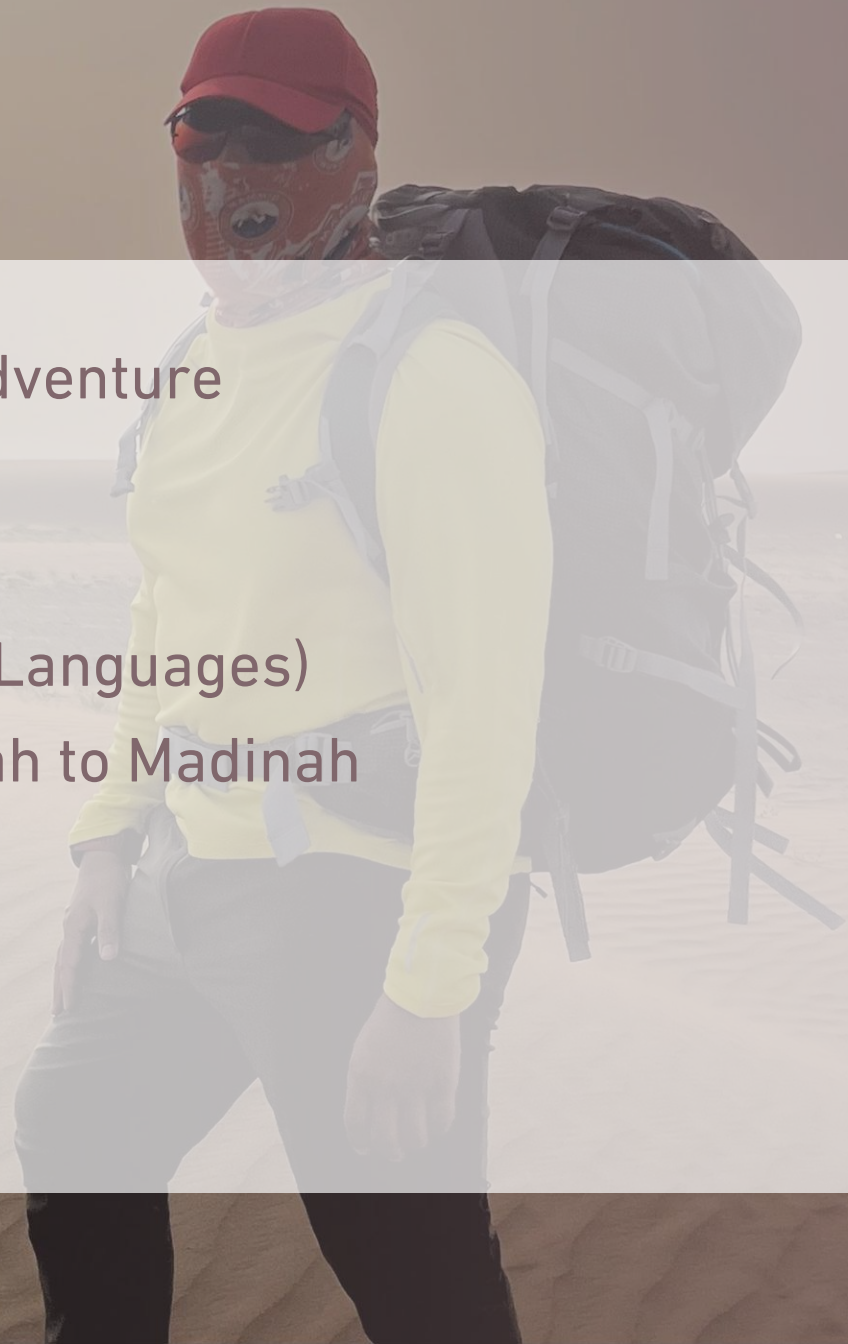

The Hijrah Trail
Retracing the Greatest Journey Ever Taken— On Foot

Film Overview

- Genre: Documentary / Inspirational / Adventure
- Duration: 60 minutes
- Release Year: 2025
- Language: Arabic (Subtitled in Multiple Languages)
- Filming Location: The route from Makkah to Madinah
- Produced by: Roua Almadani



Film Objectives

- To shed light on the Hijrah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companion Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq, exploring the challenges they faced throughout the journey and how they overcame them.
- To raise awareness of this historic journey that changed the course of history, while encouraging people to experience the trail and connect with the footsteps of the Prophet (PBUH).
- To deliver an inspiring message that encourages audiences to step beyond their comfort zones, embrace challenge, and overcome adversity.
- To produce a compelling documentary film with the potential to be showcased at leading international film festivals.



