After a hectic day of shooting the crew and the cast members invariably look forward to having good food and a good night sleep. From a filmmaker's point of view, the need of hygienic food and a good night sleep can't be stressed enough. By taking care of his team, a filmmaker can ensure high productivity and a great filming experience.

If you have selected Morocco as your shooting location then by selecting Habti Voyage as your catering and accommodation solution provider, you can be rest assured of the high quality services. We are a trusted name when it comes to providing extraordinary, comfortable, and affordable catering and accommodation services in Morocco.

Over the years, we have developed good business relations with the leading accommodation providers in Morocco. We can provide you with the best accommodation at the shortest notice at virtually any place in Morocco for a team of any size and at the most competitive rates. We also make sure that the accommodation is as near as possible to your shooting location so that you can save the traveling time and have a more convenient experience of shooting in Morocco.

We are also experts in meeting the most diverse catering needs. Although Moroccan cuisine in itself is renowned for its variety, taste, and uniqueness; if your have specific cuisine requirements, our European caterers will make sure that you feel absolutely at home. In addition to the catering service at you accommodation, we would be happy to provide you delicious and hygienic food at any outdoor location on your request.

So give your cast, crew members, and yourself the opportunity to enjoy staying at the best places and relishing the best food while shooting in Morocco. Enjoy a memorable shooting experience by using our catering and accommodation services.

Transportation



Unless it is a one-setup shoot, shooting requires a filmmaker to keep shifting setups from one place to another. Along with the setups it is required to move equipment, casts, crew members and their belongings. This is where an efficient transport service provider proves its mettle. A good transport service provider studies your needs carefully and accordingly provides customized solutions.

If your shooting location is Morocco, then you can find the best transportation services with us. We are Habti Voyage Company and we provide customized transportation solution to foreign filmmakers for filming in Morocco. We understand the vivid transport requirements of our clients and thereby provide them with ultra-professional services. The following is a list of the transportation solutions that we have to offer.

-Cast and crew trailers
-Vanity vans
-Production and multi-purpose trailers
-Small cars
-Limousines/ executive sedans for cast of the movie
-Vintage cars
-Cars for special occasions
-Sports cars
-Buses
-4x4 vehicles for rough terrains
-Charter planes and helicopter for celebrities and high profile crew members

Whatever be your transportation requirements, we have a solution. All our vehicles are clean, well kept, highly reliable, efficient, and are perfectly suitable for the transportation requirements in Morocco. Additionally, all our vehicles are driven by very experienced drivers. Our drivers are multilingual and have worked on similar projects in the past so language is never an issue with them. All of them have been hand picked to provide you with the safest and most comfortable experience.

As for renting you have the option to rent on a daily basis or over a period of time. You can also choose cars with or without drivers. Letting us take care of your transportation needs is a sure way of making your shoot as comfortable, as easy and as affordable as possible.

Film permits in Morocco

Standing by its reputation as one of the most film friendly location in the world, Morocco offers a very easy film permit system. Movie producers are welcomed by the Moroccan government and have to go through simplified permit procedures and flexible regulations.

For any film to be shot in Morocco, an official permit from the Moroccan Cinematographic Center, the film production and government authorization agency in Morocco, is a must. This agency governs all film production in Morocco.

About CCM

Set up in 1944 and recognized in 1977, CCM works in the area of organizing the Moroccan film industry and promoting Moroccan cinema. It also works in promoting Morocco as a top film shooting location in the world. Lately, it has also acquired a host of facilities to perform a number of movie-production activities; the activities include avid editing, sound editing, 35 mm positive editing, and even producing TV films. CCM also maintains a film archive of national and international films.

Process of obtaining film permits in Morocco

-Obtaining a feature film permit

Apart from the request and the application, a shooting form, a copy of the film script, a credentials letter, and a list of Moroccan technicians are required. The permit should be applied for at least two weeks before the actual shooting date.

-Obtaining a permit for a short film, documentary film or a video clip

Apart from the request and the application, a script copy or topic summary (in case of a documentary request), the singer's and/or the band's name (in case of a video clip request), the list of Moroccan technicians, and the shooting schedule with the exact locations are required. The permit should be applied for at least a week before the shooting date.

-Obtaining a permit for a commercial

Apart from the application, an order note in the name of the local advertiser (in case the advertiser is local), the list of Moroccan technicians, the shooting schedule with the exact locations and a credentials letter for an executive production are required. The permit should be applied at least five days before the shooting date.

