

DISNEY EXPERIENCES

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Walt Disney World Resort is a world-class entertainment and recreation destination featuring four of the most popular theme parks from around the globe, two thrilling water parks, nearly 29,000 hotel rooms, a sports complex, four golf courses and Disney Springs—a metropolis of shopping, dining and entertainment. Since 1971, Walt Disney World has focused on delivering legendary guest service and one-of-a-kind experiences that make it the largest and most visited theme park destination in the world where families create magical memories.

With a rich heritage of storytelling, Disney Parks combines creativity, innovation and technology to immerse guests of all ages in classic Disney tales and family entertainment. Whether celebrating a special occasion, the vacation of a lifetime, or just a day of fun, there's nothing like a visit to Walt Disney World. No matter how guests choose to visit, there's always a wide variety of ticket, dining and hotel options, and promotional offers during the year to help families save on their Disney vacations.

Disney is one of the largest employers in Florida, directly and indirectly accounting for more than a quarter of a million jobs as a result of its presence in Florida with approximately 80,000 cast members wearing the iconic Walt Disney World name tag. One in every 32 Florida jobs can be attributed to Disney. Without Disney, Florida's unemployment rate would jump from the 21st lowest to the second highest among all 50 states.

WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT

- 📅 **OPENING DATE:** October 1, 1971
- 📍 **LOCATION:** Lake Buena Vista, Florida, just 30 minutes from the Orlando International Airport and 20 miles southwest of Orlando
- 🎢 **THEME PARKS:** Four
- 🏨 **RESORT HOTELS:** More than 25



OVERVIEW

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Coming Summer 2025 to Walt Disney World:

- Frozen Ever After reopened in February 2026 with new audio-animatronics of Anna, Elsa and Kristoff, taking inspiration from advancements in figures at World of Frozen in Hong Kong Disneyland.
- Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin reopened in April 2026 with new enhanced blasters and ride vehicles.
- Big Thunder Mountain Railroad is now open with new magic, refreshed passenger trains and a refurbished track. With all the improvements made to the attraction, along with a comprehensive review from our safety teams, Big Thunder Mountain reopened with a lowered height requirement of 38".
- Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring The Muppets has now opened at Disney's Hollywood Studios bringing high-speed thrills, zany comedy and an electrifying soundtrack to the newly reimagined attraction.
- Bluey's Wild World at Conservation Station is now open at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Guests can hop aboard a train to take a fun excursion alongside Bluey and Bingo at Conservation Station complete with imaginative play and dance. Guests can also experience "Jumping Junction," an all-new experience featuring animals native to Bluey's home country of Australia including kangaroos and wallabies.
- "Disney Jr. Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Live!" is now open at Disney's Hollywood Studios. In the show, Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse welcome guests to Mickey's house for a fun-filled party. Their friends Goofy, Daisy, and Pluto haven't made it yet, so Mickey and Minnie take the party on the road to find them, ultimately uniting everyone for a high-energy finale!
- A new mission featuring The Mandalorian and Grogu on Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run is now available for guests at Disney's Hollywood Studios. Join Din Djarin, the mysterious Mandalorian bounty hunter, and his youngling Grogu on an exciting new mission—tracking down elusive ex-Imperial officers throughout the galaxy! As you take part in a perilous chase aboard the Millennium Falcon, you may see some familiar locales, including Tatooine, Cloud City and the ominous wreckage of the Death Star.
- EPCOT's Soarin' attraction received an all-new airborne adventure across the U.S. honoring the heart and spirit of the nation as it soars into its 250th birthday celebration. Soarin' Across America at EPCOT will showcase the United States from sea to shining sea highlighting some of the country's natural beauty and iconic cityscapes.
- A newly reimagined Animation Courtyard is now open at Disney's Hollywood Studios. Inspired by The Walt Disney Studios lot in Burbank, California, the outdoor courtyard features magical new details for families and animation fans of all ages to enjoy. Debuting September 14, a new experience inspired by The Walt Disney Studios and the Emmy Award-winning short film, "Once Upon A Studio," will open. The area will include "The Magic of Disney Animation," featuring character greetings, an animation experience, short film and indoor Drawn to Wonderland play area.
- Cool KIDS' SUMMER is now underway across Walt Disney World. Running through September 8, guests can discover new shows, newly enhanced attractions and more summer fun across all four theme parks, Disney Springs, water parks and select Disney Resort hotels.
- Cinderella Castle has a new color palette after months of collaboration and work at Magic Kingdom. First announced at Destination D23 in 2025, the castle now features colors of gray, creams, blues and touches of gold – which was inspired by the castle's original look in 1971.
- Walt Disney's Carousel of Progress is now closed as Imagineers update new scenes to new decades. The classic attraction will also feature an all-new audio-animatronic of Walt Disney when it reopens to guests in 2027.

