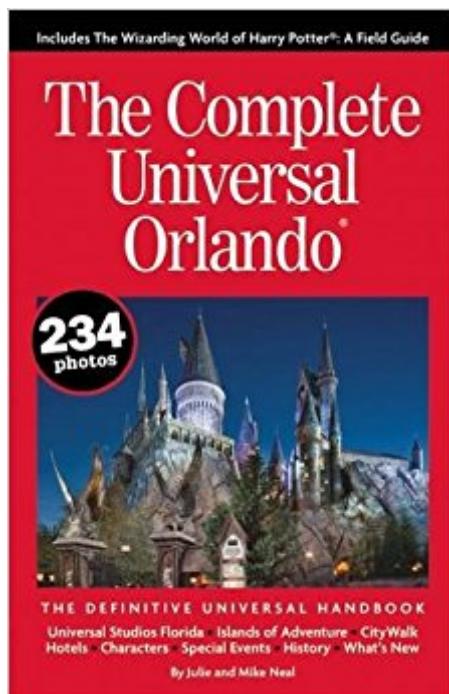


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# The Complete Universal Orlando: The Definitive Universal Handbook



## Synopsis

Your best vacation ever. Filled with the most detailed information ever published about Universal Orlando, this full-color guide combines a thorough description of everything Universal has to offer with a cornucopia of advice and insight to help you enjoy it. In other words, it's a handbook on how to have fun. Also included: more than 1,000 fun finds and secrets, Universal history and 234 photographs. The book comes from Julie and Mike Neal, authors of the award-winning guidebook series "The Complete Walt Disney World."

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Congratulations. You have purchased the best book there is about one of the best theme-park resorts in the world. Yes that's not very modest, but we really think it's true. The more you look at this book, the more you will enjoy your visit. But before you start flipping through it, please take a minute and read these two pages. They explain the book and help you get the most out of it. You should know: our ratings are weird. We rate every attraction from one to five stars. But that doesn't mean a five-star ride is better than a four-star ride. It means a five-star ride lives up to its promise better than a four-star ride. As for the attractions we think are best, we give those checkmarks. A handbook. Really. This book is written, as the catchphrase on the back cover says, to be "a handbook on how to have fun." That means it focuses on helping you enjoy each attraction, regardless of how good it is. It's also deep. To get the most out of Universal Orlando, we think it helps to fully understand it. That's why there's a chapter on Universal Pictures history, another on Universal Orlando history, another just on its characters. That's why there

are 24 scoring tips for the Men in Black Alien Attack ride, and 49 Fun Finds for it. Are you a Harry Potter fan? Read the last chapter, our Wizarding World of Harry Potter Field Guide. Don't know about Harry? Read the introduction to that chapter. Something else you should know. The authors went crazy on this one. Already residents of Orlando, we moved to Universal to create the book. We actually lived on its property, in an apartment directly behind the Men in Black ride (our dog hated the fireworks). We spent two years roaming Universal's parks and other areas, literally hundreds of days. We voiced our impressions of roller coasters and other rides directly into our phones as soon as we hopped off them, to make sure we captured each experience well. We photographed Universal at dawn, at dusk, at midnight. As for our 22-year-old daughter Micaela... well, flip back to that field guide.

Julie Neal lives in Orlando.

Great resource and easy to read format!

It is a good book for information on Universal Studios.

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Terrific book!

Very helpful to make the most of your time at Universal - Great tips and recommendations!

The book contained a lot of details I didn't care about and had few details about things I wanted to know. For example, it includes about 50 pages of the history of Universal Studios. The rides are described in innate detail - for example it describes almost every prop and painting on the walls of the Harry Potter Hogwarts castle. But it is missing things I want to know - like a crowd calendar I can use, what the typical hours the parks are open, touring plans, where to park, how to manage wait times, and just generally I felt it didn't offer helpful tips to a first time visitor to the parks. The most helpful tip was that Universal Studio's has an app that will give you wait times, hours of operation, interactive maps etc. We ended up using our Unofficial Guide 2013 Walt Disney World guidebook from our visit a few years ago to Disney World. It had a section on Universal Studios. Even though some information was outdated, I got better overall tips on how to prepare for our trip.

must have book. alot of pictures and information about the park.

This book is fabulous. Lots of gorgeous pictures and tons of detailed descriptions.

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