Synopsis

In an extraordinary spiritual journey, Saudi adventurer Badr Al-Shibani, accompanied by fellow explorer Ahmed Basawten, retraces the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companion Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq, reviving the historic route of the Hijrah and uncovering the story of a journey that changed the course of human history.

Traversing its timeless landmarks and enduring its demanding terrain, the adventurers document every stage of this remarkable expedition, reflecting on the divine signs and events that accompanied the Prophet's journey. Along the way, they uncover enduring lessons in patience, faith, resilience, and the determination to persevere in pursuit of a greater purpose.



Summary

In this inspiring documentary, Badr Alshibani and Ahmed Basawten embark on an extraordinary spiritual journey along the Hijrah Trail, retracing the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companion Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq, who journeyed from Makkah to Madinah in one of the most significant migrations in human history.

Along the way, the explorers traverse the very landscapes that witnessed events which changed the course of history. From the Cave of Thawr to the coastal route and Wadi Qudayd, they uncover the challenges faced during the Hijrah and reflect on the divine signs that accompanied it. Through historical evidence, expert insight, and breathtaking cinematography, the film brings this remarkable journey to life, immersing audiences in an experience shaped by faith, endurance, and discovery.

More than a historical account, the film is a personal and spiritual exploration. As the adventurers confront physical and emotional challenges of their own, they seek to connect with the resilience, patience, and conviction that defined the Hijrah. The Hijrah Trail is not simply a documentary; it is an invitation to reflect on the deeper meaning of migration, to step beyond one's comfort zone, and to embrace transformation, purpose, and inspiration.



Key Narrative Pillars

1. **The Physical and Mental Challenges of the Journey**

- Undertaking a demanding trek across diverse terrain and climatic conditions, mirroring the route and hardships of the original Hijrah.
- Confronting exhaustion, thirst, and extreme heat, echoing the challenges faced by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companion Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq.

2. Historic Landmarks Along the Hijrah Trail

- Cave of Thawr: the site where Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and Abu Bakr sought refuge, and where the well-known miracles of the spider's web and the pair of doves took place.
- The Coastal Route: the path taken by the Prophet to evade the pursuit of Quraysh, revealing the strategic and human dimensions of the Hijrah.
- Wadi Qudayd: one of the journey's significant stops, associated with the encounter of Suraqah ibn Malik and the miracle of the emaciated ewe that provided milk.
- Arrival in Madinah: the culmination of the journey, where the Ansar welcomed the Prophet, marking the beginning of a new chapter in Islamic history.

3. **Spiritual and Philosophical Dimensions**

- Exploring the Hijrah not merely as a physical migration, but as a profound spiritual and personal transformation.
- Reflecting on its enduring lessons of patience, trust in God, resilience, courage, and sacrifice.
- Examining how the values embodied by the Hijrah continue to inspire individuals today to overcome obstacles, embrace change, and pursue meaningful goals.

Narrative Structure & Storytelling Approach:

The documentary is built around two parallel narrative threads that intersect at key moments throughout the journey, creating a rich and immersive viewing experience.

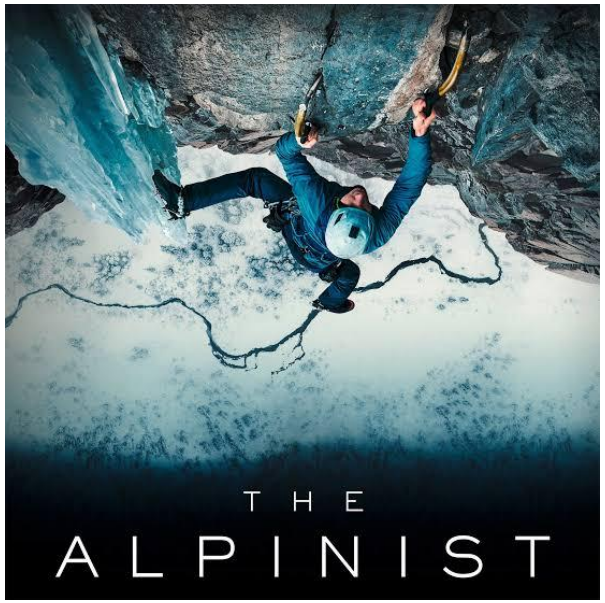
📍 Narrative Thread One: Retracing the Hijrah Trail

The first narrative thread follows the adventurers as they journey along the Hijrah Trail, retracing the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companion Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq. Beginning in Makkah, the expedition passes through key historical landmarks, including the Cave of Thawr, the coastal route, and Al-Rawha, before culminating in Madinah. Along the way, the film documents the terrain, the natural challenges faced by the team, and moments of spiritual reflection that offer insight into the resilience, faith, and perseverance that defined this remarkable journey.

