

TripAdvisor Announces the World’s Favourite Destinations for Fun with Travellers’ Choice Amusement Parks and Water Parks

Sea World, Queensland named #1 Amusement Park in the South Pacific, According to TripAdvisor’s Community of Millions

Sydney, July 15, 2014 – [TripAdvisor®](#), the world’s largest travel site*, today announced the winners of its Travellers’ Choice™ awards for Amusement Parks and Water Parks around the globe. In total, 242 winners were identified, including the top 25 in the world and dedicated lists for the South Pacific, Asia, Canada, China, Europe, India, South America, , the U.K. and the U.S. Taking out 9 of the top 10 spots, Australia looks to be the destination for fun in the South Pacific, with Sea World placed first in the region.

“Travellers in search of outdoor entertainment should look no further than the TripAdvisor Travellers’ Choice Amusement Parks and Water Parks,” said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. “There is a wide variety of activities to appeal to all ages at these top-rated parks across the globe.”

Travellers’ Choice awards honour top travel spots worldwide based on the millions of valuable reviews and opinions from TripAdvisor travellers. Award winners were determined using an algorithm that took into account the quantity and quality of reviews for amusement parks and water parks worldwide, gathered over a 12-month period.

“Sea World Australia is honoured to receive the 2014 TripAdvisor’s Travellers’ Choice award for Water Parks. We pride ourselves on giving guests an amazing experience where they can be surrounded by our beautiful marine life in a fun and educational environment, making Sea World Australia the ideal one stop holiday destination,” said Bikash Randhawa, General Manager, Sea World Australia.

Amusement and Water Parks – South Pacific

1.	Sea World , Main Beach, QLD
2.	Dreamworld , Coomera, QLD
3.	Wave Lagoon , Darwin, NT
4.	WetSide Water Education Park , Hervey Bay, QLD
5.	Splash Planet , Hastings, New Zealand
6.	Whitewater World , Coomera, QLD
7.	The Beachouse , Glenelg, VIC
8.	Magic Mountain , Merimbula, NSW
9.	Top Shots Fun Park , Maroochydore, QLD
10.	Aussie World , Palmview, QLD

Water Parks – World

1. [Siam Park](#), Adeje, Spain
2. [Beach Park](#), Aquiraz, Brazil
3. [Disney’s Blizzard Beach Water Park](#), Orlando, Florida
4. [Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon Water Park](#), Orlando, Florida
5. [Waterbom Bali](#), Kuta, Indonesia
6. [Wild Wadi Water Park](#), Dubai, United Arab Emirates
7. [Hot Park – Brazil](#), Rio Quente, Brazil
8. [Aquaventure Waterpark](#), Dubai, United Arab Emirates
9. [Thermas Dos Laranjais](#), Olimpia, Brazil
10. [Eco Parque Arraial d’Ajuda](#), Arraial d’Ajuda, Brazil

Amusement Parks – World

1. [Discovery Cove](#), Orlando, Florida
2. [Europa-Park](#), Rust, Germany

3. [Universal's Islands of Adventure](#), Orlando, Florida
4. [Magic Kingdom](#), Orlando, Florida
5. [Disney's Hollywood Studios](#), Orlando, Florida
6. [Beto Carrero World](#), Penha, Brazil
7. [Disneyland Park](#), Anaheim, California
8. [Universal Studios Singapore](#), Sentosa Island, Singapore
9. [PortAventura Park](#), Salou, Spain
10. [Disney's Animal Kingdom](#), Orlando, Florida

Queensland Shines Bright on the South Pacific Amusement and Water Parks List

Occupying 6 of the top 10 spots on the South Pacific Amusement and Water Parks list, the Sunshine State reigns supreme. Taking out the top two spots, the Gold Coast has long been known for its crowd-pulling theme parks, but some surprise amusement parks such as Top Shots Fun Park and Darwin's Wave Lagoon, mean there are new experiences to be found even for the most die-hard thrill seekers.

Amusement and Water Parks a Summer Holiday Activity; Make Aussies Feel Young Again

According to a TripAdvisor survey¹ of more than 800 Australian travellers, visiting an amusement park is an activity of choice for the warmer months with the majority of respondents (83%) listing September to January as the best months to visit an amusement or water park.

Proving to be a popular summer holiday activity, three-fifths (62 %) of respondents are prepared to travel more than 1,000 kilometres to get to an amusement park and will, more often than not, plan a few days of holiday around their visit (54%). In demonstration that amusement parks are not just for children, over three quarters (78%) of respondents revealed that going to an amusement or waterpark made them feel young again.

For the complete list of winners from the 2014 Travellers' Choice Amusement Parks and Water Parks list, as well as reviews and candid traveller photos, go to:

<http://www.tripadvisor.com.au/TravellersChoice-Attractions-cAmusementParks>

<http://www.tripadvisor.com.au/TravellersChoice-Attractions-cWaterParks>

To see the best hotels for luxury, bargain and more, as honoured in TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards for Hotels from January 2014, go to:

www.tripadvisor.com.au/TravellersChoice-Hotels.

¹The survey was conducted with 813 travellers in Australia from 10 to 14 July 2014.

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