At Habti Voyage, we make your filming in Morocco experience easy and enjoyable. We not only help you in arranging the permits but also expedite the process. Apart from providing you with speedy film permit in Morocco, we offer you the opportunity to receive the services of the best film production companies of Morocco and that too at the most competitive rates. With a vast network of renowned CCM certified film production companies, your partnership with us is bound to give you great value for money.

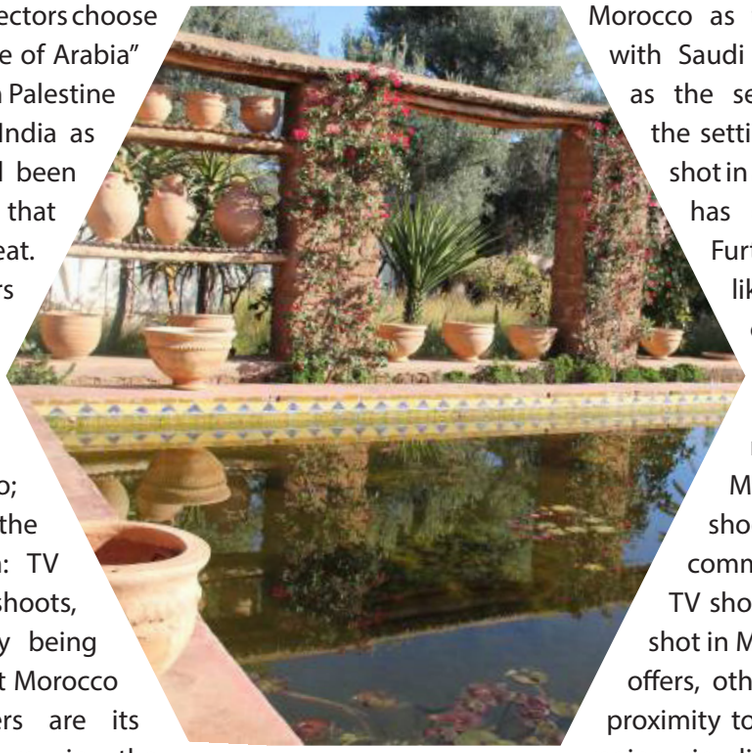
Let us suggest you the best companies providing services at unbelievably competitive costs. After you have selected one of the production companies see your production going through effortlessly.



Shooting in Morocco

What does shooting a film require? Well, it requires perfect locations, a team of professional actors, location scouts, extras, make up artists, hair dressers, fashion stylists, directors, assistant directors, cameramen, assistant cameramen, gaffers, grips, set designers, soundmen, script supervisors, and a whole bunch of other people working in sync to ensure the perfect final outcome. Choosing Morocco as your shooting location and the Habti Voyage Company as your production partner can make shooting in Morocco a lot easier.

Morocco provides you with unparalleled shooting locations that can easily double as many other countries. This has made many directors choose Morocco as their favorite shooting destination – "Lawrence of Arabia" with Saudi Arabia as the setting, "Jesus of Nazareth" with Palestine as the setting, "The Man Who Would Be King" with India as the setting, "Kundun" with Tibet as the setting have all been shot in Morocco. It is the diverse landscape of Morocco that has enabled the directors to accomplish this feat. Furthermore, some world renowned directors like Martin Scorsese and Ridley Scott can't stop coming back to Morocco again and again for their movies.



It is not only the movies that are being shot in Morocco; Morocco is also making its place in the shooting of several other genres of production: TV commercials, music videos, fashion photography shoots, TV shows, and documentaries. These are increasingly being shot in Morocco – apart from the diverse landscapes that Morocco offers, other features of Morocco that attract producers are its proximity to the western countries, the best infrastructure in the region, simplified permit and custom procedure, and a friendly government.

Our role in making your shooting experience in Morocco ultra-comfortable

Habti Voyage Company has expertise in arranging the best infrastructure and shooting crew for you. Equipped with our expertise, shooting in Morocco will become a lot easier. Over the years we have lent our hand in the successful completion of a diverse range of shootings: TV commercials, music videos, fashion photography shoots, TV shows, feature films, documentaries and more. Give us a chance to be your shooting and production partner and see the production sail through effortlessly.



CASTING IN MOROCCO

Casting is an all important pre-production process of selecting the actors for any film. Casting is usually done by the casting director with inputs from the director, producers, and choreographers. It is a known fact that casting has a big role in the success of any movie/production. If you have selected Morocco as the location of your film and wondering about casts then you can consult Habti Voyage for all your casting requirements.

