

ORLANDO *What's New*



EPIC UNIVERSE

THEME PARK THRILLS

WALT DISNEY WORLD'S NEW SHOWS

On May 26, Disney's Hollywood Studios unveils "Disney Jr. Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Live!", a high-energy show with tunes and dancing. The Tree of Life Theater at Disney's Animal Kingdom also debuted an all-new 4D production, "Zootopia: Better Zoogether!" in fall 2025.

REIMAGINED AND REOPENED ATTRACTIONS AT WALT DISNEY WORLD

Walt Disney World Resort will reopen several reimagined attractions this summer, including:

- Magic Kingdom Park: Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin (April 8) and **Big Thunder Mountain Railroad** (early May)
- EPCOT: **Soarin' Across America** (May 26)
- Disney's Hollywood Studios: **Rock 'n' Roller Coaster Starring The Muppets** (summer)

NEW SOCIAL GAMING EXPERIENCE AT DISNEY SPRINGS

Level 99, an interactive adult obstacle course featuring more than 50 physical and mental challenges, plus a bar and restaurant, will debut at Disney Springs.

FIRST NEW ORLANDO THEME PARK IN 25 YEARS OPENS AT UNIVERSAL

Universal Epic Universe, Universal Orlando Resort's fourth theme park, features more than 50 attractions, dining, shopping and entertainment experiences across five immersive worlds.

Universal Orlando Resort will open **Fast & Furious: Hollywood Drift**, a high-octane outdoor roller coaster at Universal Studios Florida in 2027. The new attraction will put guests in the driver seat of the high-speed thrills of Universal Pictures' Fast & Furious universe with 360-degree drifting as they speed through jaw-dropping maneuvers.

NEW IMMERSIVE RIDE AT SEAWORLD

Coming in 2026, **SEAQuest: Legends of the Deep** - a first-of-its-kind suspended family dark ride - will take guests on a submersible journey through vibrant underwater worlds, immersing them in the awe-inspiring stories of the sea.

FIRST NEW COASTER IN TWO DECADES OPENS AT LEGOLAND FLORIDA

Galacticoaster, LEGOLAND Florida's first coaster in more than two decades, opened Feb. 27 in the park's newest LEGO Galaxy area. This indoor, space-themed family coaster places riders in command of their own spacecraft, navigating through twists, turns and dynamic launches through galaxies featuring different LEGO elements from all eras.

BEYOND THE THEME PARKS

WORLD'S LARGEST BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP

Build-A-Bear Workshop will open a new multi-level flagship store at ICON Park in 2026, set to be the largest workshop in the world.

INSTAGRAMMABLE DESSERT-THEMED MUSEUM ARRIVES IN 2026

Museum of Ice Cream Orlando, known for its colorful exhibitions, unique sweet treats and world-famous sprinkle pool, will make its debut at International Drive's Pointe Orlando in 2026.

BLUE MAN GROUP TO DEBUT NEW SHOW AT ICON PARK

Blue Man Group's new show will debut at ICON Park on May 1, featuring the group's signature blend of art, high-energy live music, comedy and non-verbal storytelling.

TV-STYLE GAME SHOW ATTRACTION OPEN ON I-DRIVE

The Great Big Game Show, a new interactive attraction, opened on International Drive. Visitors can step into a live, TV-style game show, competing in teams through trivia rounds, quick-reaction challenges and party-style mini-games while a host runs the show from a studio set with lights, buzzers and scoreboards.



DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM THEME PARK



SEAWORLD ORLANDO



UNIVERSAL HELIOS GRAND HOTEL, A LOEWS HOTEL



VILLATEL ORLANDO RESORT



MICHELIN HONORS 58 ORLANDO RESTAURANTS IN ITS 2025 GUIDE

BOOMING HOTEL GROWTH

Adding to Orlando's nearly 500 hotels and more than 133,000 rooms, the destination has opened four new hotel properties.

FAMILY-STYLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Villatel Orlando Resort unveiled 270 villas with immersive themed rooms featuring living and sleeping space for up to 26 guests, along with the nation's first **Apartments by Marriott Bonvoy Resort**, a collection of 256 apartments featuring two- to three-bedrooms units.

UNIVERSAL'S EPIC UNIVERSE ONSITE HOTELS

Universal Helios Grand Hotel, a Mediterranean-inspired escape overlooking the all-new Universal Epic Universe theme park, opened in April. The hotel features 500 guest rooms and 35 suites - including *How to Train Your Dragon*-themed Kids' Suites, a rooftop bar and dedicated entrance into Epic Universe.

Universal Stella Nova Resort and **Universal Terra Luna Resort** feature 750 double-queen guest rooms with spaceship-styled windows, a variety of dining options and amenities including resort-style pools, fitness centers, game rooms and more.

SHOPPING

The Florida Mall welcomed 11 new-to-market retail brands, including Glow or Go, an immersive team challenge with high-energy game zones; Pop Mart, the Beijing-based collectible brand; plus Lindt, Steve Madden and more.

The Mall at Millenia welcomes an expanded Chanel, Aritzia and Louis Vuitton, a refreshed Gucci and first in market Suitsupply and Vuori. Later this year, Zara brings two floors of exciting retail.

DINING

AWARD-WINNING DINING AT MICHELIN GUIDE RESTAURANTS

Orlando's evolving dining scene has been recognized with one of the world's highest culinary honors. In the 2025 MICHELIN Guide Florida, inspectors added 11 new Orlando restaurants to the lineup, starting with the destination's first-ever Two-MICHELIN-Star honoree, Sorekara, which also received a MICHELIN Service Award for General Manager Austin Joseph, and the One-MICHELIN-Star Ômo by Jônt. **Orlando now boasts 58 restaurants recognized by Michelin**, including 9 MICHELIN Starred venues, 15 Bib Gourmands and 34 Recommended eateries.

TRANSPORTATION

BRIGHTLINE TRAIN CONNECTS ORLANDO AND MIAMI

With the FIFA World Cup attracting travelers from around the globe to Miami in 2026, Brightline offers a seamless way to extend the excitement, linking world-class soccer with a seamless Orlando getaway. As America's only modern, the eco-friendly intercity rail connects Miami and Orlando with 16 daily round trips and hourly departures, stopping in Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Boca Raton and Aventura.

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