📍 Narrative Thread Two: The Inner Journey

The second narrative thread explores the spiritual and personal dimensions of the Hijrah, drawing connections between its timeless lessons and the challenges of modern life. Through personal reflections and intimate storytelling, the participants examine the Hijrah as a journey of inner transformation—one that requires stepping beyond one's comfort zone, embracing uncertainty, and remaining steadfast in the face of adversity. Through a blend of personal narrative and documentary storytelling, the film reveals the enduring wisdom of the Hijrah and its profound impact on both individual lives and society as a whole.

Artistic References



A visual and narrative approach that explores the parallels and contrasts between the rugged mountain landscape and the human experience—between the fulfillment of pursuing a meaningful goal and the challenges encountered along the way.



Documentary storytelling centered on personal endurance, self-discovery, and overcoming adversity, supported by cinematic cinematography, aerial photography, and immersive visual sequences.



Inspired by Arabic documentaries that chronicle historic pilgrimage and travel routes, combining historical authenticity with distinctive visual storytelling to bring heritage landscapes and journeys to life.

Main Characters

- Dr. Badr Alshibani – Protagonist
- Ahmed Basawten – Expedition Partner

Writer



Rana Atoufh

Rana Atoufh is a Yemeni writer and content creator who began her career in journalism shortly after completing high school. She contributed to prominent Saudi newspapers, including Okaz and Al-Madina, before expanding into magazine publishing with titles such as Sayidaty and Rotana. She later moved into radio broadcasting, working with Mix FM under the supervision of Creative Edge.

In screenwriting, Rana has studied screenplay development and contributed to a number of film and television productions. Her debut feature screenplay received the Completed Scripts Award in the Daw' Competition, organized under the Ministry of Culture. Her credits also include the Netflix series Taky and the Shahid original series Out of Control (Kharij Al-Saytara).







Producer

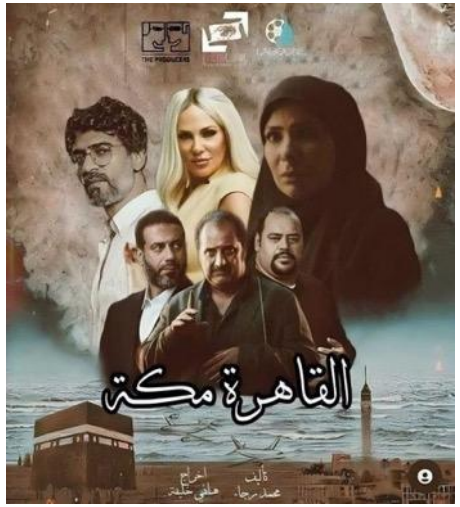


Roua Almadani

Roua Almadani has achieved numerous accomplishments throughout her career in this field, and her name has risen prominently in recent years following her transition into professional film production. She began her career in advertising and media back in 2001, where she was among the pioneers of event management in Saudi Arabia, in addition to pursuing her studies in business administration.

Before that, she worked with MBC during that period in radio production and other areas, gradually advancing in her career until she became one of the most prominent film producers and distributors in Saudi Arabia in recent years, through her leadership of "Sadaf" Film Production and Distribution Company. She also recently received special recognition at the Malmö Festival, honoring her role in supporting Saudi cinema, production, and distribution.







Film Production Timeline

📌 Concept Development | 2023

- Historical research and information gathering on the Hijrah Trail.
- Developing the initial concept and narrative vision for the film.
- Identifying the key locations along the route.

📌 Script Development | September 2024

- Developing the documentary treatment and narrative structure.
- Writing narration and voice-over content.
- Preparing the filming plan and logistical requirements.

📌 Pre-Production | December 2024

- Collecting archival materials and reference footage.
- Route planning and coordination with relevant authorities.
- Production design and equipment selection.
- Assembling the production team and training participating adventurers.

📌 Production | May 2025

- A 15-day filming expedition along the Hijrah Trail.
- Documenting the journey and filming historical landmarks.
- Capturing key moments using drones and cinematic cameras.

📌 Post-Production | June 2025

- Editing and refining the narrative structure.
- Sound design and original music integration.
- Visual effects, color grading, graphics, and documentary enhancements.

📌 Distribution | June 2026

- Preparation of the final master version of the film.
- Distribution planning for film festivals and digital platforms.
- Launch of promotional campaigns, screenings, and special presentations.

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