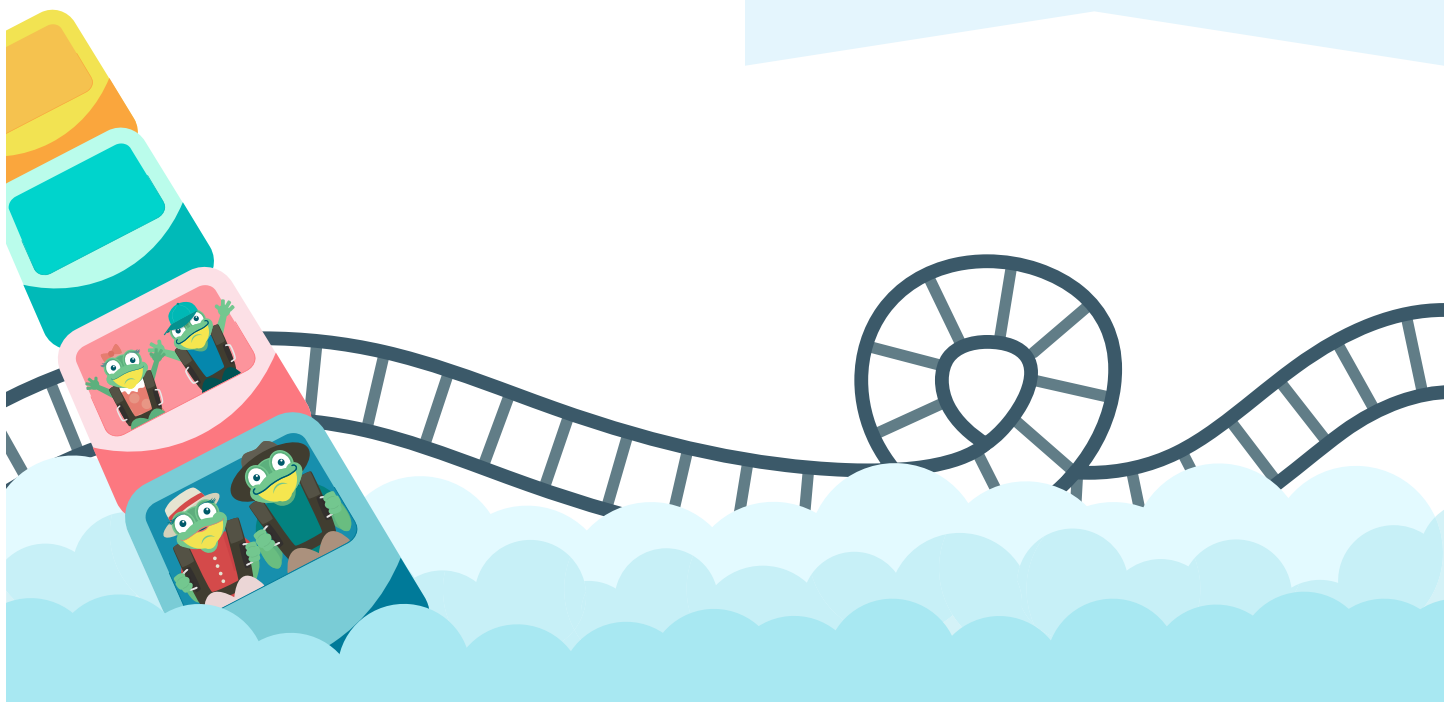


# Universal Orlando Resort

Where else can you walk into Hogwarts Castle™, hop on Hagrid’s motorbike, ride your bike with E.T., race velociraptors, Hulk SMASH your way into the sky and even visit Moe’s Tavern? We don’t have to convince you that Universal Orlando Resort is a *toadally* thrilling destination, letting you literally step into your favorite movie and TV worlds! But you may have some questions about where to start your planning, including where to stay, which ticket is right for you and even which park to visit. The frogs are here to help! Let’s *jump* into everything you need to know to start planning your trip to Universal Orlando!

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# PARK OVERVIEW

Universal Orlando Resort is made up of two theme parks, one water theme park and one *hoppin'* entertainment, shopping and dining area. Here's what you'll find at each of them!



## Universal Studios Florida Attractions

Fight Decepticons, break an ancient Mummy's curse, get into some Minion mischief, become an honorary member of MIB and descend deep into Gringotts Bank to battle the Dark Lord — you're the hero in these stories!