Construction has already begun to bring new stories to life at Walt Disney World, including:

- Monstropolis at Hollywood Studios, where you can join Sulley, Mike, and the rest of the crew from the Pixar Animation Studios film "Monsters, Inc." and experience the first suspended coaster ever in a Disney theme park.



- Piston Peak National Park, a new area inspired by Pixar's "Cars," will race into Magic Kingdom with two new attractions, one inviting guests to embark on a thrilling rally race through the mountains.
- Tropical Americas at Disney's Animal Kingdom will share new stories from renowned archaeologist Indiana Jones, and the Madrigal family's magical casita from Walt Disney Animation Studios' Oscar-winning film "Encanto."
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

For more than five decades, Walt Disney World Resort has played an active role in finding solutions to important matters affecting Floridians. Our company and its cast members show up as a force for good. We create happiness for kids and families when they need it most and strengthen Florida's economy in ways only Disney can.

We are constantly investing in nonprofit organizations through volunteering and by making significant financial and non-financial contributions to causes that address basic needs and are valued by our cast members. In 2025, we supported more than 100 nonprofit organizations across Florida with cast contributing 132,000 VoluntEAR hours. We also provided \$3.7 million in financial and in-kind donations to nonprofits, schools, children's hospitals and more.

We continue to move forward with developers on work around an [attainable housing community](#) in Central Florida. In addition to providing approximately 1,400 units, this community will create new jobs as part of construction and operation.

Nearly 54,000 Florida-registered car owners have purchased Walt Disney World specialty license plates to date. Launched during our 50th Anniversary celebration and updated in 2023 with a new design, 100-percent of the proceeds from the plates benefit Make-A-Wish® of Central and Northern Florida. More than \$3.5 million has been raised so far, directly supporting their mission of making wishes come true for children with critical illnesses.

Disney has a longstanding relationship with Make-A-Wish dating back to 1980, and since then, more than 165,000 Disney-inspired wishes have been granted, including thousands taking place at Walt Disney World Resort alone. Through the experience of wishes coming true at Disney, children and their families find the hope and joy needed to confront and overcome the challenges of tomorrow.

Throughout the 2025 holiday season, we celebrated some favorite annual traditions by serving 1,000 meals at Coalition for the Homeless on Thanksgiving Day, collecting more than 25,000 toys for families in need alongside the U.S. Marines as part of the Disney Ultimate Toy Drive supporting Toys for Tots and more. We were also honored to surprise Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida with a donation equaling 600,000 meals.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Walt Disney World Resort is an economic engine that fuels Florida's economy, jobs and tourism. The resort, which is one of the world's most visited vacation destinations, generated \$40 billion in economic impact across the state and more than a quarter of a million total jobs in fiscal year 2022, according to a study by [Oxford Economics](#).

Beyond our own workforce, Disney also supports thousands of small businesses, many who are local to Florida and employ additional workers.

Walt Disney World contributed \$1.236 billion in state and local taxes paid and collected in FY24, representing a \$2.4 million increase over FY23.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Walt Disney World Resort is committed to minimizing its overall impact on the environment, focusing on reduced energy consumption, water conservation and diversion of waste from landfills.





Single-use plastic straws and plastic stirrers have been removed as part of The Walt Disney Company's commitment to eliminate these items at locations around the globe. Across Walt Disney World resorts, plastic packaging has been phased out of bath amenities and vanity amenity kits, helping prevent millions of pieces of plastic waste.

Disney's Animals, Science and Environment team cares for thousands of animals in Central Florida and partners with the Disney Conservation Fund (DCF) on its efforts to save wildlife around the world, inspire action and protect the planet.

The animal care team has welcomed numerous baby animals to the herd at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park and Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, including the most recent additions of Ivy the Masai giraffe, Bakso the Sumatran tiger cub, and Julien the addax. These births are part of the Species Survival Plan overseen by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which ensures responsible breeding of threatened and endangered species.

Since 1995, the Disney Conservation Fund has directed \$141 million to support nonprofit organizations working with communities to save wildlife, inspire action and protect the planet – including more than 1,000 species around the world and more than 315 million acres of habitat. Additionally, Disney Conservation Team Wildlife leads best-in-class scientific programs to conserve wildlife in Disney's backyard and beyond, connects people to build a network for nature, and cares for the planet through everyday actions.

WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT PARKS

MAGIC KINGDOM PARK

Opened: October 1, 1971

Disney's first theme park in Florida has six themed lands with dozens of attractions built around wonder, fantasy and fun: Main Street, U.S.A.; Adventureland; Frontierland; Liberty Square; Fantasyland and Tomorrowland.

🐻 ATTRACTION & EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin, Disney Starlight: Dream The Night Away Dumbo the Flying Elephant, Happily Ever After presented by Pandora® Jewelry, "it's a small world," Jungle Cruise, Mickey's PhilharMagic, Monsters, Inc. Laugh Floor, Peter Pan's Flight, Pirates of the Caribbean, Seven Dwarfs Mine Train, Space Mountain, Tiana's Bayou Adventure, Tomorrowland Transit Authority PeopleMover, The Haunted Mansion, The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, TRON Lightcycle / Run presented by Enterprise, Under the Sea ~ Journey of The Little Mermaid.



EPCOT

Opened: October 1, 1982

Spark your imagination in a place where the impossible becomes possible. At EPCOT, guests discover an amazing array of attractions, shows, interactive presentations, live performances, seasonal festivals, and architectural wonders in four distinct neighborhoods: World Discovery, World Nature, World Celebration, and World Showcase.

🐻 ATTRACTION & EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Frozen Ever After, Gran Fiesta Tour Starring the Three Caballeros, Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind, Mission: SPACE, Journey of Water, Inspired by Moana, Luminous The Symphony of Us, Remy's Ratatouille Adventure, Soarin' Across America, Spaceship Earth, Test Track Presented by General Motors, The American Adventure, The Seas with Nemo & Friends, Turtle Talk with Crush.



DISNEY'S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

Opened: May 1, 1989

Disney's Hollywood Studios is where imagined worlds become adventurous realities. Guests become part of the story while sharing belly laughs with favorite pals or feeling the excitement in every drop, loop or blast off.

🐻 ATTRACTION & EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Alien Swirling Saucers, Beauty and the Beast - Live on Stage, Fantasmic!, Disney Jr. Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Live!, For the First Time in Forever: A Frozen Sing-Along Celebration, Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway, Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run, Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring The Muppets, Slinky Dog Dash, Star Tours — The Adventures Continue, Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance, The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™, Toy Story Mania!, Wonderful World of Animation



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DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM THEME PARK

Opened: April 22, 1998

From unparalleled experiences to award-winning conservation efforts, and faraway lands to global cuisine, Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park is a world of adventures with exotic animals, prehistoric giants and beloved Disney characters. Jungles, forests, floating mountains and a vast savanna are divided into five themed lands: Africa, DinoLand U.S.A., Discovery Island, Asia and Pandora - The World of Avatar.

🐼 ATTRACTION & EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Avatar Flight of Passage, Expedition Everest – Legend of the Forbidden Mountain, Feathered Friends in Flight!, Festival of the Lion King, "Finding Nemo: The Big Blue... and Beyond!", Kali River Rapids, Kilimanjaro Safaris, Na'vi River Journey, Bluey's Wild World at Conservation Station, The Tree of Life.

DISNEY'S TYPHOON LAGOON WATER PARK

Opened: June 1, 1989

Disney's Typhoon Lagoon is a themed water park inspired by the imagined legend of a typhoon, earthquake and ensuing tidal wave combining to create an inland sea with breaker waves and a towering watershed mountain atop which is a stranded shrimp boat, the park's iconic Miss Tilly.

DISNEY'S BLIZZARD BEACH WATER PARK

Opened: April 1, 1995

Disney's Blizzard Beach is a themed water park inspired by the mythology of a snow ski resort that didn't exactly find a suitable climate in Florida. The park features 13 water attractions including Tike's Peak, a water play area for kids inspired by Disney's Frozen.

DISNEY SPRINGS

Disney Springs is a one-of-a-kind retail, dining, and entertainment district at Walt Disney World Resort, with beautiful open-air promenades and lakefront views reminiscent of Florida waterfront towns at the turn of the 20th century. The area features over 60 restaurants, including dining experiences crafted by world-renowned chefs, over 80 shops combining top-name retail brands and specialty boutiques, and more than 120 acres of fun. Disney Springs is home to four distinct, outdoor neighborhoods: The Landing, Marketplace, West Side and Town Center.





DISNEY RESORTS COLLECTION

-  **HOTELS:** More than 25 resorts owned and operated by Walt Disney World Resort (includes 12 Disney Vacation Club properties).
-  **TOTAL NUMBER OF HOTEL ROOMS:** Nearly 29,000 hotel rooms at Walt Disney World Resort.

