

Four Signature Epcot Festivals Welcome Guests to Walt Disney World Resort in 2019

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (Jan. 15, 2019) – Epcot at Walt Disney World Resort celebrates the arts, flowers, food, music, holidays and non-stop family fun throughout the year during four signature theme-park festivals beginning Jan. 18.

Epcot International Festival of the Arts: Jan. 18-Feb. 25

This annual celebration of visual, culinary and performing arts presents 39 fun-packed days showcasing art in many forms for everyone in the family. Food and drinks are created with artistic flair at more than 15 park destinations. The festival's creative menus feature everything from red wine-braised short ribs with parsnip puree at Cuisine Classique to vanilla, rose water and pistachio panna cotta at Masterpiece Kitchen. Kids of all ages will want to try the Pop't Art modern-design sugar cookie and other delectable treats.

In 2019, the festival's popular Disney on Broadway Concert Series will offer performances every day of the festival. The series presents musical performances from Disney on Broadway shows like "The Lion King" and "Beauty and the Beast," and special dining packages guarantee concert seats.

Interactive fun is around every corner. Guests can help paint a mural, pose for a memorable photo in the frame of an iconic piece of art, participate in a workshop, or take a break to watch performance artists in action.

Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival: March 6-June 3

Millions of spring blossoms will transform Epcot into a wonderful world of brilliant color during this 90-day celebration of flowers, topiaries, themed food, libations and music. Now in its 26th year, the festival continues to offer fresh experiences. A new Bo Peep and her Sheep topiary from Disney•Pixar's upcoming "Toy Story 4" will greet guests at the festival's new Family Play Zone. Featured gardens will focus on butterflies, bamboo and Shakespeare's metaphoric plants, while more than 70 Disney-themed topiaries – from Snow White to Daisy Duck – dot the landscape.

New Outdoor Kitchens with their own herb and veggie gardens will debut this year with creative bites and beverages. The Garden Rocks Concert Series expands this year to every day of the festival, offering new and returning acts spanning multiple genres. With three performances daily, that's 270 concerts over the course of the festival – more than ever before! Returning favorites like The Spinners and Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone will be joined by artists new to the festival like TobyMac, Steven Curtis Chapman and Colin Hay of Men at Work.

Epcot International Food & Wine Festival: Late Summer/Fall

Disney guests can get their gourmet groove on during this iconic culinary dine-around that will run late

summer to November in 2019. More than 30 Festival Marketplaces will offer tempting tastes and sips throughout Epcot. During the festival, the Eat to the Beat Concert Series presents a diverse collection of hitmakers from pop to country to R&B and more. Concert seating is guaranteed for guests who book Eat to the Beat Dining Packages. Guests can also discover new savory and sweet treats by making reservations for the festival's beverage seminars and specialty dining and pairing events.

Epcot International Festival of the Holidays: Fall/Winter

The annual yuletide extravaganza at Epcot celebrates holiday traditions of World Showcase cultures with live musical productions, spirited storytellers, seasonal lights and décor, delicious holiday treats and more. The beloved, long-running Candlelight Processional invites guests to experience the story of Christmas narrated by a celebrity host to the cherished Christmas music performed by a professional orchestra and full choir. Dining packages offer guaranteed Candlelight seating.

Disney chefs create treasured seasonal dishes to keep palates merry at Holiday Kitchen kiosks surrounding the World Showcase Lagoon. From savories to sweets, from children's drinks to adult libations, there's something on the holiday menu for everyone.

Each of the four Epcot festivals provides guests opportunities to enjoy all park entertainment and attractions in addition to festival offerings. The 305-acre Epcot park, identified by its iconic Spaceship Earth geosphere, features two distinct areas: Future World, a showcase of discovery packed with new ideas and technology, plus an exploration of planet Earth from land and sea to air and space; and World Showcase, a kaleidoscope of nations featuring architecturally authentic buildings and backdrops that celebrate cultural heritage, arts and entertainment. The 11 nations plus an African-themed Outpost are situated along a 1.3-mile promenade encircling the 40-acre World Showcase Lagoon.

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