

Universal Studios Tour Tips

If you had your choice, would you spend a day soaring, speeding, spinning and splashing, or would you rather find yourself on the set of a big screen film? The good news is, you don't have to decide. You can have it all with a Universal Studios Tour.

Universal Studios began offering tours in 1964. Now, more than four decades later, Universal Studios still makes movies and still offers tours, but now they're putting you right in the center of it all.

Now considered one of the worlds' largest amusement parks, Universal Studios has combined movie-making magic with a theme park loaded with thrilling rides, to become one of the most popular tourist attractions.

Your Universal Studios tour will take about one hour. Join a guide for a tram ride around the studio's 420 acres, where you'll see stars' dressing rooms, production offices and even Hollywood stars. Where else can you see a New York City street and a rootin' tootin' western town, all in the same hour? The Universal Studios tour will include stops at famous sets from "Back to the Future", "Curse of the Mummy's Tomb", "Jurassic Park III", and "The Grinch". Forget any other boring tours you may have taken with monotonous tour guides. You'll see action, drama, wonders of nature and absolute disasters!

Once you've finished your Universal Studios tour, it's time to move on to the theme park. All of the rides have movie-oriented themes, like Jurassic Park, Back to the Future, Revenge of the Mummy, Terminator 2 and Shrek. Of course, Universal Studios is all about entertainment. You'll see Waterworld, a theater presentation that features many special effects and stunts. Backdraft, Spider Man Rocks and Animal Planet Live are other shows with terrific stage effects.

Need more excitement? Visit the Universal Studios TV Audience Ticket Booth. Here you will have access to free tickets that will allow you to be part of the audience for television shows being taped during your visit. It's just like being on TV! There is so much to see and do at Universal Studios, you'd need several day to pack in all of the fun.

Just outside of Universal Studios, you'll find the Universal City Walk. This is Universal Studios very own downtown core. Three blocks of stores, restaurants and clubs are available for you to explore and enjoy. No cars or motorized traffic are allowed in this area, as there are hundreds and sometimes thousands of pedestrians taking in all of the sights and sounds.

A Universal Studio tour just might be the perfect vacation to please everyone in your family. Plan a tour on its own, or add it to your Disneyland vacation plans. It is a day (or two) that you'll never forget.