### BEST FOR:

Movie and TV lovers of all ages

### SEASONAL EVENTS:

Halloween Horror Nights 

Christmas in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter™

### MOST POPULAR RIDES:

Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts™

Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit®

Revenge of the Mummy®

Hogwarts™ Express - King's Cross Station  
(\*must have Park-to-Park admission to board)

### EXPERIENCES:

Take a dark detour to Knockturn Alley, the shady spot devoted to Dark Arts



## Universal Islands of Adventure Attractions

Home to Hogwarts™ Castle — and the Forbidden Forest that surrounds it — plus the iconic Jurassic Park, whimsical Seuss Landing, epic Marvel Super Hero Island, and so much more, adventure awaits in eight incredible “islands!”

### BEST FOR:

Adventurers of all ages, plus tadpoles who love Dr. Seuss

### SEASONAL EVENTS:

Grinchmas

Christmas in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter™

### MOST POPULAR RIDES:

Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure™

Jurassic World VelociCoaster

The Incredible Hulk Coaster®

Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey™

### EXPERIENCES:

Stroll through snow-capped Hogsmeade™ and send a letter via Owl Post™

Walk into Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

 Additional fee or separately ticketed event

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## Universal CityWalk

This “Epicenter of Awesome” serves up delicious dining options, toe-tapping entertainment and top-notch shopping stops.



## Universal Volcano Bay Water Theme Park

Enter a tropical paradise, complete with winding rivers, wave pools, waterslides, and yes, Krakatoa Volcano as its towering icon.



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# POPULAR RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS BY PARK

Here are the not-to-miss attractions in each park. We've included important information like the height requirement, as well as which rides offer Single Rider lines, Child Swap and more.



## Universal Studios Florida

- Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts™ - 42"
- Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit® - 51"-79"
- Revenge of the Mummy® - 48"
- Hogwarts™ Express - King's Cross Station
- MEN IN BLACK™ Alien Attack™ - 42"
- Despicable Me Minion Mayhem - 40"
- Transformers: The Ride-3D - 40"
- E.T. Adventure - 34"
- Race Through New York Starring Jimmy Fallon™ - 40"
- The Simpsons Ride™ - 40"
- Fast & Furious - Supercharged™ - 40"
- Kang & Kodos' Twirl 'n' Hurl
- Illumination's Villain-Con Minion Blast
- Trolls Trollercoaster

- Universal Express
- Single Rider Line
- Child Swap
- Tadpole Favorite

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## Experiences and Shows

- Universal Orlando's Horror Make-Up Show™
- Ollivanders™ Experience in Diagon Alley™
- The Bourne Stuntacular
- Interactive Wand Experiences in Diagon Alley™
- The Tales of Beedle the Bard
- Animal Actors on Location!™
- Celestina Warbeck and the Banshees
- The Blues Brothers® Show
- Beat Builders
- Marilyn and the Diamond Bellas
- DreamWorks Imagination Celebration
- CineSational: A Symphonic Spectacular (limited-run show for summer 2024)

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## Universal Islands of Adventure

- Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure - 48" ① Ⓞ
- Jurassic World VelociCoaster - 51" X ① Ⓞ
- The Incredible Hulk Coaster® - 54" X ① Ⓞ
- Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey™ - 48" X ① Ⓞ
- Hogwarts™ Express: Hogsmeade™ Station X
- Jurassic Park River Adventure - 42" X ① Ⓞ
- Pteranodon Flyers® - 36"-56" T
- The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man® - 40" X ① Ⓞ
- The High in the Sky Seuss Trolley Train Ride!™ - 36" X ① T
- Skull Island: Reign of Kong™ - 36" X ① Ⓞ
- Doctor Doom's Fearfall® - 52" X ① Ⓞ
- Dudley Do-Right's Ripsaw Falls® - 44" X ① Ⓞ
- Flight of the Hippogriff™ - 36" X Ⓞ T
- Caro-Seuss-el™ X T
- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish™ X T
- Storm Force Accelatron® X
- The Cat in the Hat™ - 36" X Ⓞ T
- Popeye and Bluto's Bilge-Rat Barges® X T

- X Universal Express
- ① Single Rider Line
- Ⓞ Child Swap
- T Tadpole Favorite

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## Universal Islands of Adventure Experiences and Shows

