

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO TIPS & TRICKS

You've Booked! What next?

Download the App: [The Official Universal Orlando App | Universal Orlando Resort™](#)

Play with the app to get to know what you can do so you're ready to rock and roll when traveling including virtual lines, mobile food & drink ordering,

[7 Things You Need to Know About the Universal Orlando Resort App - Discover Universal](#)

Note that virtual lines are available for select rides. Please get up early the morning of to get "In line" as they do fill up quickly. Keep checking back as well.

RESTAURANTS: Restaurant reservations for dinner is recommended. Please click here to view options: [Dinner Reservations, Dining, & Restaurants | Universal Orlando™](#)

TIPS:

DO NOT go into attractions with long running times without taking kids for a bathroom break first!

Buy Universal souvenirs ahead of time for your kids (from Target, Amazon, Dollar Tree, etc.) and package them up for your trip. If you want, in the middle of the night, leave a souvenir by each kid's bed (perhaps their favorite Universal Character left it! Maybe with a note from that character wishing them a great day! Hopefully, your child won't feel the need to buy souvenirs that day because they already received one, AND you don't spend a fortune on souvenirs!

PACKING

If you are flying to Orlando, pack in your carry-on a bathing suit and one outfit per person. Depending on when you arrive, it may take a few hours until your room is ready. This way you can still go swimming if you want, or change your clothes after the plane ride. The resort can hold your luggage until your room is available.

Don't forget your sunscreen, and then don't forget to reapply if you are sweating in the summer.

If you want, purchase hand-held spray fans to help keep cool during the hot & humid summer months. They're \$20 if you buy them there.

Don't forget to bring sweatshirts or sweat jackets for cool evenings in the fall and winter. Sweatshirts in the parks are expensive! – check the weather first.

Bring a portable cell phone charger. The apps/pictures can use up your battery.

WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER:

[First Time Tips for The Wizarding World of Harry Potter \(universalorlando.com\)](#)

- The Interactive Wands are worth it – a lot of fun for kids and adults!
- [A Gryffindor's Guide to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter \(universalorlando.com\)](http://universalorlando.com)
- [A Hufflepuff's Guide to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter \(universalorlando.com\)](http://universalorlando.com)
- [A Ravenclaw's Guide to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter \(universalorlando.com\)](http://universalorlando.com)
- [A Slytherin's Guide to The Wizarding World of Harry Potter \(universalorlando.com\)](http://universalorlando.com)
- [The Ultimate Guide to Hagrid's Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure at Universal Orlando Resort](http://universalorlando.com)
- [Your Guide to the Details Harry Potter Fans Will Appreciate About Hogwarts Castle \(universalorlando.com\)](http://universalorlando.com)

WATERPARK FUN! [Ultimate Guide to Volcano Bay at Universal Orlando Resort - Discover Universal](#)

JURASSIC PARK: [Universal Orlando's Ultimate Guide to Jurassic Park - Discover Universal](#)

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY

Buy rain ponchos **before** you leave to bring with you. There can be brief, but drenching thunderstorms that you don't want to be caught in. Plus, the parks don't close in the event of rain, though some individual rides may. Rain ponchos at the park are VERY expensive!

Check out Universal's Blog: [Tips for a Rainy Day at Universal Orlando Resort - Discover Universal](#)

SAFETY

Make a copy, or take a picture with your phone, of your ID, important documents, and any credit cards you may bring with you. This is to ensure that you have the telephone numbers and other information needed to report a lost or stolen card.

Each morning take a picture of your child/children. This is in case you get separated or lost from one another. You then have a photograph with what they look like and what they are wearing that day.

STROLLERS:

I recommend bringing your own so it doesn't look like everyone else's.

However Single-day and multi-day stroller rentals are available at all Disney Theme Parks. Look for the stroller symbol on each Disney Theme Park Guidemap, available at the Park entrances. Strollers cannot be pre-rented from the park.

You can also rent from outside companies such as <https://www.orlandostrollerrentals.com/> (Beach Bum Vacation does not endorse this company specifically, but overall this company does get good reviews online.)

ORLANDO GROCERY EXPRESS:

<https://www.orlandogroceryexpress.com/?rfsn=5580947.b4d66e>

Great way to order food/alcohol/drinks/diapers, etc. to be delivered to your room so you don't have to pack!

UNIVERSAL CITY WALK: City walk is a great place for dining, shopping, nightlife, and activities:
[CityWalk™: The Epicenter of Awesome | Universal Orlando™](#)

Traveling during the holidays? Check out holiday shopping guide. [Your Holiday Shopping Guide to Universal Orlando Resort - Discover Universal](#)

Travel around the world! [Travel Around the Globe at Universal Orlando Resort - Discover Universal](#)

FAMILY TRAVEL

Remember – you can't do it all, and what the kids don't know, won't hurt them. 😊 Enjoy the experience without rushing through everything.

Ultimate Guide: [Family Weekend Guide to Universal Orlando Resort](#)

Traveling with a Baby: [How to Do Universal Orlando Resort with a Baby](#)