A visit to Universal Studios Hollywood is a great day out! With exciting rides, great shows and the opportunity to learn about film-making and see real film sets, there’s something for all the family!

About Universal Studios

Universal Pictures is the oldest film company in America. In 1915, the company built Universal Studios at an old chicken farm in Hollywood, Los Angeles. For a 25-cent ticket, tourists could see actors in real films – and they could also buy eggs from the farm!

Today Universal Studios is one of the biggest film studios in America. It has made three of the most successful films in history: Jaws, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial and Jurassic Park. In 2008, a fire destroyed some of the studio and its attractions, but now it is completely open again – and it’s better than before.
The studio tour

A fantastic 45-minute tour takes visitors around the studio. You see real Hollywood sets, models and buildings from hundreds of films and TV programmes. But it isn’t easy to recognise them because people re-decorate the buildings and sets for every new film!

Universal Studios is still a working film studio, so sometimes people are making a film when the tour visits a set. You have to be quiet, but it’s a great opportunity to see real actors – and maybe a big star!

After the tour

After the studio tour, there are lots of other popular rides and shows:

- Learn how people use special effects to make films.
- Fall 26 metres into a lake in Jurassic Park!
- Meet the terrifying Imhotep of the Mummy films.
- Go to the Water World show and see some incredible stunts.

After all this excitement, you’ll probably feel hungry. There are lots of places to eat in the studios. You can sit in a café and look for film characters like Dracula, Shrek and Homer Simpson. Actors always walk around in costumes. You can also visit the shops and restaurants at Universal CityWalk. It’s next to the park, and there are free concerts in the evenings, too.

Visiting the studios

Universal Studios is open seven days a week (including national holidays) from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Universal CityWalk stays open later. There are lots of different tickets, from $80 for a normal one-day ticket to $289 for a VIP ticket. (With a VIP ticket, you get free meals all day, and you can walk around the film sets!)
A lot of tour companies visit Universal Studios, but you can also take a red line Metro train from Union Station to Universal City. The studios are very busy in the holidays and people sometimes have to wait a long time for rides, so arrive early.