- Ollivanders™ Experience in Hogsmeade™
- Interactive Wand Experiences in Hogsmeade™
- Raptor Encounter
- The Mystic Fountain
- The Nighttime Lights at Hogwarts™ Castle
- Frog Choir
- If I Ran the Zoo™
- Me Ship, the Olive®
- Oh! The Stories You'll Hear
- Triwizard Spirit Rally
- Hogwarts™ Always  
(limited-run show for summer 2024)

Universal Express

Single Rider Line

Child Swap

Tadpole Favorite

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# TICKET TYPES

With Universal's parks — plus its water theme park, Volcano Bay, and its entertainment area, Universal Orlando CityWalk™ — all an easy *hop* away from each other, there is no reason not to go for the **Park-to-Park tickets**. In our experience, most families visiting Orlando stay between **five and seven days** and opt for **3- to 5-day tickets**.

## Park-to-Park

*Hop* back and forth between the parks and ride the Hogwarts Express™ between the Hogsmeade™ and King's Cross Stations. You also have the option to add on Volcano Bay.

## Base

Base tickets are the most economical option, but they don't give you as much flexibility and don't allow you to ride the Hogwarts Express™.

## Why Stay On-Site?

We highly recommend you stay on-site at an official Universal Orlando hotel. With convenient locations — many within walking distance of the parks — they also offer *hopful* benefits to hotel guests, such as:

**Early Park Admission** on select rides in either Universal Studios Florida or Universal Islands of Adventure, and rides in Volcano Bay.

**Universal Express™** Unlimited ride access is offered at Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, Hard Rock Hotel® and Loews Royal Pacific Resort (Volcano Bay rides are not included).

**X** For up to five people, that's a value of up to **\$705 per day!**

\*Calculations based on the estimated cost for a 2-Park Universal Express Unlimited Pass, starting at \$115 per person (cost varies by season).



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# WHERE TO STAY

There are four tiers of Universal Orlando Resort hotels. All Universal Orlando hotel guests are eligible for extra time in the parks with Early Park Admission. Here is a breakdown of transportation options, location and other benefits by hotel.

## Premier



Hard Rock Hotel®

Loews Portofino Bay Hotel

Loews Royal Pacific Resort

## Preferred



Loews Sapphire Falls Resort

## Prime Value



Universal Aventura Hotel

Universal Cabana Bay  
Beach Resort

## Value



Universal Endless Summer  
Resort — Surfside Inn and Suites

Universal Endless Summer  
Resort — Dockside Inn  
and Suites



Walking distance to the  
theme parks



Early Park Admission



Walking distance to  
Universal Volcano Bay



Express Unlimited



Water Taxi



Priority seating at  
select restaurants



Shuttle



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# WHERE TO EAT

Dining at Universal Orlando Resort does not take a ton of advance planning (minus researching restaurants, of course!). There is no centralized reservation system, so you can do less planning to eat in the parks or Universal CityWalk.

Make reservations for restaurants in City Walk and character meals such as Marvel Character Dining or The Grinch™ & Friends Character Breakfast (available during the holidays only) a month or so in advance, especially if you are visiting during a busy time. Here are the Frog Family's favorite Universal restaurants!



## Universal Islands of Adventure

- Hop on Pop Ice Cream Shop
- Green Eggs and Ham Cafe
- Three Broomsticks™
- Mythos



## Universal Studios Florida

- Floean Fortescue's Ice-cream Parlour
- Finnegan's
- The Leaky Cauldron™
- Illumination's Minion Café

## Universal CityWalk

- The Toothsome Chocolate Emporium & Savory Feast Kitchen
- The Cowfish® Sushi Burger Bar
- Antojitos Authentic Mexican Food
- Voodoo Doughnut

## Universal Orlando Hotels

- Wantilan Luau at Loews Royal Pacific Resort
- Mama Della's Ristorante at Loews Portofino Bay Hotel
- The Kitchen at Hard Rock Hotel®



Kid-Friendly Restaurant



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# UNIVERSAL EXPRESS PASS

With an Express Pass, you can get front-of-the-line access to select attractions and experiences at Universal Orlando Resort!

