

## World's Top Amusement Parks Named in 2015 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards Universal's Islands of Adventures #1 in the World; TripAdvisor Shares Guide to Orlando Highlighting Airfare, Restaurants and Family-Friendly Hotels Bookable on the Site World's Largest Travel Site Also Names Best Water Parks Across the Globe

**NEEDHAM, Mass., July 15, 2015** – TripAdvisor®, the world's largest travel site\*, today announced its Travelers' Choice™ awards for amusement parks and water parks around the globe. This year's awards honor 244 attractions in total, including the top 25 in the world and dedicated lists for Asia, Canada, Europe, India, South America, South Pacific, the U.K. and the U.S. The annual awards are based on the millions of valuable reviews and opinions from TripAdvisor travelers across the globe. 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.

"Thrill-seekers can get their tickets to excitement at these Travelers' Choice award-winning attractions that have received rave reviews from the TripAdvisor community," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "Appealing to the young and young at heart, these entertaining enclaves offer a variety of budget-friendly accommodations and dining options that are highly-rated on TripAdvisor."

### Top 10 Travelers' Choice Amusement Parks in the U.S. and World

Amusement Parks – U.S.	Amusement Parks – World
1. <a href="#">Universal's Islands of Adventure</a> – Orlando, Florida	1. <a href="#">Universal's Islands of Adventure</a> – Orlando, Florida
2. <a href="#">Discovery Cove</a> – Orlando, Florida	2. <a href="#">Discovery Cove</a> – Orlando, Florida
3. <a href="#">Magic Kingdom</a> – Orlando, Florida	3. <a href="#">Magic Kingdom</a> – Orlando, Florida
4. <a href="#">Universal Studios Hollywood</a> – Los Angeles, California	4. <a href="#">Universal Studios Hollywood</a> – Los Angeles, California
5. <a href="#">Disney's Hollywood Studios</a> – Orlando, Florida	5. <a href="#">Disney's Hollywood Studios</a> – Orlando, Florida
6. <a href="#">Universal Studios Florida</a> – Orlando, Florida	6. <a href="#">Universal Studios Florida</a> – Orlando, Florida
7. <a href="#">Disneyland Park</a> – Anaheim, California	7. <a href="#">Europa-Park</a> – Rust, Germany
8. <a href="#">Disney's Animal Kingdom</a> – Orlando, Florida	8. <a href="#">Disneyland Park</a> – Anaheim, California
9. <a href="#">Cedar Point Amusement Park</a> – Sandusky, Ohio	9. <a href="#">Beto Carrero World</a> – Penha, Brazil
10. <a href="#">SeaWorld Orlando</a> – Orlando, Florida	10. <a href="#">PortAventura Park</a> – Salou, Spain

### Top 10 Travelers' Choice Water Parks in the U.S. and World

Water Parks – U.S.	Water Parks – World
1. <a href="#">Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park</a> – Orlando, Florida	1. <a href="#">Siam Park</a> – Adeje, Spain
2. <a href="#">Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park</a> – Orlando, Florida	2. <a href="#">Beach Park</a> – Aquiraz, Brazil
3. <a href="#">Holiday World &amp; Splashin' Safari</a> – Santa Claus, Indiana	3. <a href="#">Waterbom Bali</a> – Kuta, Indonesia
4. <a href="#">Aquatica</a> – Orlando, Florida	4. <a href="#">Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park</a> – Orlando, Florida
5. <a href="#">Water Country USA</a> – Williamsburg, Virginia	5. <a href="#">Aquaventure Waterpark</a> – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
6. <a href="#">NRH20 Family Water Park</a> – North Richland Hills, Texas	6. <a href="#">Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park</a> – Orlando, Florida
7. <a href="#">Slidewaters</a> – Chelan, Washington	7. <a href="#">Wild Wadi Water Park</a> – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
8. <a href="#">Roaring Springs Waterpark</a> – Meridian, Idaho	8. <a href="#">Hot Park</a> – Rio Quente, Brazil
9. <a href="#">Lost Island Water Park</a> – Waterloo, Iowa	9. <a href="#">Thermas dos Laranjais</a> – Olimpia, Brazil
10. <a href="#">Waldameer Park &amp; Water World</a> – Erie, Pennsylvania	10. <a href="#">Holiday World &amp; Splashin' Safari</a> – Santa Claus, Indiana

### Quick Guide to Orlando

Renowned as "The Theme Park Capital of the World," Orlando is home to seven of the top 10 Travelers' Choice award-winning amusement parks in the U.S., including Universal's Islands of Adventure at number one. In addition to boasting 538 attractions, the family-friendly city has 348 accommodations with an average nightly hotel rate of \$161<sup>1</sup> on TripAdvisor.

