



Universal Orlando Resort™

A QUICK-START PLANNING GUIDE

Thanks to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™—now two of them!— and more first-rate attractions, Universal Orlando has upped its game when it comes to the theme park experience. But with so many muggles, a visit to Universal Studios Florida™ and Universal's Islands of Adventure™ isn't *toadally* carefree. Even during slower times, there can be waits for the parks' headlining attractions and dining. With more thrill rides than the *Walt Disney World*® Resort, Universal is more popular with older children, although there are attractions geared to the tadpoles. We've included them in this guide along with must-visit attractions, top restaurants and more planning tips so that you and your family have a great trip!

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SUGGESTED UNIVERSAL ORLANDO TICKETS

With Universal's parks—plus its brand-new 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. They allow you to hop back and forth between the parks and ride the Hogwarts Express™ between the Hogsmeade™ and King's Cross Stations. You have the option to add on Volcano Bay.

The 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™.

We highly recommend you stay on site at an official Universal Orlando hotel. They are all super convenient to the parks and offer great benefits, including Early Park Admission on select rides in either Universal Studios Florida or Universal's Islands of Adventure, and rides in Volcano Bay. Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, Hard Rock Hotel® and Loews Royal Pacific Resort offer Universal ExpressSM Unlimited ride access (Volcano Bay rides are not included).



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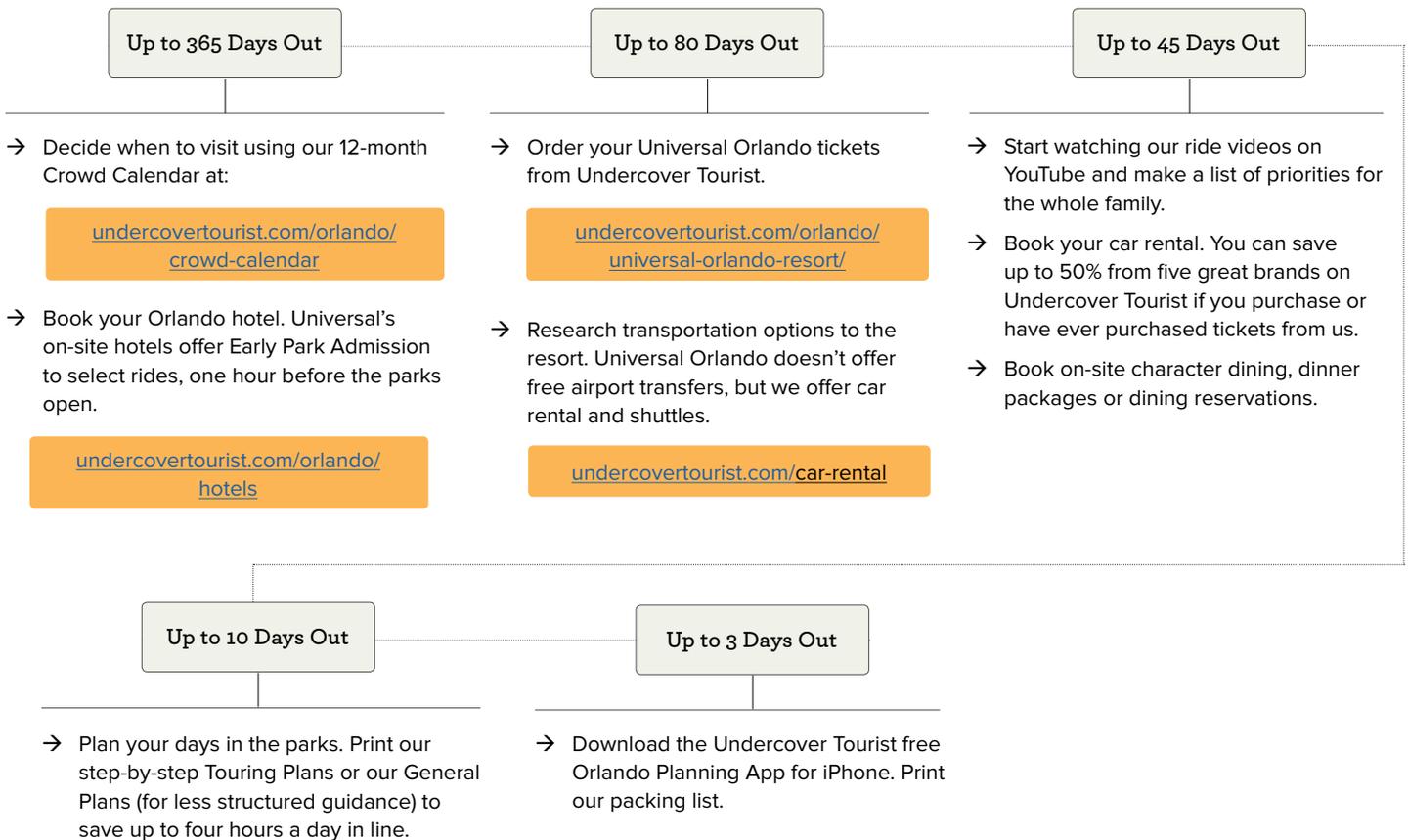
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(See Page 2 for Universal Orlando Planning Timeline)



Ultimate Universal Orlando Planning Timeline



Most Popular Attractions in Each Park

(Listed in order of priority)

Here are the not-to-miss attractions in each park. We've included Express Pass, single ride line and height requirement information. Download our touring plans and general maps for when to visit each of them with the lowest waits.

