

## *Universal Studios Orlando - Quick Reference Ride Guide*

### Entrance area

Shrek 4 – D – 3D theater with moving seats (good one for little ones to do while others ride Rip Ride Rockit)

Despicable Me Minion Mayhem – 4D theater ride that seats move all about: front row is stationary if you are prone to motion sickness. \*\*Must do

Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit – Looping coaster; each passenger selects his/her own music \*\*Must do for coaster riders (stay away if you get motion sickness): Must put EVERYTHING in lockers- they scan you

Transformers: The Ride 3D – 3D in cart that travels (not good if you have motion sickness); may scare younger crowd \*\* Popular ride. This one is down the street across from Rip Ride and along the side of Shrek.

### New York

Race Through New York Starring Jimmy Fallon – new ride; 3D that takes you through streets of New York

Revenge of the Mummy – roller coaster (scary for little ones, but awesome ride) \*\*Must do for older crowd; must put bags in lockers

Blues Brothers Show – sing along show on street across from the Mummy

### Staying to the Left Side

Fast & Furious Supercharged – new ride. Another 3D ride that holds lots of folks as they race around.

### London Area and Diagon Alley: (most amazing stuff ever even if you aren't a Harry Potter fan)

Knight Bus – interact with bus driver and try out phone both near Diagon Alley entrance

Hogwarts Express: King's Cross Station – train ride that takes you to Hogsmeade at Islands of Adventure \*\* Must do for all. But save until you have seen the rest of the area or until you are ready to change parks

Tales of Beedle Bard Show – on Stage to the left when you enter

Celestina Warbeck Show – same stage

Harry Potter and Escape from Gringotts – 3D ride that is fast in some parts (scary for little ones) \*\* Must do for older crowd; Must put bags in lockers

### Tips:

Dragon breathes fire every so often – stand there until you see it. (Growling sound usually tips you off when it is coming).

Interactive Wands at Ollivanders– purchase necessary (\$60 when we bought them a few years back), but they are awesome if you like to perform magic. Map and spells provided with purchase.

Don't miss Knock Turn alley on the right side just after the restaurant.

HP fans should go in every shop and look at everything inside and out: there are all sorts of cool things to experience: keep your eyes open!

Gringotts Money Exchange – talk to Goblins and exchange currency to use in the Harry Potter areas

After exiting Diagon Alley area and heading left, look for the Goblin who opens the curtain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartments

Next area:

Fear Factor Live – audience members audition earlier and can be participants; drink nasty things and have physical challenges, etc.

Men in Black Alien Attack – shoot aliens and spins a bit. Must put bags in lockers

Simpsons area:

Simpsons Ride – jerky 3D Ride (not good if you have motion sickness)

Kang & Kodos Twirl ‘n’ Hurl – like Dumbo or the Magic Carpet ride at Disney

Woody Woodpecker’s Kids Zone: Turning to the left after the Simpsons area: (this area is great for little ones)

Animal Actors On Location – cute show that show cases animals used in movies

ET Adventure – “bike ride through the sky” all ages, but little ones and people who grew up with ET will like

Fievel’s Playland – water ride, gigantic props, big play area with all sorts of fun stuff for young kids

Woody Woodpecker’s Nuthouse Coaster – Similar to Goofy’s coaster at Disney

Barney Show and Play Area after the show – interactive show for children

Curious George Goes to Town – water playground with foam ball blasting play area in the back (bathing suits and flip flops are a good idea or a change of clothes)

Heading back to the entry area:

Horror Make-Up Show – very funny, but not appropriate for younger children

Parade: Universal’s Superstar Parade; cute, but not nearly as big a deal as the Disney parades. Good for little ones to see characters though. They come out/ end up right next to the Horror Make Up Show – good place to stand

Nighttime show: once again, it’s ok, but nothing compared to the Disney fireworks/show