

# Ultimate Guide to Epic Universe

AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO



DISNEY FOOD BLOG



#### RIDES-

#### STARDUST RACERS

Stardust Racers is a dual-launch racing coaster that'll take you soaring through the skies to see who's the fastest of them all. Two vehicles launch simultaneously and "race" each other, reaching speeds up to 62 miles per hour on a track that reaches up to 133 feet high. (YOW!) In total, there's 5,000 feet of track for you to race along. The ride vehicles will resemble comets (and will be fully illuminated at night).

#### **HEIGHT REQUIREMENT**

Riders must be at least 48" tall.

# CONSTELLATION CAROUSEL

Constellation Carousel is a family-friendly ride that will allow you "ride the constellations" as you take a spin on a creature such as a celestial lion, dragon, or peacock.

You'll go forward, backward, and even make 360-degree spins!

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

None, but children under 48" must be accompanied by a supervising companion. Also, hand-held infants are not permitted.



#### ATTRACTIONS-

#### **ASTRONOMICA**

You can make a SPLASH in
Astronomica, which is an
interactive wet-play area that will
double as a giant compass,
leading you to the other
immersive lands in Epic Universe!

### FOUNTAIN SHOWS

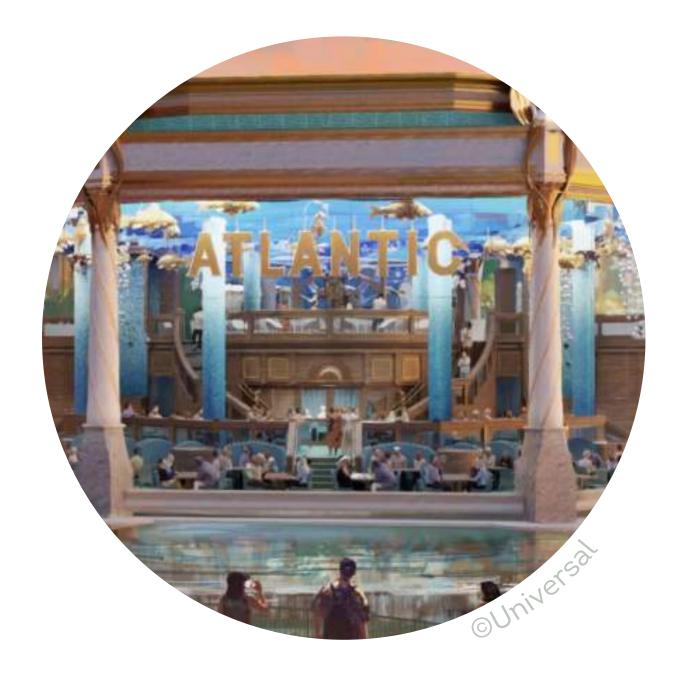
The dancing crystal blue fountains in this area of the park will spring to life all around you, with jet streams capable of reaching up to 135 feet into the air. Throughout the day (and night!) you can catch several fountain shows that perform to music and interactive lighting.

#### NINTENDO SUPER STAR STORE

The Nintendo Super Star Store will be a shop featuring toys, clothing, and various other souvenirs "based on characters from **SUPER NINTENDO WORLD** and more."



#### **RESTAURANTS-**



#### **Atlantic**

Atlantic will present full-service "surf and turf" dining inside a Victorian aquarium featuring beautiful views of <u>Celestial Park</u>.

The specialties of the house are steak and seafood, and guests will also be welcome to enjoy a cocktail at the Aquaria Bar.



#### The Blue Dragon Pan-Asian Restaurant

The Blue Dragon Pan-Asian Restaurant will present flavors of Asia with authentic Chinese, Japanese, and Thai meals in a full-service fashion inside a dining room where impressive neon dragons chase each other across the walls.

You'll also be able to pick up a cocktail over at The Tiger Bar.

# CELESTIAL PARK

#### RESTAURANTS-

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#### The Oak & Star Tavern

The Oak & Star Tavern will be serving up quick-service BBQ inside Celestial Park!



#### Pizza Moon

Who doesn't love PIZZA?? Pizza Moon knows what you want-so come HERE for a slice of 'za!



# Moonship Chocolates & Celestial Sweets

Need to satisfy your sweet tooth?
Moonship Chocolates & Celestial
Sweets has you covered!



#### RIDES-

# HARRY POTTER AND THE BATTLE AT THE MINISTRY

Before you experience Harry
Potter and the Battle at the
Ministry, you'll travel by MétroFloo from wizarding Paris to the
British Ministry of Magic for the
trial of Dolores Umbridge.

From here, you'll visit a full-sized grand atrium of the Ministry and venture through the departments before "boarding magical, omnidirectional lifts" to watch the trial. But then? Umbridge attempts to escape!

That means it's up to you, Harry, Ron, Hermione, and a house-elf named Higgledy to chase down Umbridge. You'll be propelled up, down, forward, backward, and sideways through the Ministry to try and stop Umbridge in her tracks. But you'll also need to dodge Death Eaters and other monstrous creatures while you're in pursuit!

