

Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance Brings Even More Thrills to *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* at Walt Disney World Resort

Groundbreaking attraction opening Dec. 5, 2019, at Disney's Hollywood Studios is another jaw-dropping way for guests to live their own Star Wars adventures in the award-winning new land

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (Nov. 29, 2019) – The groundbreaking new Disney attraction *Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance* is set to make its global debut Dec. 5, 2019, at Disney's Hollywood Studios at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, and at Disneyland Park in California on Jan. 17, 2020. This highly anticipated experience adds to the immersive adventures available to guests inside *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*, the 14-acre land that opened in both parks earlier this year.

As the largest single-themed land expansion in Disney history, *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* is already proving wildly popular by inviting guests to live their own *Star Wars* adventures in a galaxy far, far away. They join a climactic battle between the Resistance and the First Order in ***Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance*** and take control of the most famous ship in the galaxy aboard ***Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run***. And while exploring this expansive new land, they can sample galactic food and drink, enter an intriguing collection of merchant shops and encounter some of their favorite *Star Wars* characters.

"*Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance* is the most ambitious, immersive, advanced, action-packed attraction we've ever created. We threw out the rulebook when designing this attraction to deliver experiential storytelling on a massive, cinematic scale," said Bob Chapek, chairman of Disney Parks, Experiences and Products. "*Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance* sets a new standard for what a theme park experience can be – just like *Galaxy's Edge*, itself. None of this would be possible without the incredible teams at Walt Disney Imagineering, Disneyland and Walt Disney World, who brought not one, but two award-winning lands to life at the same time."

Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge has been recognized by several prestigious organizations for excellence in design and execution:

- Academy Award-winning® composer John Williams was nominated for a Grammy by The Recording Academy in the Best Instrumental Composition category for "*Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* Symphonic Suite."
- *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* was named to TIME's list of World's Greatest Places 2019, recognizing destinations that are breaking new ground and leading industry trends.

- The land earned two Thea Awards from the Themed Entertainment Association. *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* won Outstanding Achievement – New Park Land, and *Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run* won Outstanding Achievement – Attraction.
- The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions honored the land with three Brass Rings during its annual awards gala in November. Savi's Workshop won for Best Hard Good Item; Droid Depot won for Best Visual Merchandising; and the lovable Porg won for Best Plush Item.
- The International Toy Association nominated the buildable droids in Droid Depot for Creative Toy of the Year.

These accolades and awards speak to an entirely new kind of Disney experience happening every day inside *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*. And now the next grand chapter in this story is about to unfold with the debut of *Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance*.

Welcome to the Edge of Wild Space: Black Spire Outpost on Batuu

Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge builds off decades of collaboration between Walt Disney Imagineering and Lucasfilm Ltd., a global leader in film, television and digital entertainment production, including the *Star Wars* franchise. The work on *Star Wars* between these two creative powerhouses dates back to 1987, when the original *Star Tours* attraction opened at Disneyland.

They came together once again for *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*, transporting guests to the remote planet Batuu, the newest location in a story that began in 1977 with the first *Star Wars* film. It is a far-flung destination along the galaxy's Outer Rim, on the frontier of Wild Space – the uncharted region beyond all known star systems. The planet is home to Black Spire Outpost, an infamous port for smugglers, traders and adventurers wishing to avoid any unnecessary ... *entanglements* with the First Order.

When guests arrive on Batuu, they come across aliens, droids and other inhabitants of this planet as they search for rare and unique goods, discover unusual food and drink, or join a crew seeking adventures. Along the way, guests may encounter some familiar faces, including Rey, Chewbacca or even Supreme Leader Kylo Ren and his stormtroopers.

Star Wars Adventures Come to Life in Two Thrilling Attractions

For more than four decades, fans of *Star Wars* films have imagined what it would be like to race through the halls of a Star Destroyer or blast across the stars inside the *Millennium Falcon*. *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* features two signature attractions that turn those dreams into reality.

Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance brings guests into the middle of a climactic battle between the First Order and the Resistance, including a faceoff with Kylo Ren. The journey takes guests aboard a full-size transport shuttle and then into a nearby Star Destroyer on a thrilling adventure that blurs the lines between fantasy and reality. One of the most immersive, ambitious and technologically advanced experiences in Disney history, the attraction uses multiple ride systems working together to create a seamless story on a cinematic scale. *Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance* opens Dec. 5, 2019, at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Florida and Jan. 17, 2020, at Disneyland Park in California.

In ***Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run***, guests climb into the cockpit of “the fastest hunk of junk in the galaxy” for their own *Star Wars* adventures. They take the controls of the *Falcon* in one of three unique and critical roles as the ship hurtles through space. Some are pilots, some gunners and some engineers, creating

multiple ways for guests to engage with the attraction in an experience that responds in real time to the actions they take.

A Diverse Menu of Food and Beverages Await

What does Blue Milk or Green Milk actually taste like? That question and more is answered when guests visit *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* and experience the new land's expansive array of food and beverages. Vendors offer various local favorites such as an **Outpost Mix** of flavored popped grains from **Kat Saka's Kettle**, a unique popcorn snack with a combination of sweet, savory and spicy flavors.