Choosing the cast for your production in Morocco rather than getting them along with you has many advantages. Here is a look at some of them.

-Moroccan cast will be economical: You will not also save on the airfare but also on the wages. Moroccans, as compared to their western counterparts, charge much less for a similar role.

-People from many cultural backgrounds: Standing at the cross roads of many cultures: African, European and the Arab, Morocco provides amazing diversity of people, these people speak languages like English, Arabic, Berbers, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. This diversity of languages allows you to select a cast according to the script.

-Enthusiasm of Moroccans towards films: The search for actors is further made easier by the warm attitude of Moroccans towards films and people of other cultures. Moroccans also know the importance of movies in bringing their nation on the world map thus they instinctively support foreign filmmakers and take active participation in the screening process.

-People of all age groups are available for casting in films: There are people of all age groups that can be used for casting in film projects in Morocco. The availability of several casting calls for children, adults, aged ones by various casting call agencies has made Moroccans well aware of the rewards of being selected in a movie. This makes sure that there is no dearth of talent in any age group.

Film Location Services

Morocco has some of the most exotic film locations in the world. These locations resemble a lot of countries and have been used by many directors as a double of those countries. Morocco has everything from beaches and snow-capped mountains to vast tracts of the Saharan Desert that make scenic film locations. Due to its perfect locations, Morocco is also increasingly being used as a preferred fashion shoot location, TV commercial shooting location, and a documentary shoot location.



Location scouting Marrakesh

Marrakesh is one of the most colorful cities in Morocco that has been the setting of many films. Situated near the Atlas Mountains, Marrakesh has been used innumerable number of times by film makers. It provides one with the opportunity to shoot in the Atlas Mountains, the ancient medinas and the traditional souks. The most famous films shot in Marrakesh include Absolutely Fabulous: Series 2, Hideous Kinky, and Exorcist.



Location scouting Casablanca

Casablanca, the largest city in Morocco and one of the largest harbors in the world is also known for its ultra-modern city life, buildings and surfer-friendly beaches. There are several locations in Casablanca which will perfectly fit many scripts. Spy Game is one of the most popular movies shot in Casablanca.



Location scouting Sahara

If you are planning to make a movie with the Arabian countries as the setting then the Sahara tract of Morocco is the perfect place for you. The desert with camel caravans and unending sand dunes gives you the exact look of the Arabian Desert. Notable films shot in the Sahara tract include Lawrence of Arabia and Sahara.



Location scouting Essaouira

Situated on the Atlantic coast of Morocco and touted as one of the friendliest and most laid back beaches in the world, Essaouira is gaining popularity as a top shooting destination for movies with beach scenes. One of the top movies shot in Essaouira is Othello.



Other popular Shooting locations in Morocco

Other much sought shooting locations in Morocco include Fez, Atlas Mountains, Erfoud, and Merzouga.

At Habti Voyage, our endeavor is to simplify the process of locating the most suitable shooting destinations for you. Contact us for more information.

Crews

While producing a movie, a commercial, or a documentary; the importance of the film crew cannot be overlooked. Crew members are people who remain behind the scenes but play a very important role in the success of any production. A successful movie will invariably have a professional film crew. Crew members include technicians, location scouts, executive producers, line producers, make up artists, hair dressers, fashion stylists, cameramen, assistant cameramen, gaffers, grips, set designers, soundmen, script supervisors and more.

A professional movie crew member is highly trained and knows his job well; he is well-versed with the latest technology in his field and can use all the equipment easily. He gels well with the team and plays his part to perfection.



While filming in Morocco, we can help you in crew selection to ensure that the quality of production does not suffer for lack of required technicians or supervisors. Whether you are looking for a whole crew or individual crew members, we can help you find the most suitable people for the job.

All crew members provided by us are professional and highly trained. We will help you shortlist experienced crew members who have worked on prestigious projects before and will help complete your production perfectly to your satisfaction. They will additionally be easy on your pocket as they will charge you much less than their western counterparts Also, hiring local crew members will save additional money of the airfare that you would have spent on bringing your own crew. As for language, it will not be a problem as the crew members provided by us are well versed with English, French, Italian, and Spanish.

Just let us know of your crew requirements and we can get you the most professional and experienced film crews for shooting in Morocco.