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

Riders must be at least 40" tall.



#### ATTRACTIONS-

#### LE CIRQUE ARCANUS

Le Cirque Arcanus will be a full-scale theater experience featuring live performers, aerialists, amazing puppetry, and brilliant special effects to take guests on a "whirlwind journey where they'll encounter fantastic beasts like never before." The show follows Ringmaster Skender who has stolen Newt Scamander's suitcase full of Fantastic Beasts in a desperate attempt to try and bring the failing Le Cirque Arcanus back to its former glory. "It's then up to circus employee Gwenlyn to rescue these creatures before they end up in Skender's greedy hands forever.



#### ATTRACTIONS-

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# MINISTRY OF MAGIC CHARACTERS AND "ENVIRONMENTAL" INTERACTIONS

Universal has stated that "as guests explore the streets of wizarding Paris, they can use their interactive wands to create magical experiences as they cast spells at various locations, interact with fantastic beasts such as Nifflers, Bowtruckles and a Demiguise, and engage with enchanted objects in many of the storefront windows plus other areas throughout the marvelous Place Cachée."

Universal notes, "While exploring the streets of Place Cachée, guests will also encounter other visitors, officials and residents from the wizarding world, including exchange Students from the Hogwarts and Ilvermorny Schools of Witchcraft and Wizardry, an Auror from the Ministère des Affaires Magiques de la France who roams inquiring of suspicious characters, talking portraits of delightful wizards who engage with locals about the happenings in Place Cachée, and more."



#### ATTRACTIONS-

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#### **COSME ACAJOR BAGUETTES** MAGIQUE

According to Universal, "Guests can shop some of the world's finest wands designed by esteemed artisan wandmaker, Cosme Acajor, in the premier Parisian wand shop, Cosme Acajor Baguettes Magique. In addition to popular imports from Ollivanders, visitors will find a selection of exquisite wands packaged in unique three-sided boxes - each containing a list of locations throughout the wizarding world where guests can practice casting spells."

#### LES GALERIES **MIRIFIQUES**

In this shop, you'll find "wizarding gear and memorabilia."

#### K. RAMMELLE

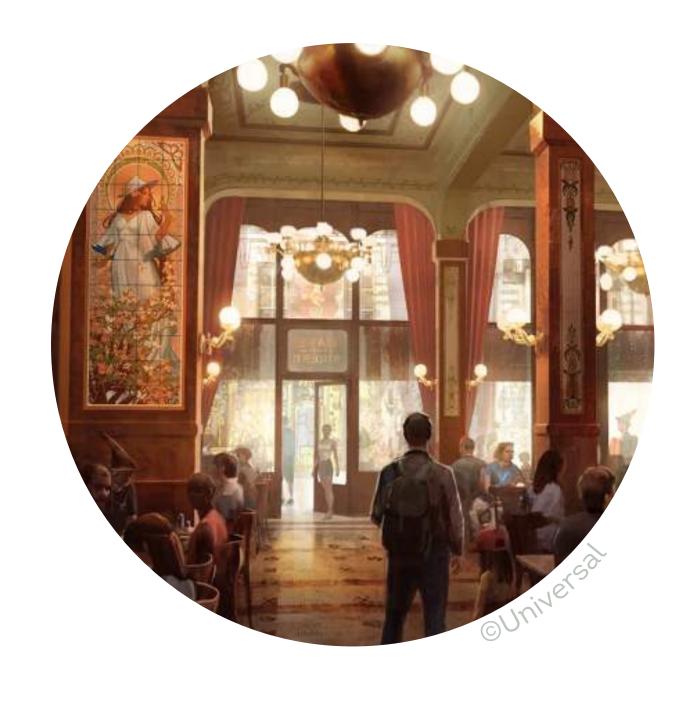
This "French confectionary shop" will certainly satisfy your sweet tooth!

#### TOUR EN FLOO

For some Ministry of Magic-inspired souvenirs, stop by this Métro-Floo gift shop.



#### RESTAURANTS-



#### Café L'Air De La Sirène

Café L'Air De La Sirène will be a quick service restaurant that Universal describes as a "charming café where guests can delight in French sandwiches, plats du jour and desserts." This spot will offer both indoor and outdoor dining, with a menu full of French baked goods, and more.

You'll also be able to grab Butterbeer, along with non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks (including beer, cocktails, and French wines).

Universal teased that there will be hidden details of fantastic beasts in the tile and mosaic designs – so keep your eyes peeled!

# MINISTRY OF MAGIC

### The Wizarding World of Harry Potter

#### RESTAURANTS-

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#### Le Gobelet Noir

According to Universal, Le Gobelet Noir is located "in the shadowy corners of Place Cachée" where "international Dark witches and wizards gather to escape the prying eyes of the Paris Ministry and have a hearty meal over hushed conversation."

This spot will offer starters such as soups and salads and a variety of entrées and desserts.



#### Bièraubuerre Cart

What is "Bièraubeurre"? Why, it's the famous Wizarding beverage BUTTERBEER, of course!