At **Oga's Cantina**, even the blaster-bolt scorches on the walls tell a story. Here, guests gather to share their tales from around the galaxy as they enjoy exotic beverages served in unique vessels and listen to spirited musical entertainment provided by DJ R-3X, otherwise known as Rex, the former Starspeeder 3000 pilot droid from the original Star Tours. Rex re-invents himself as the cantina's DJ, and he's as quirky and talkative as ever.

A multi-purpose transport shuttle docked on top of a large hangar beckons guests into **Docking Bay 7 Food and Cargo**, a designated location for traveling food shuttles. Chef Strono "Cookie" Tuggs is in much demand for his culinary skills, so he moves from site to site in a modified Sienar-Chall Utilipede-Transport that becomes a mobile kitchen and restaurant. His travels across the galaxy allow him to fill his pantry with exotic ingredients he uses to make new and unusual dishes. He is proud to present Tuggs' Grub, a "traveling diner for diners traveling," inspired by dishes he created during his time working for Maz Kanata on Takodana.

Elsewhere, **Ronto Roasters** draws attention with its large podracing engine firing up a barbecue pit for mouth-watering Ronto Wraps. When hungry customers queue up to order, they encounter a former smelter droid carefully turning the spit of meats. Guests can also choose from a variety of exotic non-alcoholic drinks like the Sour Sarlacc or Tatooine Sunset.

The **Milk Stand** offers two local favorites – Blue Milk and Green Milk. Blue Milk was first seen in "Star Wars: A New Hope" when Luke Skywalker sat down for a family meal. Green Milk was introduced in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" when Luke lived on the planet Ahch-To. Now, thirsty guests can order these colorful frozen drinks as they live their own *Star Wars* adventures.

Take a Piece of the Star Wars Galaxy Home

In *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*, guests encounter a robust collection of merchant shops and stalls filled with authentic *Star Wars* creations.

The **Droid Depot** invites guests to construct their own astromech droids. Patrons pick pieces off a conveyor belt to build one of two core models (R-series or BB-series) and they can customize their droids with various parts and colors. These droids interact with elements throughout the land,

enhancing guests' adventures. Additional accessories can be added to further customize these new friends. The Droid Depot also offers pre-built droids, droid-inspired toys and apparel, and more.

At **Savi's Workshop - Handbuilt Lightsabers**, guests have the opportunity to craft and customize their very own lightsabers. In this mystical experience, guests feel the Force as they build these elegant weapons from a more civilized age.

Inside **Dok-Ondar's Den of Antiquities**, guests find a selection of rare and mysterious items for sale, representing different eras of the *Star Wars* galaxy including holocrons, ancient Jedi and Sith artifacts, lightsabers and more. As they explore the nooks and crannies of the shop, guests also see Dok-Ondar at his desk as the large Ithorian checks his inventory and barks the occasional order at his assistants.

In addition to these special experiences, the Black Spire Outpost marketplace features the **Creature Stall** dedicated to the plethora of rare and fascinating creatures that populate the galaxy, as well as **Black Spire Outfitters**, showcasing the latest in galactically trendy apparel and accessories. The **Toydarian Toymaker** stall is full of toys and games crafted by a Toydarian (the flying alien species first seen in "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace"). And all tourists visiting Batuu will want to make a stop at **Jewels of Bith**, offering "trinkets to treasure" and other accessories.

Guests can also demonstrate where their loyalties lie with the gear and accessories they purchase within the land. **Resistance Supply** is a "makeshift" location at the Resistance encampment, selling pins, badges, hats and other accessories to help guests feel like part of the cause. **First Order Cargo**, meanwhile, is a temporary First Order storage dock easily identified by a never-before-seen First Order TIE echelon ship. The cargo location offers guests a chance to pledge their loyalty by purchasing pins, caps, gear, model ships and more.

Play Disney Parks Mobile App Deepens Guest Engagement with the Land*

Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge is the first land within a Disney park designed to integrate with the Play Disney Parks mobile app. The app debuted last year and offers interactive adventures and experiences that bring surrounding environments to life at Disneyland Resort and Walt Disney World Resort.

When guests choose to use the Play Disney Parks app in *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*, their mobile devices transform into their very own *Star Wars: Datapad*. Using the app provides new opportunities for guests to engage with the land, such as translating a galactic language or learning what's hidden inside crates and containers.

In addition, guests can use the Play Disney Parks app to interact with elements in *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*, including droids, blinking door panels and antenna arrays. Throughout the day, guests may participate in a multiplayer game in the land, "Outpost Control," to support the Resistance or the First Order.

Iconic Musical Score for Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge

Music has been an integral part of *Star Wars* from the moment the iconic themes of Academy Award-winning® composer John Williams first introduced fans to this galaxy. The music for *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* continues that tradition with a suite of all-new Williams-composed themes written especially for the land and its attractions. Along with a collection of original cantina songs created by composers and songwriters from around the globe, this new music deepens guests' connection to the land as Williams complements and builds upon the fanfares he created for the *Star Wars* films.

For more information about *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge*, visit [WDWNews.com](https://www.wdwnews.com), [DisneyParksBlog.com](https://www.disney.com/blog/parks) and [StarWars.com](https://www.starwars.com).

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