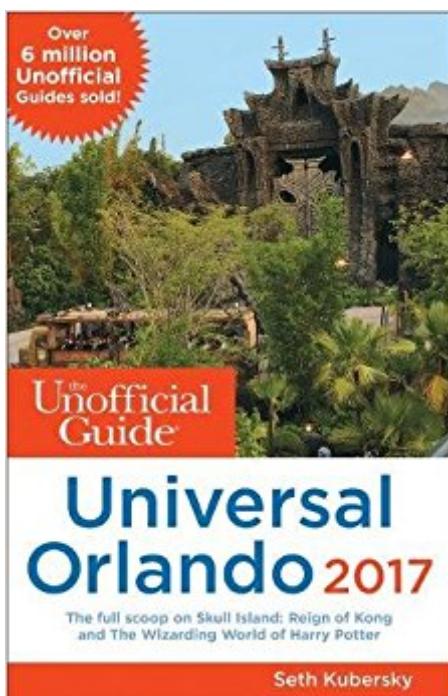


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# The Unofficial Guide To Universal Orlando 2017 (The Unofficial Guides)



## Synopsis

THE Comprehensive Guide to Universal Orlando Compiled and written by a former Universal Orlando employee, and based upon decades of research from a team whose work has been cited by such diverse sources as USA Today and Operations Research Forum, The Unofficial Guide to Universal Orlando by Seth Kubersky is packed with detailed, specific information on every ride, show, and restaurant in the resort, including insider details on Harry Potter's Hogsmeade and Diagon Alley, as well as the new Skull Island: Reign of Kong attraction. Step-by-step detailed touring plans allow you to make the most of every minute and dollar during your Universal Orlando vacation. Includes info on where to find the cheapest Universal Orlando admission tickets, how to save big on Universal on-site hotel rooms and skip the regular lines in the parks, when to visit Universal Orlando for the lightest crowds, and everything else you need to know for a stress-free Universal Orlando experience.

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What's NEW in the 2017 edition? In-depth critical reviews of every attraction including the new Skull Island: Reign of Kong, plus previews of the upcoming Race Through New York starring Jimmy Fallon and Fast & Furious: Supercharged rides. Information on all the Universal resort hotels, including an up-close look at the new Loews Sapphire Falls Resort, and how to get the most out of exclusive on-site benefits like Early Park Admission. Ratings and reviews of more than 80 restaurants, including CityWalk's new Toothsome Chocolate Emporium and all other full-service

eateries in Universal's theme parks and hotels. A sneak peak at the new Volcano Bay water park, debuting in 2017. Complete coverage of The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Hogshead Village and Diagon Alley, with updated tips for experiencing the Escape from Gringotts and Forbidden Journey rides. Advice on best times of year to visit and how to get around the lines, with details on Universal's exciting seasonal events like Halloween Horror Nights and Mardi Gras. Patented, field-tested touring plans that save you hours in line.

Seth Kubersky has worked for more than 20 years as a theatrical artist, culture critic, and travel journalist. In addition to coauthoring *The Unofficial Guide to Disneyland and Beyond Disney: The Unofficial Guide to SeaWorld, Universal Orlando, & the Best of Central Florida*, Seth is also a contributor to *The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World* and *The Unofficial Guide to Las Vegas*. Kubersky also writes for *TouringPlans.com* and *Orlando Attractions Magazine*. Every week, you can read Seth's coverage of Orlando's art and entertainment scene in his column *Live Active Cultures*, featured in each issue of the *Orlando Weekly*, Central Florida's leading alternative newspaper. Seth lives in downtown Orlando, FL, with his wife, Genevieve, and their cat, Brubeck.

Have been going to Disney World for years, but this year my granddaughter wants to head on over to Universal to see Harry Potter. I bought the book, *Universal Orlando*, and after several days of reading, feel confident that I can maneuver this theme park. Great, easy to follow information.

Well I am very unhappy with this book! I got the 2017 version and was so excited to order the 2018 when it comes out..but it's extremely stupid. First of all its purose is to compare Orlando to Disney. So that should be the title of the book! So..I guess I should compare this book to the amazing Disney books?? The Disney books with full color, better print, and better maps helped me plan my vaca easily! 2nd, This is the same info on touring plans Web page I can see for free!!! I wanted a book ABOUT THE PARKS to help me plan my vaca! This information may be in there but it is jam packed and crowed in Itty bitty print, with so much garbage to read through before getting down to the actual info I need. And really, the EXACT same stuff thats on the website??? I'm sorry, but I do NOT have time to read this crap. Ugh.((Ex. For the flight of the hippogriff: the website says it's a children's roller coaster and compares it to the woody wood pecker one...-umm, dah never been there don't know that one either-...the website also said it appeals to preschool, grade school, adults and seniors. Ok...so is it an actual kiddie ride? Or a kiddie ride that any one can ride, like more of a family ride (like a carousel?). So..I buy the book to answers these questions. And I kid u not...the

text in the book is the EXACT same thing! Same 2 paragraphs describing the hippogriff ride, word for word and no pic for clarity. Super annoying.)) Sorry for my rant but I am disappointed. Should have trusted my instinct and just went to the library! It deserves no stars. I wish I could post pics but my phone won't let me, I will try to add some later.

Helped me and my girls make the most of our Orlando trip to Universal and Islands of adventure's Potter realms.

Have read this cover to cover and done lots of highlightingredients! Have gotten so many great tips!

Super handy guidebook chock full of information about everything the park(s) have to offer

This book was great. It was updated for 2017 and covers everything from how to reduce wait times to hotels and touring plans. We used the tips in this book and did not wait in any lines longer than 30 minutes the whole time - during Christmas/New Years with 10/10 crowd calendar. Worth every penny!

Quite helpful. Made a three day stay much smoother.

Definitely worth the money! This book gave me all the details I needed to plan a great day at the parks! I saved tons of time by avoiding things we could do without and focusing on the rides and shows that best fit our family.

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