MAGIC KINGDOM RESORT AREA

- Disney's Contemporary Resort
- Bay Lake Tower at Disney's Contemporary Resort
- Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
- The Villas at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
- Disney's Polynesian Village Resort
- Disney's Polynesian Villas and Bungalows
- Island Tower at Disney's Polynesian Villas & Bungalows
- Disney's Wilderness Lodge
- Boulder Ridge Villas at Disney's Wilderness Lodge
- Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney's Wilderness Lodge
- The Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort
- The Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort – A Disney Vacation Club Resort
- The Campsites at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort

EPCOT RESORT AREA

- Disney's Yacht Club Resort
- Disney's Beach Club Resort
- Disney's Beach Club Villas
- Disney's BoardWalk Inn
- Disney's BoardWalk Villas
- Disney's Riviera Resort

DISNEY SPRINGS RESORT AREA

- Disney's Port Orleans Resort – French Quarter
- Disney's Port Orleans Resort – Riverside
- Disney's Old Key West Resort
- Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa

DISNEY'S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS AREA

- Disney's Art of Animation Resort
- Disney's Pop Century Resort
- Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort

DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM RESORT AREA

- Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge
- Disney's Animal Kingdom Villas – Kidani Village
- Disney's Animal Kingdom Villas – Jambo House
- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
- Gran Destino Tower at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
- Disney's All-Star Movies Resort
- Disney's All-Star Music Resort
- Disney's All-Star Sports Resort

WALT DISNEY WORLD FEATURES

CONVENTION FACILITIES

More than 500,000 square feet of ballroom, meeting and function space is available in five convention resorts throughout the Walt Disney World Resort.

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX

Walt Disney World Resort opened ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in 1997, and in so doing, pioneered a new type of Disney vacation experience where athletes at all levels and ages could pursue their sports dreams. The complex is the home of a variety of events including Disney Soccer and has accommodated 70 different sports featuring athletes from 70 different countries since opening in 1997. The 260+-acre facility features multiple competition venues, including 16 baseball/softball fields; a 9,500-seat stadium; a state-of-the-art indoor arena and two versatile field houses for basketball, volleyball, and other indoor sports; and 17 multi-purpose fields for outdoor sports including soccer, football and field hockey. The complex includes a professional production center that produces content for global distribution on the Disney family of networks.

DIGITAL GUEST EXPERIENCE

The My Disney Experience app offers an array of convenient features designed to maximize vacation time. Guests can do everything from enter the park, unlock their resort room, mobile order food, view wait times, make dining reservations, and check out for merchandise at several Walt Disney World locations.

MagicBands are all-in-one wearables that provide easy access to our theme parks and Resort hotels while seamlessly linking in-park experiences to tools in the My Disney Experience app like Disney PhotoPass photos, Lightning Lane reservations and more. Experience even more with MagicBand+, which retains the popular MagicBand features while adding functionality that unlocks new moments of magic, including immersive theme park experiences – like Star Wars: Batuu Bounty Hunters at Disney's Hollywood Studios – and integration with Disney Live Entertainment shows and our nighttime spectaculars.

FUN FACTS

- Following the success of Disneyland, which opened in 1955, entertainment pioneer Walt Disney (1901-66) set his sights on what he called his company's "most exciting and challenging assignment" — the creation of a vast vacation paradise known today as Walt Disney World Resort. The Walt Disney Company acquired more than 25,000 acres in Central Florida and after seven years of preparation, including 52 months of construction, the first of four theme Parks - Magic Kingdom Park - opened in 1971.
- Walt Disney World Resort is approximately the size of San Francisco.
- Magic Kingdom Park's blue- and gold-turreted, 18-tower icon, Cinderella Castle, rises 189 feet above the park's 142 acres.
- The icon of EPCOT, Spaceship Earth, is a geodesic sphere standing 180 feet tall. It's made up of two spherical structures with a ride track encased inside. On the outside, 11,324 aluminum triangle tiles catch the attention of guests as soon as they walk into the park.
- The Millennium Falcon docked at the Black Spire Outpost Spaceport in Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge measures more than 100 feet long.
- Inspired by the icy peaks of the Himalayan Mountains in Asia, the Expedition Everest mountain is considered the tallest "mountain" in Florida at almost 200 feet.
- All aboard! The Walt Disney World Railroad operates four steam-powered trains originally built between 1916 and 1928. That means some of them are more than 100 years old.



WALT DISNEY WORLD MAP