Custom clearance



Custom clearance is required whenever you arrive in or leave any county with personal goods, equipment, or similar items. The aim of custom clearance is two fold – on one hand it fetches the country revenue in the form of custom duties and on the other hand it safeguards the country against hazardous items. Notwithstanding its benefits, custom clearance can at times be time consuming and burdensome.

Morocco, since 1990, when the custom reforms were envisaged, has come a long way in making custom clearance a lot easier than before. As a result of the reforms, cargo control was improved for both exporters and importers, custom clearance sites were opened outside port and airport domain, selectivity in controls was introduced, and document processing was computerized. The results are for everyone to see. It is due to these reforms that custom clearance is much easier now as compared to 1980's.

At Habti Voyage, we make getting custom clearance even easier for you. We, with our partners have been working in the field of film production in Morocco for quite some time now and have expertise in handling all kinds of equipments both at the seaports and at the airports. It is not only the import of equipments that we help you with, after you are ready to wind up and want your equipments to be sent back to your country we will help you do that too. We will arrange for its clearance in as less time as possible so that you can receive them at appropriate locations and use them at the earliest. In all, we take care of preparation of documents and their submission, calculation of taxes, duties, and excises on your behalf, and the facilitation of communication between you and the government authorities. The result is fast, easy, fool-proof, and hassle-free custom clearance. Contact us for more information on custom clearance in Morocco.

Equipment



Filmmaking is a complex process and one of the factors that increase the complexity is the ever improving film equipment. This brings filmmakers in a situation where they have to continuously upgrade their equipment or risk lagging behind in the competition. Latest equipment not only gives a filmmaker an advantage over his competitors but its use also results in better movies.

The hurdle, however, is their cost, availability, and size. Modern equipment is very expensive, gets outdated very soon and is quite difficult to move around all the times especially when the shooting is overseas. Carrying the equipment overseas, in addition to the inconvenience, also costs a filmmaker quite some money in the form of custom duties.

If you have zeroed in on Morocco as your shooting location then your association with us can be the perfect film equipment solution for you. Our office in New York allows us to keep a constant tab on the latest in the world of film equipment and our office in Marrakesh allows us to deliver it in Morocco. With us, you can enjoy shooting without the worry of custom clearances (in case you decide to buy from us) or the worry of the equipment getting outdated (in case you decide to rent it from us).

We and our partners have one of the largest stocks of latest equipment at your disposal in Morocco. With us you can choose high quality equipment like:

- Cameras and camera lenses: We have a really huge collection of the latest cameras and camera lenses.
- Lights: Spotlights, Softlights, Parlights, Quartzs, Incands, and other lighting accessories
- Grips: GF-8 cranes, cinejibs, espaces, dollies, bazookas, and other grip accessories
- Audio equipment: Cable and wireless microphones, microphone accessories, recorders and other sound equipment
- Stands of all types: Backlight, Spartan, Gladiator, Samsan, Goliath stands, and a lot more
- Communication devices: Walki-talkies, radio equipment, receivers, transceivers and more.
- Miscellaneous: Digibeta, cranes, fans, wind machines, generators (power, fog and smoke), and helicopters.
- Military equipment: Only few companies can help you in this area, we are one of them. With us you get the opportunity of not only using Moroccan military equipment, but also military personnel in movies, documentaries, and other productions.

Our way of working is very intuitive; we take your request and let our partners come with quotes. Partners with the lowest quotes are then suggested to you. This process assures that the latest equipment is delivered to you on time and at the most affordable price.



PROPS AND COSTUMES

Props and costumes are an important part of any shooting whether it's a movie, a fashion shoot, a documentary, a TV commercial, or a still photography shoot. Costumes need to be chosen very carefully by costume designers to depict the mood of the scene, lifestyle, time period of the movie, age of the actors and also their personality. Selecting the right costume for a movie is not an easy task. Thorough research has to be done keeping the script of the movie in mind. Proper costume selection plays a vital role in the success of any movie, fashion shoot, or TV commercial.

Theatrical property or props also play an equally important role in the success of a movie. The props used in a historical movie will be vastly different from a sci-fi film. Props make the scenes in the movies come alive with a realism that cannot be achieved otherwise. Filmmakers also need to be sure of the kind of props they want to use for the movie to give it a distinct look.

