

Orlando's Hottest Entertainment Destination

THE ADULT'S GUIDE TO UNIVERSAL ORLANDO RESORT

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When you hear “Universal Orlando Resort,” you might associate it with children’s play, because of the amusement parks, but there is so much more here. The highly-frequented entertainment destination encompasses CityWalk; amusement parks: Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure; and hotels. Here’s a brief adult’s guide to help you navigate this exciting, massive complex.

CITYWALK

City Walk is full of dining and entertainment options. There is a number of restaurants to satiate everyone’s tastes from foodies (Emeril’s Restaurant Orlando) to those craving classic American fare (Hard Rock Café) or tasty seafood (The Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.). For crispy coconut shrimp and a ‘Perfect Margarita,’ head over to the legendary Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville –

because it’s 5 o’clock somewhere. When it comes to entertainment, they have you covered with a list of lively bars, lounges, and music venues like Hard Rock Live, while AMC Universal CityWalk Stadium Movie Theater & IMAX offers a more low-key form of entertainment.

MUST: The Cowfish: Sushi Burger Bar

When we first saw this restaurant sign, we thought: Our interest was piqued and we had to go. The innovative restaurant serves what they call “Burgushi” —which is sushi rolls using burger components and sandwiches with sushi ingredients. To experience the best of both worlds, we opted for The Cowfish Bento Box: a mini burger with American cheese, sweet potato fries, Thai cucumbers, and 4-piece sushi roll. It was both delicious and filling.



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THEME PARKS

Islands of Adventure

The 110-acre theme park provides visitors with themed islands, thrilling rides, amazing shows, shops, and restaurants. As an adult, you can truly appreciate the craftsmanship and detail that has gone into creating these extraordinary attractions. Get your thrill on by riding The Incredible Hulk Coaster or Doctor Doom's Fearfall. Don't miss The Wizarding World of Harry Potter –Hogsmeade— a spectacular 20-acre space that boasts multiple attractions, shops, and a restaurant.

MUST: Skull Island: Reign of Kong

This 3-D adventure takes you on an exciting expedition that places you in the center of the action as King Kong battles other predators.

Universal Studios

Experience your favorite movies and TV shows via exhilarating rides like Transformers: The Ride 3-D and Revenge of the Mummy. You can also take in shows like *Fear Factor Live* and *Animal Actors on Location*. The very popular Harry Potter-themed space —The Wizarding World of Harry Potter —Diagon Alley— whisks you away with its unbelievably imaginative shops, dining experiences, the Hogwarts Express, and multi-dimensional thrill ride: Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts. The artistic execution of this magical world will leave you in awe.

MUST: Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit®

This is the world's most technologically advanced roller coaster, where you get to pick the music. And you can't leave without indulging in amusement park food staples like a turkey leg or churro.

MUST: Definitely invest in a Universal Express Pass, so you can skip the regular lines in both theme parks. If you stay at one of their onsite hotels, you receive complimentary Express access for the duration of your stay.

HOGWARTS CASTLE