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Comparing The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King vs The Odyssey vs The Odyssey. The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King leads on expert rating.

Poster unavailable The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King 2003 - 201 min - UA Studio: New Line Cinema Genres: Adventure, Fantasy, Action Language: en Country: US	Poster unavailable The Odyssey 2026 - 172 min - R Studio: Universal Pictures / Syncopy Genres: Adventure, Drama, Fantasy, Action Language: en Country: US	Poster unavailable The Odyssey 2026 - 172 min - R Studio: Universal Pictures Genres: Adventure, Action, Fantasy, Drama, Epic Language: en Country: US
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Overview

Specification	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	The Odyssey	The Odyssey
Studio	New Line Cinema	Universal Pictures / Syncopy	Universal Pictures
Franchise	The Lord of the Rings	-	Christopher Nolan Films
Release Date	2003-12-17	2026-07-17	2026-07-17
Runtime	201 min	172 min	172 min
Certification	UA	R	R
Genres	Adventure, Fantasy, Action	Adventure, Drama, Fantasy, Action	Adventure, Action, Fantasy, Drama, Epic

Cast & Crew

Specification	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	The Odyssey	The Odyssey
Director(s)	-	Christopher Nolan	Christopher Nolan
Lead Cast	Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler	Matt Damon, Tom Holland, Anne Hathaway, Robert Pattinson, Lupita Nyong'o	Matt Damon, Tom Holland, Anne Hathaway, Robert Pattinson, Zendaya

Ratings

Specification	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	The Odyssey	The Odyssey
Critic Rating	9.5/10	-	8.8/10
Audience Rating	-	-	-
Review Count	0	0	0
Page Views	3	244	78

Box Office

Specification	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	The Odyssey	The Odyssey
Budget	\$94,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000
Worldwide Gross	\$1,156,000,000	-	-
Awards	3	0	2

Streaming

Specification	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	The Odyssey	The Odyssey
Available On	FindEdition	-	Theaters, IMAX, Apple TV, FindEdition

Verdict

Specification	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	The Odyssey	The Odyssey
Pros	Historic sweep of 11 Academy Awards; Deeply emotional and satisfying closure for all characters	Shot entirely with IMAX film cameras; High-profile ensemble led by Matt Damon; Christopher Nolan adapts a foundational m...	First full Hollywood Odyssey adaptation at this scale; Entirely shot on new IMAX 70 mm cameras; Massive ensemble cast; L...
Cons	Extended multiple endings require full emotional investment	The 172-minute runtime may be demanding for some viewers; The R rating limits younger audiences; No subscription streami...	Not yet in wide release - final critical scores TBD; R rating may limit family audience; Historical-accuracy debates ove...