See which rides are included on the "Popular Rides and Attractions by Park" pages

## THERE ARE 4 KINDS OF UNIVERSAL EXPRESS PASSES AVAILABLE:

### UNIVERSAL EXPRESS PASS

Includes **one-time** front-of-the-line ride access at participating rides and attractions

### UNIVERSAL EXPRESS UNLIMITED PASS

Includes **unlimited** front-of-the-line ride access at participating rides and attractions

### VOLCANO BAY EXPRESS PASS



Allows guests to skip the virtual line for select participating rides and attractions inside the water park

### VOLCANO BAY EXPRESS PLUS PASS



Allows guests to skip the virtual lines for all rides and attractions inside the water park

\*A separate theme park admission ticket is required in addition to Express Pass  
\*Prices vary by date

## THERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT THIS OPTIONAL, PAID SERVICE.

Universal Express Passes at Universal Orlando Resort are **separately ticketed**.

You can buy **in advance or in the park** (subject to availability).



The Express Pass is a **paper ticket** about the size of a credit card. You'll present this to the team member at the Express queue.

Note that Universal Express Pass follows the park admission you have — guests wishing to visit both parks will still need **Park-to-Park versus Base**.

**Halloween Horror Nights** offers its own Express Pass, allowing you to skip the haunted house lines.



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# WHEN TO BOOK

Mark your calendar for some important dates to keep in mind as you plan your vacation, including when to book tickets, make dining reservations and more.

Use our [#1 ranked crowd calendar](#) to choose the best time to visit Universal Orlando Resort for your family!

You can also download our [Theme Park Vacation Planner app](#) to see Crowd Calendar and ticket prices for each day of your trip



**365**  
DAYS OUT

- Book your [Universal Orlando hotel](#). Universal's on-site hotels offer [Early Park Admission](#) to select rides, one hour before the parks open. Consider staying at a Premier hotel for the free [Universal Express Unlimited Pass](#) benefit



**90**  
DAYS OUT

- Book your [Universal Orlando tickets](#) from Undercover Tourist
- Research transportation options to the resort. Universal Orlando doesn't offer free airport transfers, but we offer [car rentals](#) with big savings!



**30**  
DAYS OUT

- Start watching our ride videos on [YouTube](#) and make a list of priorities for the whole family
- Book on-site character dining, dinner packages or [dining reservations](#)



**7**  
DAYS OUT

- Get the scoop on [mobile ordering](#)
- Brush up on [virtual queues](#) for access to in-demand attractions
- Use your research and Undercover Tourist's tools to plan your best vacay day!
- Prepare for Orlando weather so you know [what to pack](#)

**3**  
DAYS OUT

- Plan your days in the parks using your research and Undercover Tourist's tools, including Park Plans
- Download our [Orlando Theme Park Day App](#) to see wait times and create your own customizable Park Plans



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# TIPS AND TRICKS

Doing a little bit of planning before your visit can mean the difference between an OK or *toadally* terrific time. Here's how!

**Decide in advance what you want to do in the parks.** Use our list of attractions so you can decide what your priorities are. Make planning your trip a family affair, and let everyone pick a couple of rides that are must-dos.

**Stay on-site.** Universal's on-site hotels offer Early Park Admission one hour before the parks open. (Valid theme park admission is required.) Select hotels also offer Universal Express Unlimited — an incredible value! With Universal Express, you can *hop* into shorter queues at most of the parks' rides.

**Pick the best day to visit.** Use our Crowd Calendar to identify the best dates to visit and then the best parks to visit on each day of your trip.

**Use the Single Rider Lines.** If you don't mind your party riding separately, these are often even faster than Universal Express. These do skip major queue elements, so first-timers may not want to use them on rides such as Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts™ and Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey™.

**If you're staying off-site during a busy time, consider purchasing Universal Express Passes.** Buy from Universal online or when you get to the parks, or save some *green* when purchasing through Undercover Tourist.

**Download our Orlando Theme Park Day app or print our Park Plans and general maps.** Our app offers showtimes, crowd levels, wait times and height requirements. It also offers pre-set or customizable Park Plans. Or go to the site and print our Park Plans or general maps for the best time to visit all rides.

**Arrive before the parks open.** Team members typically open the parks even before the official posted openings. The first few hours are the least-busy times in the park, and you can experience a lot more when crowds are low.



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- ✦ [The Ultimate Guide on When to Use Express Pass at Universal Orlando](#)
- ✦ [Your \*Toadally\* Spellbinding Guide to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando](#)
- ✦ [Learn All About Universal Orlando's Bag Policy and Locker System](#)

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