



UNIVERSAL PARK TIPS & EXTRAS

- **Be sure you've downloaded the Universal Orlando Resort app!**
Features include:
 - *Place mobile food and beverage orders to save time in line!*
 - *Set up Universal pay for contactless purchases*
 - *View interactive maps, ride wait times, show times, restaurant hours, restaurants and more*
 - *Keep an eye on the Virtual Line for potential ride time reservations*
 - *If you're not staying at a Universal resort with a package you'll get your ticket details at the kiosk and can upload to the app at that time*
- **MAKE SURE you get in the right park line at the start of the day!** The choices are **Islands of Adventure (VelicoCoaster, Hagrid's Motorbike Adventure)** and **Universal Studios**.
- **Bring reusable water bottles** (get ice at most food counters).
- **Universal Rider Switch** is available at many of the larger attractions. One adult waits in a designated area with the child while the riders experience the attraction. The waiting adult and riding adult then switch places.
- The **Single Rider** line can save you some time in line! Rides that offer single rider include **Fast and the Furious, Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit, Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts, Men**

in **Black**, **Transformers 3D** and **Revenge of the Mummy**.

- **Don't get bogged down with shopping bags!** If you make purchases at gift shops the stores can bag the gifts and send them to the front of the park where you pick up your bag on the way out.
- **Lockers** - Lockers are available (additional cost) near the front of the park
 - Some attractions require you to leave loose belongings and bags in a locker while you ride - in this case, use of the locker is free and you will scan your ticket and a locker door will pop open.

Famous Food @ Universal

- **Butterbeer.** All the Butterbeer. The frozen version is the most popular but there is also a cold version (looks like a draft beer) or a hot version. You can buy at kiosks throughout the Wizarding World.
- The **Leaky Cauldron** (Diagon Alley) – Love the theming!
- The selection is good in **Springfield U.S.A.'s Fast Food Blvd.**
 - The menus include fun Simpsons references and inside jokes.
 - The different varieties of **Duff Beer** are actually different varieties, not just the same beer repackaged like on the Simpsons TV show.
 - **The Big Pink** doughnut at **Lard Lad** - great photo op (and it's good!)
 - The **Flaming Moe** is a citrus drink (non-alcoholic) at Moe's
- **Floean Fortescue's Ice-Cream Parlour** (Diagon Alley) has butterbeer, chocolate chili, and apple crumble ice creams with a big fan following.
- **Voodoo Doughnuts** is located on the **CityWalk** but it's a MUST! You could get doughnuts on your way back to the resort for breakfast the next day, run by the day you leave or any time that's convenient.
- Look for the popular **Brookie** at kiosks in Islands of Adventure. It's a

brownie baked with a chocolate chip cookie in the middle - really good!

- **Green Eggs and Ham** tots are a lot of fun, located in **Seuss Landing** at the **Green Eggs and Ham Cafe**.
- The milkshakes at **Toothsome** in CityWalk are INSANE. You can order one in the gift shop at the dessert bar.
- **Eternelle's Elixir of Refreshments** in Diagon Alley has really cool drinks where kids can mix "elixirs" You can find these at The Fountain of Fair Fortune or near Gringott's Money Exchange in Diagon Alley.

Attractions & Rides

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

World Expo & Former Woody Woodpecker KidZone

- **Men in Black Alien Attack (World Expo)** *(a few extras...)*
 - Try opening the doors in the queue area, some have special effects.
 - Get a higher score by holding the trigger throughout the ride; points are given for every 10 shots whether you hit a target or not.
- **E.T. Adventures** is definitely dated but 80's nostalgia fans will appreciate it - and you're riding on a flying bike! This ride is located in the area formerly known as the Woody Woodpecker KidZone

Springfield U.S.A.

- **Simpsons Ride Extras...** Look for Doc Brown, in the pre-ride video sequence; this is a tribute to the Back to the Future ride that previously occupied this space. *Motion simulation, 3D/4D experience*

- You'll also see the Delorean and Doc's time traveling train off to the side of the walkway near the Simpsons area.
- **Kang & Kodo's Twirl 'n' Hurl** (Springfield U.S.A.)

Production Central

- **Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit** (Production Central) is definitely a thrill ride and you get to choose your own music!
- **Despicable Me Minion Mayhem** (Production Central) *Motion Simulation*
- **TRANSFORMERS: The Ride 3D** (Production Central) *3D/4D experience*

Diagon Alley

- **Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts** (Diagon Alley) *Thrill, motion simulation, 3D/4D experience*
- **Hogwarts Express** (Diagon Alley) takes you on a real ride from Diagon Alley to Hogwarts (be sure to watch the guests in front of you go through Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and pay attention to all the luggage!

San Francisco & New York

- **Fast and Furious - Supercharged** (San Francisco) *Motion Simulation*
- **Race Through New York Starring Jimmy Fallon** (New York)
*I love the queue for this attraction - themed around a visit to the real-live studio from an audience member's perspective. *Motion Simulation*
- **Revenge of the Mummy** (New York) *Thrill*

Live Shows

- **The Bourne Spectacular** is FANTASTIC! Definitely don't miss this show, very impressive.
- **The Hollywood Horror Make-Up Show** is also a lot of fun if you're a horror movie fan (don't worry, it's not scary)!
- **The Blues Brothers** (New York)

Character Encounters

- Character Party Zone (Production Central): Despicable Me and Sponge Bob Square Pants
- The Simpsons Character Zone (Springfield U.S.A.): Meet Bart, Lisa, Krusty
- MEET THE TRANSFORMERS (Production Central): Optimus Prime, Bumblebee and Megatron
- Hollywood Character Zone (Hollywood): Shaggy and Scooby, Betty Boop, Doc Brown and more! I've even seen Beetlejuice (he's a little raunchy with adults so beware!)

ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE

Jurassic Park

- The **VelicoCoaster** now lets you use the Express Pass on this ride which is great! There is **sometimes** a Virtual Line option so my advice is to go straight there when you get in (either during Early Park Admission or regular opening hours) and also utilize the Single Rider Line if it's open depending on ride length or if you ride again. Height requirement is 51"
- The **Jurassic Park Discovery Center** is a cool section for kids that is indoors!
- **Jurassic Park River Adventure** is a fun raft ride where you *may* be chased by a T-Rex (warning - you'll get wet on this one)
- **Pteranodon Flyers** is a kid-friendly air glide attraction

Hogsmeade

- **Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure** (Hogsmeade) is the most popular attraction. You'll absolutely want to go EARLY to get in line for these two rides. They may open the Virtual Queue during the day so keep an eye on your appl
- The **Forbidden Journey** (Hogsmeade) is the ride in Hogwarts Castle and it's a MUST. If the line isn't long it's worth it to go through the regular line -

the ride is explained in “pre-scenes” and there are amazing details from both the books and the movies.

- **Flight of the Hippogriff** is a small roller coaster with a beautiful view of Hogwarts Castle!

Skull Island

Reign of King Kong is the only ride on Skull Island and it's awesome. Be sure to ask to sit in the **back half of the ride** for the best viewing and look left and right to see everything going on!

Marvel Super Hero Island

- **The Amazing Adventures of Spider Man** in the Marvel section is fantastic! Don't miss this one.
- Don't have anything in your pockets/phones, etc. for the **Incredible Hulk** roller coaster! You do have to be 54" for this one so if everyone wants to ride but your youngest can't then use the **Rider Switch** option!
- **Dr. Doom's Fearfall** (MAJOR drop!)
- **Storm Force Accelerator** (spinning ride, family friendly)

Toon Lagoon

- **Dudley Do Right's Ripsaw Falls** (you WILL get wet!)
- **Popeye & Bluto's Bilge-Rat Barges** (you will ALSO get wet on this one!)
- Midway games & arcade (*extra fee*)

Seuss Landing

- **Caro-Seuss-El** (adorable carousel!)
- **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish**
- **The Cat in the Hat** is a ride through the storybook! *Motion simulated*
- **The High in the Sky Seuss Trolley Train Ride**

Character Encounters at Islands of Adventure

- Raptor Encounter (Jurassic Park): Meet Blue!
- Spider-Man (Marvel Alterniverse Store)
- Meet Marvel super heroes like Captain America, Wolverine, Cyclops and villains like Dr. Doom and the Green Goblin (Marvel Super Hero Island)
- Classic comic book characters Popeye, Olive Oyl, Betty Boop (Toon Lagoon)
- Meet Dr. Seuss characters like The Cat in the Hat and (sometimes) The Grinch (Seuss Landing)

Wizarding World of Harry Potter

- **Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts (Diagon Alley)** - if the line isn't long (maybe one of the days you get in early) full queue experience is really good. The ride itself can feel different depending on the row you're seated in - the view is most intense in the first row and the sixth row gets the most movement; row three is the best of both worlds.
- The **Hogwarts Express** train ride is different both ways so be sure to ride at least twice! You'll have to show your park-to-park tickets.
- The **dragon** atop Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts blows fire about every 10 minutes, weather permitting.
- Look for **Kreacher**, the house elf, who looks out from the second story window every few minutes at 12 Grimmauld Place. This is located in the "**London**" section right outside the entrance to Diagon Alley.
- Pop into the phone booth in the London section and dial M-A-G-I-C to connect with the Ministry of Magic!
- Check live entertainment schedule: *Tales of Beedle the Bard* (skit with puppets) and *Celestina Warback and the Banshees* (musical show)

- If you go to Diagon Alley early in the day, Harry Potter fans will want to stop by **Gringott's Money Exchange** to exchange your muggle money (U.S. dollars) for Gringott Bank Notes (\$10 and \$20 options) that can be used throughout the Universal Orlando Parks.
 - You can talk to the goblin at the desk and he will respond!
- **Wand Experience at Olivanders**
 - They are more expensive but I absolutely recommend getting at least one **Interactive Wand**. It will come with a map of places throughout the Wizarding World where you can cast spells and cool things happen. Try to get the wand at the start of the trip so you can use it throughout.
 - If Wand Experience is important to you, go early in the day to Olivander's (either in Diagon Alley or Hogsmeade) when you arrive and have one person stand in line.
 - Expect lines for the Wand Experience at both Olivander's shops. One person is chosen at random to have a wand chosen for them but being part of this event is really cool.
 - If you DON'T want to do the experience at **Olivander's** you can go into the stores and choose a wand on your own. There is an Olivander's in both Island of Adventure (Hogsmeade) and Universal Studios (Diagon Alley)
- The **Diagon Alley (Universal Studios Florida)** gift shops are pretty small and draw big crowds so you can end up standing in line just to shop – come back towards the end of the day to minimize waits. If you're not looking for the shop experience, you may find it easier to get a suitable Harry Potter souvenir at one of the carts or kiosks.
- When in **Hogsmeade** you should pop by the **Owl Post!** You can buy postcards and stamps, write a postcard and send it with an official Hogsmeade postmark! Very cool to send to Harry Potter fans back home.