In the above context it becomes important for a filmmaker to have a huge collection of props and costumes. A big collection ensures that the filmmaker does not have to compromise with the look and essence of the movie. However, during outdoor shoots it is not always possible for any filmmaker to carry the required props and costumes. This is where we step in. With the help of our partners, we make available a large collection of props and costumes for your Morocco film shooting needs. We have helped numerous filmmakers with a range of props and costumes matching every situation and script. If you are shooting in Morocco and need appropriate props and costumes, then look no further and contact us today!



Weather in Morocco



There are several reasons for the growing popularity of Morocco as a shooting location and Moroccan weather is undoubtedly one of the most prominent. With an high average daily sunshine in the most wanted shooting locations all round the year; Morocco gives a filmmaker the advantage of shooting in Morocco any time of the year. A little information about Moroccan weather will go a long way in ensuring a completely mesmerizing shooting experience.

Summer season in Morocco: Weather can be a bit on the hot side in the peak summer months in Marrakesh, Fez, and the Saharan regions. Coastal and Atlas regions experience a cool and moderate weather in this season.

Winter season in Morocco: Winters are gentle in Morocco with the exception of the Atlas and the Saharan regions. The higher regions of Atlas receive heavy snowfall in the winters; regions of the Sahara Desert also tend to be quite cold in the winter season. Cities on the Atlantic coast - Casablanca, Essaouira, Tangier remain a little cooler in the winters as compared to the cities on the Mediterranean coasts, which are warm and intimate all year round.

Rainfall in Morocco: There is practically no rainfall in the Saharan regions; however, it does rain on the Atlantic coastal regions in the winters, with rainfall exceeding 400 mm in Casablanca and above. The rainfall gradually decreases towards south. At Agadir the rainfall decreases to over 200 mm in winter.

Spring and autumn seasons are the best seasons for visiting Morocco; however the most sought after shooting locations like Marrakech, Ouarzazate, Erfoud, and Merzouga are great all year round receiving an annual average sunshine of more than eight hours a day.

We will not only suggest you the best time for shooting in Morocco, but will also assist you with all your shooting needs. From arranging film permits, helping in custom clearance, finding locations, arranging state-of-the-art equipment, appropriate props and costumes, helping in casting, arranging experienced crew members, to taking care of all your transportation, catering and accommodation needs. We will do everything to make your shooting experience in Morocco memorable.



Why Morocco

Morocco has been a popular shooting destination among filmmakers and many popular movies and commercials have been shot in this beautiful country. Some filmmakers come back again and again to Morocco to film their movies. It is obvious to think: why Morocco and not any other country? Here are some of the most prominent reasons why some directors look no further than Morocco in their quest to find the most suitable shooting location.

-The landscape of Morocco: Morocco provides a landscape quite unmatched by any other country. The landscape gives filmmakers the power of not only portraying Morocco in a unique light but also use the landscape of Morocco as a double of many countries. Movies like "Lawrence of Arabia" with Saudi Arabia as the setting, "Jesus of Nazareth" with Palestine as the setting, "The Man Who Would Be King" with India as the setting, "Kundun" with Tibet could not have been shot in any other country than Morocco. The diverse landscape further empowers a filmmaker to easily depict beaches, mountains, and deserts.

-The weather of Morocco: The weather in Morocco is another strong point in favor of Morocco as a popular shooting destination. Some of the top shooting locations in Morocco like Marrakesh, Casablanca, Essaouira, Erfoud, and Merzouga receive an annual daylight of about 8 hours a day. This makes it possible for filmmakers to shoot anytime in the year without any interruption.

-The support of Moroccan government: Filmmakers are warmly welcomed in Morocco as filming here provides a boost to the tourism. There are minimal custom clearance, permit, and official requirements for filmmakers and their crews. This allows for a hassle free shooting in Morocco.

-Proximity to the western countries: Morocco is very close to the western countries. This makes it possible for western directors to visit Morocco frequently without spending a lot of time and money on travel.

-Economical: Professional crew members and actors are easily available in Morocco; the best part is that they save you a lot of money as well. Choosing cast and crew members in Morocco also means savings on the airfares and wages. It is a well known fact that Moroccan crew, technicians and cast members charge much less as compared to their western counterparts. This coupled with the low cost of living and low transportation, boarding and lodging costs makes Morocco an ideal place for filmmakers to churn out great movies at significantly lower costs.

We make your shooting experience in Morocco highly comfortable, affordable, and worth remembering. We provide complete solutions to all of your shooting and production needs at all levels. Contact us for all your shooting and production needs.

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