#### **Bar Moonshine**

Universal shares that "American witches and wizards can enjoy a taste of home at Bar Moonshine, where they'll find exclusive beers, wines and cocktails served amid U.S. Quidditch team pennants and other items of wizarding Americana."



# WORLD SUPER NITHIERDO

#### RIDES-

# MARIO KART: BOWSER'S CHALLENGE SUPER MARIO LAND

We've already seen a version of this ride in the existing Super Nintendo World areas in Universal Studios Japan and <u>Universal Studios Hollywood</u>—but now it's time for Orlando to join in on the fun!

Mario Kart: Bowser's Challenge combines practical sets and decorations along with virtual reality using special glasses to put you right in the driver's seat of the popular video game series. You'll enter through Bowser's Castle and then hop into your kart as part of Team Mario. Just like in the Mario Kart video games, you'll be collecting coins and items, driving through obstacles, and tossing items at Team Bowser.

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

Riders must be at least 40" tall, and children under 48" must have a supervising companion.



#### RIDES-

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# YOSHI'S ADVENTURE SUPER MARIO LAND

Similar to what you'll find in Universal Studios Japan, on Yoshi's Adventure, you'll be able to join the Yoshis on a search for glowing eggs throughout Mushroom Kingdom.

Don't worry-Yoshi is not going to take you out for a speed lap around Super Nintendo World. The brightly colored Yoshi ride vehicles will putt along at a slow-moving pace making this a great option for the whole family.

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

Riders must be at least 34" tall, and children under 48" require a supervising companion.

# MINE-CART MADNESS DONKEY KONG COUNTRY

On Mine-Cart Madness, you'll hop into a minecart and help Donkey Kong and Diddy Kong protect the golden banana. This ride will send you on a thrilling adventure with lots of jaw-dropping maneuvers like getting shot out of a barrel and the illusion of jumping over sections of missing/broken tracks.

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

Riders must be at least 36" tall, and children under 48" must be accompanied by a supervising companion. Also, hand-held infants are not permitted.



#### ATTRACTIONS-

#### MEET AND GREETS

Get ready to interact and take pictures with some of your favorite video game characters—including Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach, and Toad!

# 1-UP FACTORY AND MARIO MOTORS

These stores will carry souvenirs, apparel, toys, and more inspired by iconic Super Mario characters and adventures.

# KEY CHALLENGES AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

Throughout Super Nintendo World, there are interactive challenges you can participate in that'll "test your quickness, skill, and timing." If you opt to purchase a **Power-Up Band**, that will enhance your experience. These Power-Up Bands allow you to collect a digital key every time you win a Key Challenge. Power-Up Bands also let you collect digital coins and stamps, track your score, and check your rankings, among other things. If you gather enough keys, you may be able to unlock an exclusive showdown against Bowser Jr.!



#### RESTAURANTS-



#### **Toadstool Cafe**

Much like the other versions of Super Nintendo World around the world, the main culinary draw for Epic Universe's Super Nintendo World will be the Toadstool Cafe.

According to Universal, this quick service restaurant allows diners to "enjoy a variety of tasty dishes inspired by the world of Super Mario and its characters, including Mario and Luigi-themed burgers, Super Mushroom Soup, Piranha Plant Caprese, Fire Flower Spaghetti and Meatballs and so much more."



