

Variety reports that in an effort to increase overseas revenue, Warner Bros. have increased the number of screens The Dark Knight Rises will play on. The last instalment in Christopher Nolan's Batman franchise may hold the #4 spot on the domestic list of highest grossing films, but sits way down at #35 on the list of international titles. The site speculates that this may have something to do with the character not being as popular internationally as he is in the US, and make the point that this makes it unlikely we'll see the film come anywhere near Marvel's The Avengers overseas gross of \$840 million. The Dark Knight Rises will play on 15,000 screens altogether, although the lengthy running time of two hours and forty seven minutes limits this number considerably. This is still nearly 4,000 more than The Dark Knight, which grossed \$1 billion with \$531 million domestic and

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