



## What's New This Fall in Kissimmee

**Kissimmee, Fla. (August 2017)** – Pumpkin Spice Lattes are back, and that marks the unofficial start of fall! In Kissimmee, this season brings the perfect weather for outdoor activities, the scariest of frights, and family-friendly festivals.

### **Fall Fun**

The **Epcot® International Food & Wine Festival** is back with more dining, wining, and live music than ever before! Between Aug. 31–Nov. 13, celebrate international cuisines and cultures with concerts, cooking demonstrations, celebrity chefs, and more.

**Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party** returns for select nights from Aug. 25–Nov. 1. Guests can wear costumes and enjoy the Magic Kingdom Park as it transforms with Halloween décor, special entertainment, trick-or-treating, and Happy HalloWishes Fireworks.

Take part in the nation's premier Halloween event at Universal Orlando Resort™ during **Halloween Horror Nights™**. On select nights starting Sept. 15, explore terrifying haunted houses, including *FX's American Horror Story*, *The Shining™*, and *SAW: The Games of Jigsaw*; monster-filled scare zones; live shows; and enjoy many of the park's rides and attractions.

For an all-day celebration head to SeaWorld® Parks and Resorts™ Orlando's **Halloween Spooktacular** and join Elmo, The Count, Abby, and friends for **Sesame Street's Countdown to Halloween**. Guests of all ages can also meet whimsical characters inspired by the sea, take part in a Halloween dance party, and enjoy trick-or-treating throughout the park.

Face your own mortality at Old Town's **Last Ride** burial simulator. Hear the sounds, feel the movements, smell the dirt, and experience your demise from inside a sealed coffin.

Celebration Town Center brings the sights, sounds, and feel of autumn to Osceola County. During **Oktoberfest**, held Oct. 20–21, watch leaves fall each evening, relax by the lakeside, and enjoy live music on select nights.



Take a stroll through the **Partin Ranch Corn Maze** in Osceola County. Open weekends beginning Sept. 30, this family-friendly attraction offers two mazes, a barrel train ride, a kiddie zipline, ranch animals, and delicious food.

### **New Attractions**

Traverse over hills, through mud puddles, and a real alligator grave yard at Stompin' Gator Off-Road Adventure at **Gatorland®**, opening in September. Discover Florida's natural beauty from the comfort of a 12-foot high, custom-made, off-road monster vehicle. For more family fun, visit the Baby Gator Swamp, a new enclosure home to more than 50 baby American alligators. Watch as these mini-reptiles crawl, swim, and explore in a swamp-themed environment.

SeaWorld® Parks and Resorts™ Orlando's **Discovery Cove** brings guests closer than ever before to sharks and stingrays. During Shark Swim, guests swim freely alongside several species of sharks or join expert aquarists to feed stingrays and tropical fish during Ray Feeding.

Get ready to hop, skip, and think your way through virtual and physical challenges at the new Adventure Lab at the **Crayola Experience**. Grab your tablet and join the Crayola characters on their quest to save the Lab, this one-of-a-kind adventure is perfect for the whole family.

### **Accommodations**

Pack your costume and swimsuit for the return of **Goblins & Giggles Getaway Weekends** at Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center. Guests can take part in a Halloween Hide & Seek scavenger hunt, become part of a real Florida ghost story during the Swamp Witch Escape Ghost Tour, boo-gie down during the Wicked Awesome Pool Party, and more. Activities are offered weekends between Sept. 15–Oct. 29.

### **Eateries**

Discover new flavors with a visit to **Terralina Crafted Italian** restaurant opening this fall at Disney Springs. Led by award-winning Chef Tony Mantuano, Terralina will serve Italian cuisine, including artisanal pizzas from a wood-burning oven and fresh vegetable dishes.



Opening this fall, the **Island Grove Wine Company at Formosa Gardens** is a sustainable winery and microbrewery. Surrounded by lush botanical gardens the winery will also feature a bistro, tours, tastings, and offers over 3,000 square feet of meeting space for corporate meetings, weddings and events, and a theater room. The botanical gardens will grow organic fruits and vegetables, while maintaining sustainable agricultural practices that include biodynamic practices, permaculture, and hydroponics.

Check back soon for a preview of what's happening in Kissimmee for the holidays!

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