# SUPER NINTENDO WORLD

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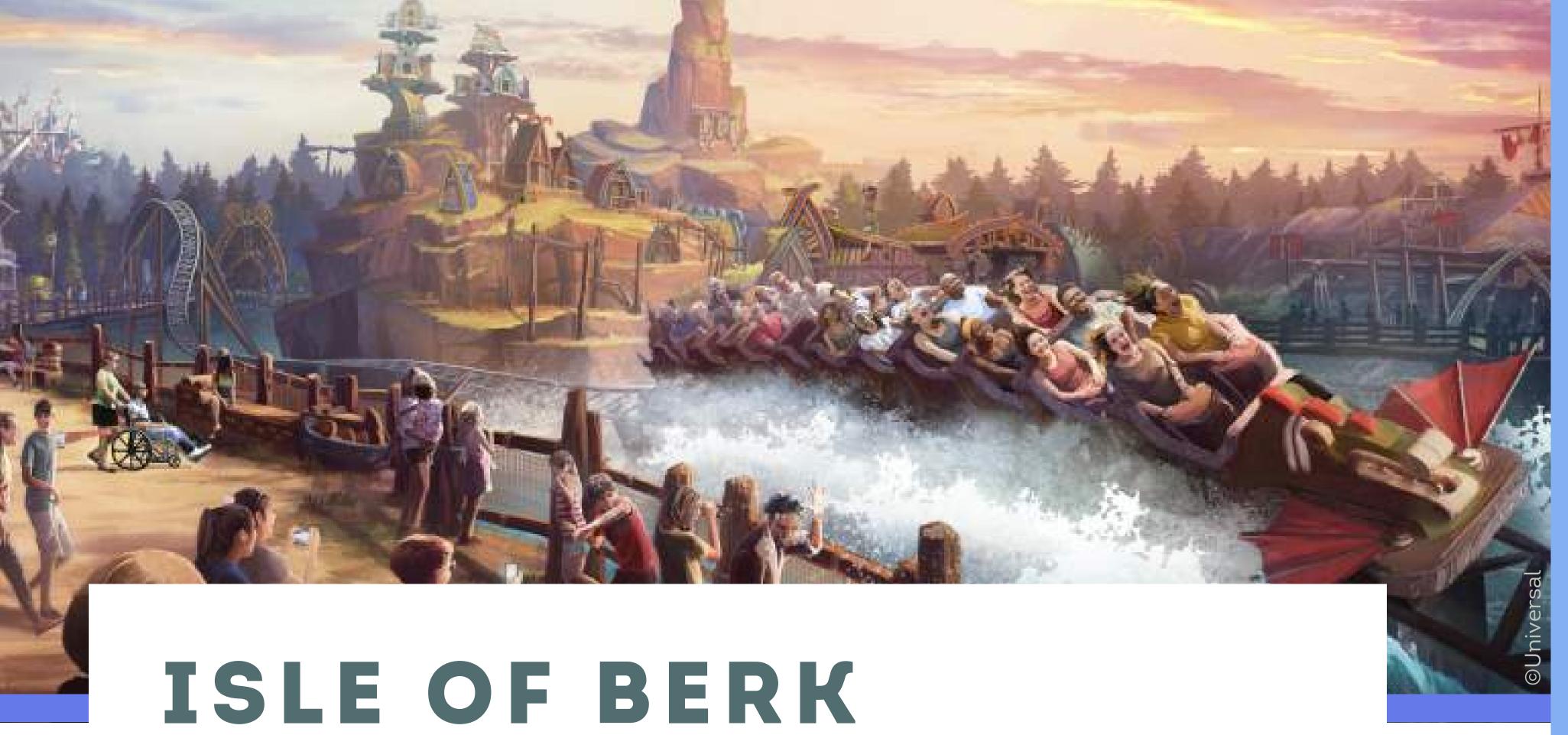
# Yoshi's Snack Island and Turbo Boost Treats

Yoshi's Snack Island and Turbo Boost Treats will each offer "delicious treats, snacks and beverages" when you're looking for something quick to munch on in Super Nintendo World!



#### More Is Coming to Donkey Kong Country

Universal has also noted that "A selection of tropical menu and merchandise offerings in the middle of the jungle-all inspired by the Donkey Kong Country video game franchise and its characters" will be available in the Donkey Kong Country section of this world.



#### RIDES-

#### HICCUP'S WING GLIDERS

Hiccup's Wing Gliders is a family thrill coaster where you'll join Hiccup to test out "his latest glider contraption!"

Hiccup, you see, has created a way for riders to simulate what it's like to fly on a dragon. His winged flying machine is designed to launch aspiring Dragon Riders swooping and soaring through the air.

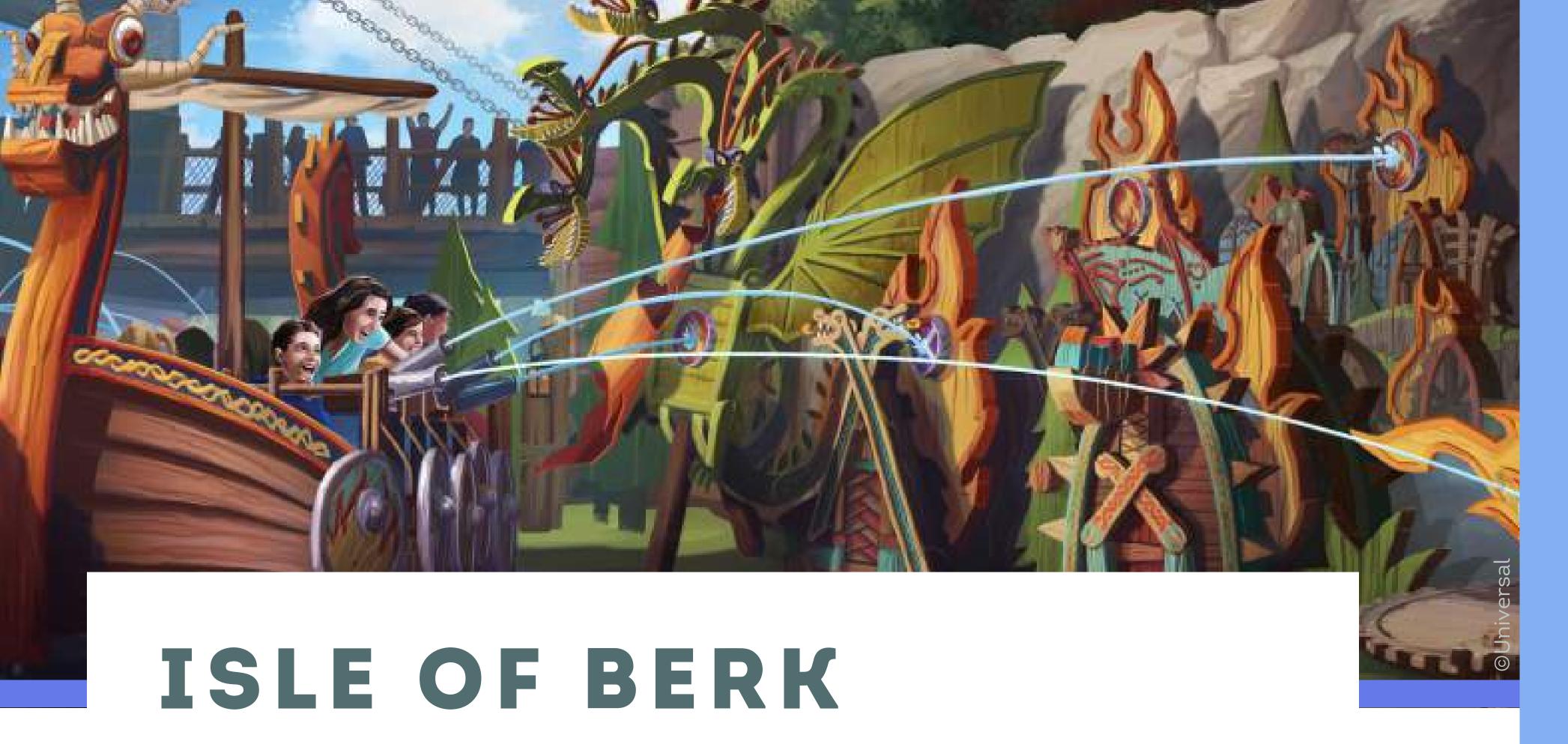
The dilemma? Well...Toothless isn't altogether thrilled with this new invention, which leads to a wild ride!

