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 30,000 hotel rooms, a sports complex, several golf courses and Disney Springs—a bustling 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 number one vacation 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 in classic Disney tales and innovative family entertainment. Today, hundreds of millions of guests from around the globe visit this magical place to enjoy a Disney vacation — where guests of all ages, play and learn together.
OVERVIEW

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

As Walt Disney once said about Disneyland, Walt Disney World “will never be completed. It will continue to grow as long as there is imagination left in the world.”

In preparation for its 50th Anniversary in 2021, Walt Disney World Resort is experiencing unprecedented growth. From the highly successful Pandora – The World of Avatar in 2017 to the opening of Toy Story Land in June 2018, the resort is adding new experiences that combine beloved Disney characters and storytelling, legendary service and the most innovative technology to create extraordinary experiences Disney is known for.

With development continuing on the 14-acre Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge opening in late fall 2019, Disney’s Hollywood Studios will also open Mickey and Minnie’s Runaway Railway in 2019, the first-ever ride-through attraction themed to Mickey and Minnie Mouse; and in March 2019, guests will come face to face with a legendary racing champion at the all-new show experience, Lightning McQueen’s Racing Academy. Set to debut in time for Walt Disney World’s 50th Anniversary in 2021, a Tron coaster-style attraction is coming to Tomorrowland in Magic Kingdom Park, while at Epcot, guests will experience one of the longest enclosed roller coasters in the world based on the action-packed movie Guardians of the Galaxy, as well as a 4D attraction that follows the adventures of Remy from the movie Ratatouille.

In fall 2019, Disney Skyliner will conveniently connect Epcot and Disney’s Hollywood Studios to four resort hotels - Disney’s Art of Animation Resort, Disney’s Caribbean Beach Resort and Disney’s Pop Century Resort, as well as the proposed 15th Disney Vacation Club property, Disney’s Riviera Resort, all while giving guests a unique, birds-eye view. At Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort, a 15-story tower with rooftop dining opens in July 2019, will join fully updated guest rooms that have new furnishings, fixtures, and a color palette that ties the resort together.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Walt Disney World Resort is committed to helping Central Florida become an even better place to live, work and play. The company contributes to the community in many ways, including through cash and in-kind support for local nonprofit organizations, leadership on important community issues and thousands of volunteer hours by Disney Cast Members.

In April 2018, Walt Disney World Resort awarded $500,000 in Disney Grants to promising community projects that provide shelter for the homeless, food for the needy and after-school programs for children, among other services. The initiative is part of an overall commitment to invest more than $34 million in giving in Central Florida throughout 2018. More than 1,350 Cast Members participated in the “Ears to You” grant program in summer 2018, converting their VoluntEAR hours into nearly $1.3 million in grants to almost 545 nonprofit agencies and community service groups. The resort also hosted more than 8,400 wish trips for children in 2018 and donated complimentary tickets valued at more than $17 million to Give Kids the World Village and other wish-granting organizations. In 2017, Disney VoluntEARS logged over 262,000 hours of service in and collected more than 30,000 toys in the annual Toys for Tots drive for local children in need.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Walt Disney World Resort is a significant contributor to the economic well-being and vitality of Central Florida. Disney is the largest single-site employer in the United States, employing more than 75,000 Cast Members in Central Florida, in more than 3,000 different job classifications with total 2018 annual payroll of over $2.7 billion. Walt Disney World Resort is the largest single taxpayer in Central Florida, contributing $702.7 million in total state and local taxes paid and collected for 2018.

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. A new solar facility is in development and will generate enough renewable clean energy to power two of its four theme parks and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 57,000 tons per year. In addition, Disney’s Animals, Science and Environment team cares for more than 7,000 animals and partners with the Disney Conservation Fund (DCF) on its efforts to save wildlife, inspire action and protect the planet. In October 2018, DCF awarded more than $5 million in grants to support 76 organizations working to protect the magic of nature around the world, including seven Florida-based organizations for academic research, wildlife conservation and habitat restoration.
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 HIGHLIGHTS:
  Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin, Dumbo the Flying Elephant, Jungle Cruise, Mickey's PhilharMagic, Peter Pan's Flight, Pirates of the Caribbean, Seven Dwarfs Mine Train, Space Mountain, Splash Mountain, The Haunted Mansion, Happily Ever After.

EPCOT
Opened: October 1, 1982
Touch the future and travel the world at Epcot. This park comprises an amazing array of attractions, shows, interactive presentations, live performances and architectural wonders. Guests are immersed in a world of technological accomplishments and international cultural achievements.

• ATTRACTION HIGHLIGHTS:

DISNEY'S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS
Opened: May 1, 1989
In the midst of the largest expansion in the theme park's history, 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 from hidden temples to giant backyards or even the ultimate rock 'n' roll road trip.

• ATTRACTION HIGHLIGHTS:

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DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM THEME PARK
Opened: April 22, 1998
Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2018, this park is a world of adventures from day to night, 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 HIGHLIGHTS:

DISNEY'S TYphoon LAGOON WATER PARK
Opened: June 1, 1989
Disney's Typhoon Lagoon is a 61-acre 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. Typhoon Lagoon is ranked the #1 water park according to TripAdvisor and features the newest water attraction, Miss Adventure Falls.

