

# Canada Predicts Film Relocation Surge Amid Russia's Ukraine Invasion

Canadian locations and stages could be a strong lure for Hollywood film and TV projects looking to avoid the conflict in Eastern Europe.

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After Hollywood came north to resume production post early 2020 pandemic-era lockdowns, Canada is raising its production game again as a Russian invasion disrupts film and TV location shoots in and around Ukraine.

With cash rebates and a cheap location to double as Paris or Moscow having enticed international filmmakers to Ukraine, Canadian studio operators see North American producers quickly changing plans and likely staying on this side of the Atlantic.

“Nobody’s shooting anything over there right now,” Paul Bronfman, chairman and CEO of Comweb Corp. and a senior adviser to rental equipment supplier and studio operator William F. White International, told *The Hollywood Reporter* on Thursday. Production by major U.S. studios and streamers in Canada had already been gathering pace in early 2022 before Russia’s military action in Eastern Ukraine began this week following months of speculation about a possible conflict in that country.