The coaster reaches speeds of up to 45 miles per hour, taking visitors around the perimeter of the land and across the lagoon.

There are even promises that riders will encounter BOTH Toothless and Hiccup along the way.

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

The height requirement for this coaster is 40", and children under 48" must be accompanied by a supervising companion. Also, handheld infants are not permitted.



#### RIDES-

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#### FYRE DRILL

Oh, boy... the Viking twins from How To Train Your Dragon-Ruffnut and Tuffnut-are in charge of Fyre Drill! Get ready to board a boat and take a trek down Berk's Fyre Skööl, where the brother and sister have designed an interactive boat battle.

What's the "Drill"? Well, you'll take on the role of a villager preparing to protect the town against firebreathing dragons!

On this ride, one side of the boat is competing with the other (it's a boat-ride-meets-game experience!), and Universal has issued fair warning that "you will get soaked!"

#### **HEIGHT REQUIREMENT**

No height requirement for this ride, but children under 48" must be accompanied by a supervising companion, and hand-held infants are not permitted.



#### RIDES-

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#### DRAGON RACER'S RALLY

Get ready for THRILLS on Dragon Racer's Rally! Here, YOU will be training to be a Champion Dragon Racer by praciticing aerobatic maneuvers and barrel rolls on a "Viking-made dragonriding trainer!"

That means you'll be spinning upside down and reaching heights up to 67 feet in the air!

Something that's good to know: YOU get to control how "wild or mild" your ride is, so it can be as exciting as you choose!

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

Riders must be 48" tall.



