

DISNEY EXPERIENCES

**CONTACT US:**

Walt Disney World Resort

Communications: WDW.Communications@disney.com

Public Relations: WDW.Public.Relations@disney.com

wdwnews.com



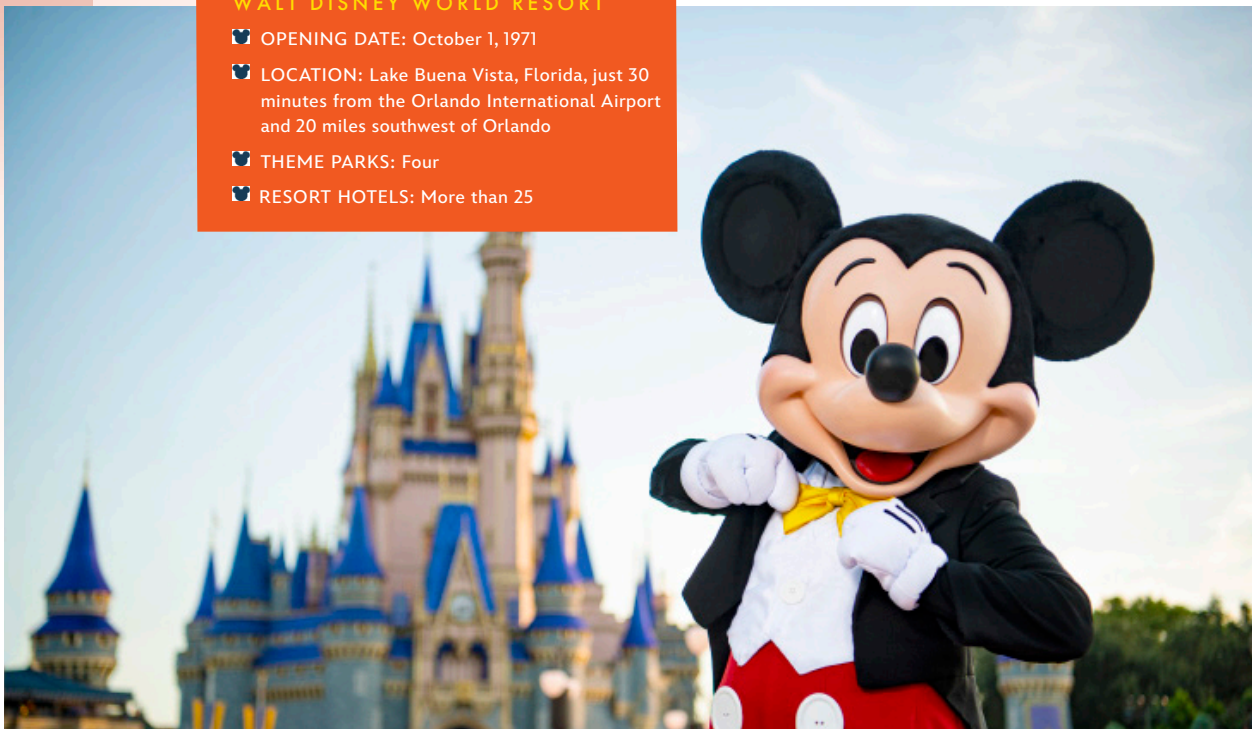
Walt Disney World Resort is a world-class entertainment and recreation destination featuring four of the most popular theme parks from around the globe, two thrilling water parks, more than 29,000 hotel rooms, a sports complex, four golf courses and Disney Springs—a metropolis of shopping, dining and 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

New to Walt Disney World Summer 2025:

- Disney's nighttime spectacular legacy continues with "Disney Starlight," a brand-new parade at Magic Kingdom Park. By the magic of the Blue Fairy, the parade features beloved characters from Walt Disney Animation Studios films "Peter Pan," "Encanto," "Frozen," "Moana" and more.
- Explore the past, present, and future of automation with a newly-reimagined Test Track presented by General Motors, driving into EPCOT.
- See two new shows at Disney's Hollywood Studios, "Disney Villains: Unfairly Ever After" and "The Little Mermaid – A Musical Adventure."
- GEO-82 at EPCOT, a lounge inspired by the geometric sphere structure and architecture of Spaceship Earth.