B Popular with Boys **G** Popular with Girls **UE**: Express Pass



UNIVERSAL'S ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE

1. Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey™ (single ride line), 48" (122 cm)
2. The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man® (**UE**, single ride line), 40" (102 cm) **B**
3. Incredible Hulk Coaster® (**UE**, single ride line), 54" (137 cm)
4. Skull Island: Reign of Kong™ (**UE**, single ride line) **B**
5. Dudley Do-Right's Ripsaw Falls® (**UE**, single ride line), 44" (112 cm)
6. Doctor Doom's Fearfall® (**UE**, single ride line), 52" (132 cm)
7. Hogwarts™ Express - Hogsmeade™ Station
8. Dragon Challenge™ (**UE**), 54" (137 cm)
9. Flight of the Hippogriff™ (**UE**), 36" (91 cm)
10. Jurassic Park River Adventure® (**UE**, single ride line), 42" (107 cm) **B**
11. Popeye & Bluto's Bilge Rat Barges® (**UE**), 42" (107 cm)
12. The High in the Sky Seuss Trolley Train Ride!™ (**UE**), 40" (102 cm)



UNIVERSAL STUDIOS FLORIDA

1. Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts™ (single ride line), 42" (107 cm)
2. Despicable Me Minion Mayhem® (UE), 40" (102 cm) **G**
3. Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit® (UE, single ride line), 51" (130 cm)
4. TRANSFORMERS: The Ride-3D (UE, single ride line), 40" (102 cm) **B**
5. Race Through New York Starring Jimmy Fallon™ (UE), 40" (102 cm)
6. Revenge of the Mummy® (UE, single ride line), 48" (122 cm)
7. Hogwarts™ Express - King's Cross Station
8. The Simpsons Ride™ (UE), 40" (102 cm)
9. MEN IN BLACK™ Alien Attack™ (UE, single ride line), 42" (107 cm) **B**
10. Universal's Cinematic Spectacular - 100 Years Of Movie Memories™
11. Shrek 4-D (UE)



More Popular Attractions & Experiences for Young Children

Universal Studios Florida Rides & Shows

- ★ Woody Woodpecker's KidZone®
- ★ A Day in the Park with Barney™
- ★ Animal Actors on Location™
- ★ Curious George Goes to Town
- ★ Fievel's Playland®
- ★ E.T. Adventure®
- ★ Universal's Superstar Parade
- ★ Kang & Kodos' Twirl 'n' Hurl

Universal Studios Florida Experiences

- ★ Ollivander's Wand Shop™—Go early as this is very popular!
- ★ Interactive wand experiences in Diagon Alley
- ★ Tales of Beedle the Bard and Celestina Warbeck
- ★ Meet Shrek and Donkey (sometimes Fiona)
- ★ Meet various characters in the Hollywood Character Zone

Universal's Islands of Adventure Rides & Shows

- ★ Caro-Seuss-el™
- ★ One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish™
- ★ The Cat in the Hat™
- ★ Storm Force Accelatron®
- ★ Pterandon Flyers®
- ★ Flight of the Hippogriff™
- ★ Frog Choir & Triwizard Spirit Rally

Universal's Islands of Adventure Experiences

- ★ Oh! The Stories You'll Hear
- ★ If I Ran the Zoo™
- ★ Me Ship, The Olive®
- ★ Camp Jurassic®
- ★ Jurassic Park Discovery Center®
- ★ Ollivander's Wand Shop™—Go early as this is very popular!
- ★ Interactive wand experiences in Hogsmeade™
- ★ The Mystic Fountain





How to Skip the Lines at Universal Orlando

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 (see planning timeline on page 2) also offer Universal ExpressSM Unlimited—an incredible value! With Universal Express, you can hop into shorter queues at most of the parks' rides.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Use the Single Rider's 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.
- 5. If you're staying off-site during a busy time, consider purchasing Universal ExpressSM Passes.** Buy from Universal online or when you get to the parks.
- 6. Download our Orlando planning app or print our touring plans and general maps.** Our app offers show times, crowd levels, wait times and touring plans. It also offers pre-set or customizable touring plans. Or go to the site and print our touring plans or general maps for the best time to visit all rides.
- 7. 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.



Overview of Universal Dining Reservations and the Top Restaurants



Unlike at Disney World, it is not necessary to make dining reservations so far out at Universal Orlando. There is no centralized reservation system, so you can do less planning to eat in the parks or Universal CityWalk®. Make reservations for Emeril's at City Walk and character meals such as the Superstar Breakfast or The Grinch™ & Friends Character Breakfast a month or so in advance, especially if you are visiting during a busy time. The same goes for Universal's Cinematic Dining Experience. Reservations for it and the Superstar Breakfast can be made online. Here are the frog family's favorite Universal restaurants!

★ = Kid-friendly restaurant

Universal's Islands of Adventure

- ★ Circus McGurkus Café Stoo-Pendous
- ★ Three Broomsticks™
- ★ Mythos

Universal Studios Florida

- ★ Finnegan's
- ★ The Leaky Cauldron™
- ★ Louie's Italian Restaurant
- ★ Universal Studios' Classic Monsters Café

Universal CityWalk

- ★ The Toothsome Chocolate Emporium & Savory Feast Kitchen™
- ★ The Cowfish® Sushi Burger Bar
- ★ Antonito's
- ★ Emeril's® Restaurant Orlando

Universal Orlando Hotels

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