#### ATTRACTIONS-

#### MEET AND GREETS

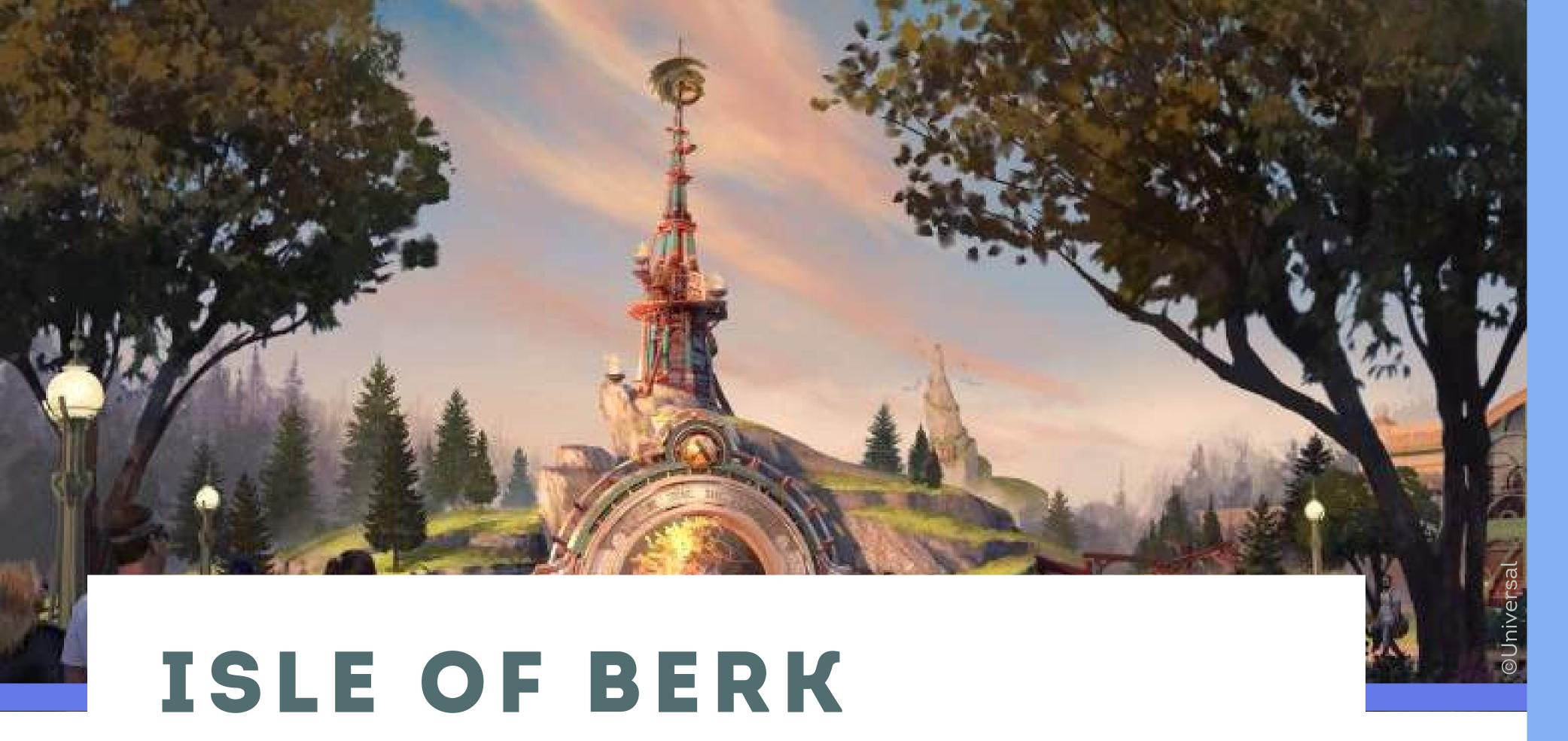
Step inside the Haddock Paddock to meet Hiccup and the beloved Toothless!

Universal also shared that you might encounter more characters throughout the land, including Vikings and other dragons - like Astrid with Stormfly!

According to Universal, "You might even catch dragons flying high overhead." So you'll DEFINITELY want to keep those eyes peeled!

#### THE UNTRAINABLE DRAGON

The Untrainable Dragon is a live show based on the Untrainable show in Universal Beijing Resort. According to Universal, the show "takes guests on an unforgettable journey with beloved characters Hiccup, Toothless, Gobber, and Astrid as they work together to solve the mystery of The Untrainable Dragon."



#### ATTRACTIONS-

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# VIKING TRAINING CAMP

Viking Training Camp is an adventure play area where the "smaller Vikings" can play and explore.

The area will feature a Viking agility course, a Toothless teeter-totter, baby Gronckle dragon climbers, towers to climb and explore, Viking drums and chimes to play, an interactive sheep launcher game, slides, and more! AND the kiddos can learn about all of the various classes of dragons in the process.

#### SHOPPING

Want to take home some souvenirs from your trip to the Viking village? Merchandise will be for sale at shops like Viking Traders, How to Treat Your Dragon, Hiccup's Work Shop, and Toothless' Treasures.

# ISLE OF BERK

#### How To Train Your Dragon

#### RESTAURANTS-



#### **Mead Hall**

Welcome to Mead Hall! According to Universal, this quick service restaurant is "where guests can feast like a Viking and enjoy a savory menu featuring a variety of meats, fish, sandwiches, and more along with a collection of meads and ciders."



#### **Spit Fyre Grill**

Spit Fyre Grill will overlook the Fyre Drill water attraction while serving up flameseared meals in quick service fashion.



#### Hooligan's Grog & Gruel

Searching for grog and gruel? Then head to the racing-themed Hooligan's Grog & Gruel food stand, located near the Viking Training Camp.



#### RIDES-

# MONSTERS UNCHAINED: THE FRANKENSTEIN EXPERIMENT

Dark Universe's signature attraction is going to be the massive Monsters Unchained: The Frankenstein Experiment.

Located in the facade of
Frankenstein Manor, this ride's
official synopsis from Universal
reads, "Dr. Victoria Frankenstein
continues the work of her
ancestors deep below the family
estate. A demonstration of her
experiments to control monsters
goes awry when Dracula leads a
revolt of enraged monsters
including The Wolf Man, The
Mummy, the Creature from the
Black Lagoon and more."

Guests will be "thrust into an intense ride through darkness" as they try to evade some of these terrifying monsters.

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

Guests must be at least 48".



#### RIDES-

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#### **CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF**

The land's second attraction—Curse of the Werewolf-will be a spinning family coaster themed to The Wolf Man.

Guests will enter the Guild of Mystics and be, according to Universal, "greeted by Maleva, the guild's all-knowing seer and leader, who warns them that they bear the mark of the werewolf."