Enjoy a new lounge coming in 2025 to Magic Kingdom. The Beak & Barrell, a Pirates of the Caribbean inspired lounge opens to buccaneers of all ages in Adventureland.

Opening Winter 2025, join Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde in Zootopia: Better Zoogether!, a new who at the Tree of Life Theater at Disney's Animal Kingdom.

Construction begins in 2025 to bring new storeis to life at Walt Disney World, including:

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

As announced at D23 last August, an all-new multi-acre land dedicated to the Disney Villains will add to the largest expansion in Magic Kingdom's history with two major attractions, plus dinign and shopping.

Beyond our theme parks, families can now enjoy a relaxing retreat at the brand-new Disney Vacation Club resort, The Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness. This all-new way to stay in the great outdoors with many of the comforts of "home" is nestled in the scenic and historic woodlands of Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground.

Now open to guests: Island Tower at Disney's Polynesian Villas & Bungalows is brimming with themed spaces that bring the adventurous spirit of Polynesia to life. This space immerses guests in the captivating stories and unique cultures of the islands — making it the perfect place for unforgettable family vacations.

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 2024, we supported more than 60 nonprofit organizations across Florida with cast contributing 200,000 VoluntEAR hours. We also provided \$2.7 million in Disney Grants 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.

More than 50,000 Florida-registered car owners have purchased Walt Disney World specialty li-



cense 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 \$4 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 2024 holiday season, we celebrated some favorite annual traditions by serving meals at Coalition for the Homeless on Thanksgiving Day, collecting more than 20,000 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 400,000 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](#).

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. Walt Disney World Resort is also reducing in-room plastics by 80 percent, reducing plastic shopping bags and eliminating polystyrene cups.

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 four Hartmann's Mountain zebra foals, Bakso the Sumatran tiger cub, and Tucker the Masai giraffe. 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 \$132 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, 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' Around the World, 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!, For the First Time in Forever: A Frozen Sing-Along Celebration, Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway, Millennium Fal-



con: Smugglers Run, Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring Aerosmith, Slinky Dog Dash, Star Tours — The Adventures Continue, Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance, The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror™², Toy Story Mania!, Wonderful World of Animation

² Inspired by The Twilight Zone® a registered trademark of CBS, Inc. All rights reserved.

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, DINOSAUR, 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, Rafiki's Planet Watch, The Animation Experience 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 12 water attractions including Tike's Peak, a water play area for kids inspired by Disney's Frozen.

DISNEY SPRINGS

With shopping, dining and entertainment locations, the 120-acre Disney Springs is home to a collection of more than 150 shops and restaurants, featuring top-name retail brands, specialty boutiques, and dining experiences created by celebrity and award-winning chefs. Drawing inspiration from Florida's waterfront towns and natural beauty, 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:** More than 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 – 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

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 hosts more than 70 entertainment and sports events a year and has accommodated athletes from around the world in more than 70 different sports. The 220-acre facility features multiple competition venues, including 12 baseball/softball fields, 17 multi-purpose outdoor fields for soccer, football and lacrosse, three field houses for basketball, volleyball, and other indoor sports, and a track & field facility and cross-country course. The AdventHealth Arena at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex expanded the facilities to create a new home for cheerleading, dance competitions and other indoor sports. The complex has hosted multi-sport competitions and festivals and served as the official host of the Department of Defense Warrior Games in August 2022 and July 2024.

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 devices that connect guests to the choices they make on My Disney Experience and may be used for room and park entry, dining plan redemption, 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.

Guests can also download the Play Disney Parks app, turning visits into new, interactive adventures. The app offers unique experiences that leverage the theme park environment – from games that interact with attraction queues, to specially themed, digital achievements they can earn and collect for experiences in the parks or in the app, Disney trivia, curated Disney Parks playlists through Apple Music® and more – all specifically designed for groups and families to play together. The Play Disney Parks app also connects to MagicBand+ to allow guests to dive deeper into the immersive in-park experiences.

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