Adventure-seekers can explore the city's myriad parks and sites without breaking the bank, as TripAdvisor has identified average roundtrip airfare from popular U.S. cities to Orlando over the next three months, as well as family-friendly value hotels and restaurants near award-winning attractions.

### Average Roundtrip Airfare to Orlando

City of Origin	July	August	September
Atlanta, GA	\$102	\$97	\$92

Chicago, IL	\$207	\$180	\$158
Dallas, TX	\$291	\$198	\$149
Los Angeles, CA	\$516	\$438	\$406
New York City, NY	\$331	\$321	\$280
Seattle, WA	\$726	\$546	\$434

#### “Off-Campus” and Seasonal Savings

On average, travelers can save 55 percent<sup>1</sup> by booking a hotel located outside of an Orlando amusement park. The most affordable time to enjoy a stay at an Orlando hotel is September when the average nightly hotel rate is \$138<sup>2</sup>, 26 percent less than its peak March price of \$187 per night.

#### Staying and Eating Near Travelers’ Choice Amusement Parks in Orlando

##### Universal’s Islands of Adventure – Orlando, Florida

*One day admission*<sup>3</sup>: adult – \$102, child – \$97

*Family-friendly value hotel*<sup>4</sup>: The Point Orlando Resort – Average nightly rate for 2015: \$135

*Family-friendly restaurant*<sup>5</sup>: Teak Neighborhood Grill, serving classic American fare including burgers, chicken wings, and pizza

##### Discovery Cove – Orlando, Florida:

*One day admission*: adult and child – \$379

*Family-friendly value hotel*: Floridays Resort Orlando – Average nightly rate for 2015: \$223

*Family-friendly restaurant*: Hot Krust Panini Kitchen, offering gourmet grilled sandwiches, salads and soups

##### Magic Kingdom – Orlando, Florida:

*One day admission*: adult – \$105, child – \$99

*Family-friendly value hotel*: Parc Soleil by Hilton Grand Vacations Club – Average nightly rate for 2015: \$175

*Family-friendly restaurant*: Raglan Road Irish Pub & Restaurant, serving Irish favorites including shepherd’s pie, and fish and chips

##### Disney’s Hollywood Studios – Orlando, Florida:

*One day admission*: adult – \$97, child – \$91

*Family-friendly value hotel*: CLC Encantada Resort – Average nightly rate for 2015: \$174

*Family-friendly restaurant*: Q’kenan, offering Latin cuisine such as empanadas and arepas

##### Universal Studios Florida – Orlando, Florida:

*One day admission*: adult – \$102, child – \$97

*Family-friendly value hotel*: Rosen Shingle Creek – Average nightly rate for 2015: \$194

*Family-friendly restaurant*: Border Grill Fresh-Mex serving enchiladas, quesadillas, and burritos

##### Disney’s Animal Kingdom – Orlando, Florida:

*One day admission*: adult – \$97, child – \$91

*Family-friendly value hotel*: Shades of Green Hotel – Average nightly rate for 2015: \$112

*Family-friendly restaurant*: Sanaa – offering Indian cuisine such as lamb kefta sliders and naan

##### SeaWorld Orlando – Orlando, Florida:

*One day admission*: adult and child – \$87

*Family-friendly value hotel*: Marriott’s Harbour Lake – Average nightly rate for 2015: \$197

*Family-friendly restaurant*: First Watch – serving gourmet soups and sandwiches including Baja turkey burgers, Reubens and Monterey clubs

For the complete list of winners in the 2015 Travelers’ Choice awards for amusement parks and water parks as well as reviews and candid traveler photos, go to: [www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Attractions-cAmusementParks](http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Attractions-cAmusementParks)

[www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Attractions-cWaterParks](http://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Attractions-cWaterParks)

#### Notes to editors:

<sup>1</sup>Average nightly rates of properties located both in and outside of Orlando parks are based on TripAdvisor data for January 1 through December 31, 2015, aggregated from booking partners including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers.

<sup>2</sup>Average monthly hotel rates are based on TripAdvisor data for January 1 through December 31, 2015, aggregated from booking partners including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers.

<sup>3</sup>Amusement park admissions are based on current pricing sourced from each of the award winning parks.

<sup>4</sup>Family-friendly value hotels have a minimum of three-and-a-half out of five TripAdvisor bubble rating and are located within five miles of each amusement park. Hotel pricing is based on TripAdvisor data for January 1 through December 31, 2015, aggregated from booking partners, including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers.

<sup>5</sup>Family-friendly restaurants have a minimum of three-and-a-half out of five TripAdvisor bubble rating and are located within five miles of each amusement park.

#### About TripAdvisor

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\*Source: comScore Media Metrix for TripAdvisor Sites, worldwide, December 2014

\*\*Source: Google Analytics, average monthly unique users, Q1 2015

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