You'll then board a wagon and go into the forest, racing to escape the werewolves before you become one!

#### HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

Guests must be at least 40".



#### ATTRACTIONS-

#### MEET AND GREETS

YES, my friends... MEETING MONSTERS will be part of your visit to Dark Universe!

The land will present several meet and greets, giving guests the opportunity to interact with characters including—but not limited to—Dr. Victoria Frankenstein's Monster and the "alluring" Bride of Frankenstein, Victoria Frankenstein's servant, Ygor, and The Invisible Man.

You'll also want to look for other inhabitants that may be in the land, such as monster hunters, musicians with songs about the village, and more.

Universal warns—"You never know who—or what—may be lurking in the shadows."

# DARKMOOR MONSTER MAKEUP EXPERIENCE

Do you happen to have a little monster of your own? Or perhaps you'd like to channel your own inner monster?

Dark Universe will also feature the new Monster Makeup Experience, where, according to Universal, "monster makers have converted Dr. Pretorius' infamous old lab into a parlor and skilled artisans use their talents to transform guests into a likeness of their favorite Universal Monsters."

#### PRETORIUS' SCIENTIFIC ODDITIES

Stock up on souvenirs to calm (or RELEASE) your inner monster at Pretorius' Scientific Oddities!



#### RESTAURANTS-



#### **Das Stakehaus**

Das Stakehaus is a quick-service restaurant within Dark Universe themed to be an "old inn and dining hall built over the ruins of ancient catacombs." According to the story, this spot is run by vampire "familiars" who might just "size up unsuspecting patrons to be part of the vampires' feast."

he name is not only a play on the Eastern European setting of vampire lore, but a literal play on words-"stake" instead of "steak" (get it?) with a menu featuring burgers, kebabs, sandwiches, and more.

# DARK UNIVERSE

#### RESTAURANTS-

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#### The Burning Blade Tavern

The Burning Blade Tavern is an additional quick-service restaurant that pays homage to the iconic windmill from Universal's 1931 classic Frankenstein! The Burning Blade Tavern will allow diners to eat in an "old mill which Darkmoor Village's monster hunters have transformed into their hangout."

Instead of the monsters being portrayed as heroes (as they are displayed in Das Stakehaus), this restaurant focuses on hunters who protect regular folk from these legendary beasts. Surrounded by trophy heads of conquered monsters, diners will be able to enjoy a menu of burgers, pretzels, wings, bratwurst, and specialty beverages while they listen to tales of victory from the hunters. Additionally, Universal teased that this tavern will erupt into flames several times an hour. To accomplish this, Universal will use two types of fuel to create different types of visibility during the day and evening.



#### De Lacey's Cottage

De Lacey's Cottage-near Frankenstein Manor - is where guests can find sweets and snacks including -ice cream, cinnamon bread, twisted taters, and more.



#### UNIVERSAL HELIOS GRAND HOTEL

What's so unique about Universal Helios Grand Hotel? Helios will boast its very own entrance into Epic Universe, connecting to Celestial Park!

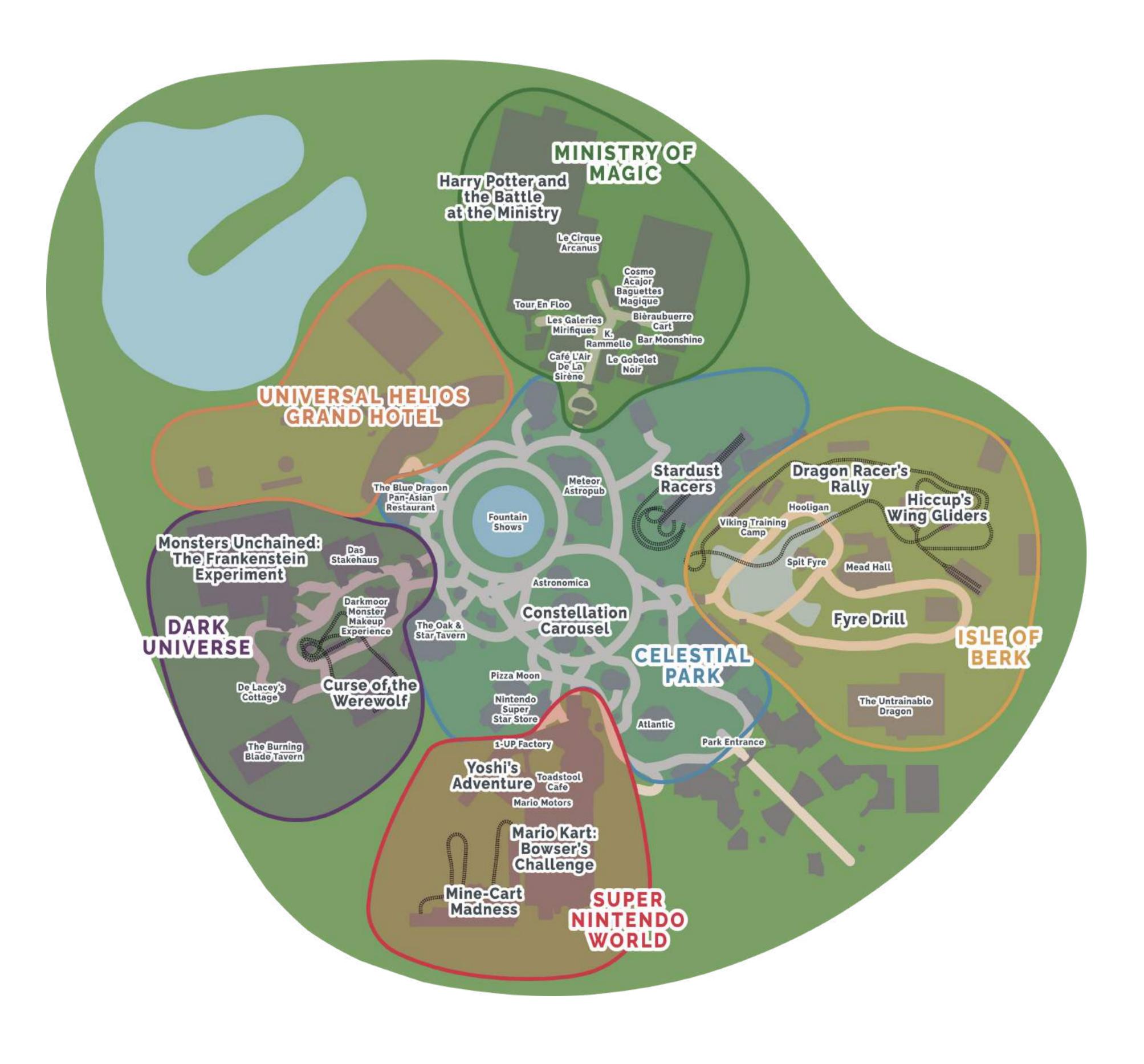
According to Universal, Helios will offer "500 rooms integrated into the park like no other theme park in the world" as well as have an all-around Mediterranean feel.