DISNEY'S BLIZZARD BEACH WATER PARK
Opened: April 1, 1995
Disney's Blizzard Beach is a 66-acre 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 and seasonal events, such as the Frozen Summer Games.
DISNEY SPRINGS
A bustling metropolis of shopping, dining and entertainment locations, the 120-acre Disney Springs features more than 150 venues for guests to enjoy, including the newly reimagined World of Disney merchandise store and nine restaurants added in 2018, many of them 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.

WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT HOTELS

🌟 HOTELS: Twenty-eight resorts owned and operated by the Walt Disney World Resort (includes ten Disney Vacation Club properties).
🌟 TOTAL NUMBER OF HOTEL ROOMS: More than 30,000 hotel rooms at Walt Disney World Resort.

MAGIC KINGDOM RESORT AREA

🌟 5 HOTELS; 3 Disney Vacation Club Properties; 1 Campground
- Disney’s Contemporary Resort – 656 rooms
- Bay Lake Tower at Disney’s Contemporary Resort – 428 rooms
- Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa – 867 rooms
- The Villas at Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa – 147 rooms
- Disney’s Polynesian Resort – 847 rooms
- Disney’s Polynesian Villas and Bungalows – 380 rooms
- Disney’s Wilderness Lodge – 725 rooms
- Boulder Ridge Villas at Disney’s Wilderness Lodge – 114 rooms
- Copper Creek Villas & Cabins at Disney’s Wilderness Lodge – 184 rooms
- Disney’s Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground – 799 campsites and 408 cabins

EPCOT RESORT AREA

🌟 3 HOTELS; 2 Disney Vacation Club Properties
- Disney’s Yacht Club Resort – 621 rooms
- Disney’s Beach Club Resort – 576 rooms
- Disney’s Beach Club Villas – 282 rooms
- Disney’s BoardWalk Inn – 372 rooms
- Disney’s BoardWalk Villas – 532 rooms

DISNEY SPRINGS RESORT AREA

🌟 2 HOTELS; 2 Disney Vacation Club Properties
- Disney’s Port Orleans Resort–French Quarter – 1,008 rooms
- Disney’s Port Orleans Resort–Riverside – 2,047 rooms
- Disney’s Old Key West Resort – 761 rooms
- Disney’s Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa – 1,320 rooms

DISNEY’S HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS AREA

🌟 3 HOTELS
- Disney’s Art of Animation Resort – 1,984 rooms
- Disney’s Pop Century Resort – 2,870 rooms
- Disney’s Caribbean Beach Resort – 2,109 rooms

DISNEY’S ANIMAL KINGDOM RESORT AREA

🌟 5 HOTELS; 1 Disney Vacation Club Property
- Disney’s Animal Kingdom Lodge – 970 rooms
- Disney’s Animal Kingdom Villas – 709 rooms
- Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort – 1,912 rooms
- Disney’s All-Star Movies Resort – 1,915 rooms
- Disney’s All-Star Music Resort – 1,699 rooms
- Disney’s All-Star Sports Resort – 1,910 rooms

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WALT DISNEY WORLD FEATURES

CONVENTION FACILITIES
More than 700,000 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 100 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 16 baseball/softball fields, plus the 9,500 seat Champion Stadium, 18 multi-purpose outdoor fields for soccer, football and lacrosse, three field houses for basketball, volleyball, and other indoor sports, a track & field facility and cross-country course, and a tennis court complex with 10 courts. In January 2018, The Arena at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex opened as a new facility designed for cheerleading, dance competitions and other indoor sports. The Complex has hosted multi-sport competitions and festivals including Pro Bowl Week and the 2016 Invictus Games.

CLUB 33
As an extension of the legendary private Membership club founded by Walt Disney at Disneyland Resort, Club 33 Members can enjoy special access and exceptional service at locations in each of the four theme parks at Walt Disney World Resort. Each venue is uniquely themed to represent Walt and Lillian Disney’s adventures around the world.

MY DISNEY EXPERIENCE AND MAGICBAND
Walt Disney World Resort features a digital platform centered around the My Disney Experience website and mobile app, a one-stop shop for guests to enhance their experience by allowing them to customize and personalize every aspect of their vacation. Guests may select FastPass+ attractions and entertainment experiences, access park information, buy tickets, book dining reservations, edit PhotoPass pictures and order food and beverage items at participating 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, FastPass+ redemption and more.

Guests can also download the Play Disney Parks App, turning wait time into play time for the entire family. The app offers unique experiences that leverage the theme park environment—from games that interact with attraction queues, to achievements they can earn for experiences in the parks or in the app, Disney trivia, curated playlists on Apple Music® and more—all specifically designed for groups and families to play together.

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.

• The property also features:
  • Two full-service spas
  • Disney’s Wedding Pavilion
  • Four professional golf courses
  • Four miniature golf courses

• Walt Disney World Resort is approximately the size of San Francisco.

• Magic Kingdom Park at Walt Disney World Resort is ranked as the #6 most Instagrammed tourist attraction in the world.

• Walt Disney World Cast Members come from all over the world, representing more than 80 nationalities and speaking more than 50 different languages.

• Traditionally recognized as a top-ranked wedding and honeymoon destination, Walt Disney World Resort currently hosts more than 1,200 couples tying the knot each year.

• Magic Kingdom Park’s blue- and gold-turreted, 18-tower icon, Cinderella Castle, rises 189 feet above the park’s 142 acres.