

Tomorrowland is the Fantasy Future City of Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – The future that never was . . . is here!

Tomorrowland in Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom has the look of futuristic cities imagined by sci-fi writers and movie-makers of the 1920s and 1930s – complete with attractions exploring space and time.

Instead of the “serious” look at the “real” future of the original Tomorrowland, which opened in 1971, the version created a quarter century later showcases a “fantasy” world where shiny robots do the work, planet-hopping rocket ships battle space aliens and time-machine travel becomes a thrilling “reality” along the Avenue of Planets.

It’s a Flash Gordon-ish, Buck Rogers-like neighborhood of sky-piercing beacons and glistening metal illuminated by a celestial spectrum of neon colors; of whisper-quiet conveyances gliding along an elevated highway and rockets circling among spinning planets.

The overall effect is a friendly future-town neighborhood atmosphere like other lands in Magic Kingdom.

And it’s home to some of Magic Kingdom’s most popular attractions – including Buzz Lightyear’s Space Ranger Spin and Space Mountain – plus revised versions of several favorite Tomorrowland attractions.

Tomorrowland highlights:

Buzz Lightyear’s Space Ranger Spin – Armed with infrared lasers, Magic Kingdom guests join forces with Buzz Lightyear to defend Earth’s supply of batteries from the evil Emperor Zurg in Buzz Lightyear’s Space Ranger Spin, a spinning, brought-to-life Tomorrowland spin-off of the hit movie “Toy Story.” The shoot-‘em-up fun triggers sight and sound gags, while a lighted display inside toy-spaceship vehicles allows guests to keep score.

Stitch’s Great Escape! – Set before the events of Walt Disney Pictures’ animated comedy “Lilo & Stitch,” this humorous adventure showcases the pandemonium caused by the mischievous Experiment 626 – a.k.a. Stitch – at the Galactic Federation Prisoner Teleport Center. Starring many characters familiar to fans of the hit film, the attraction also features some of the most sophisticated Audio-Animatronics ever developed by Walt Disney Imagineering.

“Monsters, Inc. Laugh Floor”– Guests find the power of laughter in an engaging and interactive adventure inspired by Disney•Pixar’s “Monsters, Inc.” as they match wits with the one-eyed hero Mike Wazowski and his friends. As Monster-of-Ceremonies, Mike recruits two comedian wanna-bes whose humor will delight audiences in the 400-seat theater.

Astro Orbiter – At the center of Tomorrowland, a tower glowing with rings of flashing, changing colors serves as a beacon to guests, who can board machine-age rockets and take a spin on Astro Orbiter. Looking more like a Buck Rogers toy than a NASA Space Shuttle, the attraction surrounds passengers with whirling planets during a swing through space.

Walt Disney's Carousel of Progress is open on a seasonal basis. This musical comedy show has been seen by more guests than any other theatrical presentation in the history of American Theater since its debut at the 1964 World's Fair. The show traces the impact of technological progress on Americans' daily living from the start of the 20th century into the near future with a cast of family characters brought to life through Disney's Audio-Animatronics effects.

Visitors to Tomorrowland also will find familiar favorites like **Space Mountain**, **Tomorrowland Indy Speedway** and **Tomorrowland Transit Authority PeopleMover**, plus a super-arcade of video games amid giant "generators" in the **Tomorrowland Light and Power Station**.

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