# UNIVERSAL STELLA NOVA RESORT AND UNIVERSAL TERRA LUNA RESORT BY LOEWS HOTELS

Joining Universal Helios Grand Hotel will be two park-adjacent hotels—Universal Stella Nova Resort and Universal Terra Luna Resort by Loews Hotels.

Stella Nova, which is inspired by the cosmos, will open on January 21st, 2025.

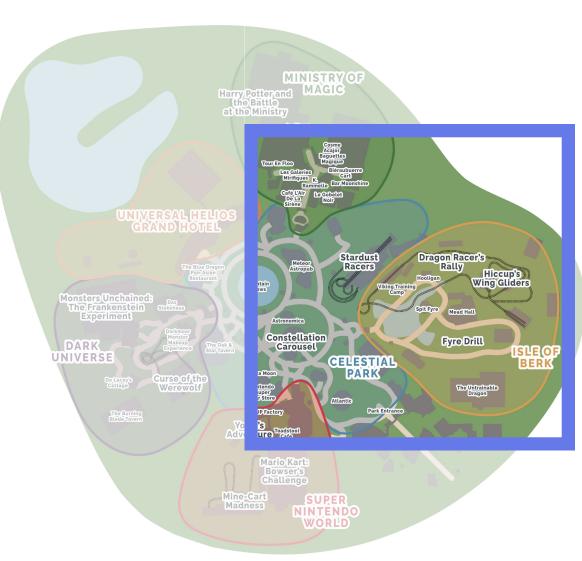
Meanwhile, Terra Luna is inspired by terrestrial exploration and is Stella Nova's sister property. It's set to open a month later on February 25th, 2025. All three new Universal Resorts will come with the usual exclusive hotel guest benefits like early entry and free transportation to and from Universal's four theme parks (Universal Studios Florida, Universal Islands of Adventure, Universal Volcano Bay, and Universal Epic Universe).



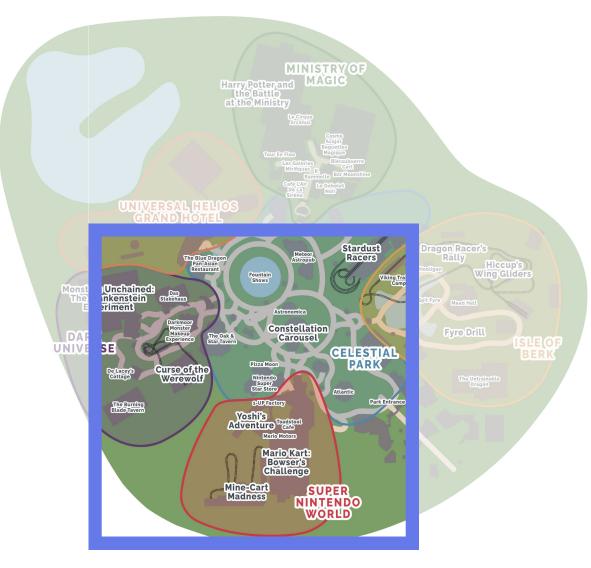














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