

Hurricanes in Orlando

Hurricane Season in Orlando can range anywhere from July to early November. But, that does not mean a hurricane will impact your trip. You do want to be prepared, and have reasonable expectations, though! The key to remember is Disney takes great care of their guests to ride out any sort of storm, and it is one of THE safest places to be during a hurricane.

As a Midwesterner, the idea of being in Orlando during a hurricane is stressful! This is simply not weather that many travelers are "used to".

Keep in mind, over the 50 years Walt Disney World has been open, they have only closed 7 times due to a hurricane. In most instances, they closed early in the day, and were reopened the next day or so. They were not closed for long! AND, going to the theme parks the day AFTER a hurricane has passed through are some of the MOST enjoyable days to go!

What is it like at Walt Disney World During a Hurricane?

First, many times a "hurricane" is downgraded to a Tropical Storm before it even gets to Orlando. While that sounds scary for many of us from out of state, it's just another storm to the locals. As soon as it passes by, the skies are sunny and you can get on with your day!

Disney has amazing hurricane protocol, and, in fact, their hotels are certified hurricane centers! Floridians actually go there to evacuate! Castmembers sign up for hurricane duty at the resorts and take good care of the guests. Riding out a hurricane or tropical storm is not anything new to Disney, and they are ready!

Oftentimes, the parks will clear out a bit with the news of an impending storm. Safety first, but if you are enjoying yourselves and feel comfortable, you may as well stay! The lines will be short, and there will always be a place to take cover in a park if you need to. Many times, it is simply a severe thunderstorm, and passes quickly.

As you are approaching your trip, or even in Orlando, watch or follow their LOCAL news on social media or TV. The national news tends to work people into a panic, and only show the coastal areas, where they feel the larger impacts. Local news stations are more helpful, and will tell it like it is at the time. They live there, and it's their families and property too!

Consider arriving a day early, if possible, to avoid a trip cancellation. Disney resorts will have activities planned, "to go" meal boxes for guests, etc. I do suggest getting a case of water delivered via Amazon, and a few dry snacks JUST in case you are in your room for a few hours.

Pack some playing cards, small games, and a flashlight just in case. Keeping the kids entertained while you shelter in place for a bit is key. This is especially important if you are at moderate or value resort, where you cannot get to the main area safely without going outside.

Most importantly, stay safe and enjoy the parks as much as possible!



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