

Using a Stroller at Universal Orlando

To bring or not to bring a stroller... that's always the question when traveling with kids to Universal Orlando. ***My advice is to bring one if you are traveling with a child age 7 or younger.***

Though smaller than its neighbor down the street, Universal Orlando Parks & Resorts is still a very large place to visit. It includes three theme parks - Universal Studios Florida, Volcano Bay, and Islands of Adventure, the night-time entertainment complex Universal CityWalk Orlando, and eight onsite hotels.

Many families find they walk over 10 miles a day. Combine walking with sweltering temperatures (depending on the time you visit), some kids can get fussy or cranky when tired. **Keep in mind, it's a 10+ minute walk from the CityWalk parking garage and security check-in to the front gates of Universal Studios.** That's over ½ a mile before you even get to the entrance of your first theme park.

What Should You Do?

Bring your own stroller

- BEST FOR:
 - Families who require a stroller at the airport or want a stroller they are familiar with for their children
 - Cost: Free - airlines allow you to check your stroller at the gate for no charge
 - Pros: Familiarity, you have it for transport in the airport
 - Cons: Wear and tear on your personal stroller, lugging it around the airport

Rent a Stroller from Universal Parks (not Volcano Bay)

- BEST FOR:
 - Older children who only need an occasional break (like for one day in one park)
 - Cost: Starting at \$15 per day
 - Pros: You don't have to make the decision in advance, you can rent as you need it. You don't have to deal with folding it up and transporting it on the busses. Strollers are large and very sturdy.
 - Cons: Can not be taken outside of the parks. They are not the most comfortable.

Rent a Stroller and have it delivered to your resort {my preference if I am not bringing my own}

- BEST FOR:
 - Families who want the ease of traveling to/from Orlando without a stroller
 - Families with 2+ children and you only own a single stroller, you can rent a double stroller for your vacation week
 - Families who own large, bulky strollers, you can rent a slimmer model for your vacation
 - Pros: It is delivered to your hotel, you can bring it out of the park with you. The policy for stroller rental has recently changed and you must be available to meet your stroller vendor at your resort for pick up.

- Cons: You have to fold it up and transport it on busses
- **My Recommendations for Stroller Rental:** [Kingdom Strollers](#)

Buy a Stroller in Orlando

You can either purchase an umbrella stroller from a local retail location or from Amazon and have it delivered to your resort just in time for your vacation. Amazon Orlando is offering same-day delivery for some items, including some strollers (set your delivery address to the resort)

- BEST FOR:
 - Families who want the ease of traveling to/from Orlando without a stroller
 - Families who prefer a new stroller
 - Cost: \$20-\$100
 - Pros: Sometimes cheaper than a rental.
 - Cons: You have to take an Uber to Target or Walmart to purchase

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- It is important to know that some transportation options allow your little one to remain in the stroller during your journey, but most do not.
 - Buses - strollers must be folded up. Even if your little one is sleeping and the bus is totally empty, you'll still need to fold your stroller.
 - Resort launches - strollers can be left open if space allows, but your child must be seated with you
- Likewise, you'll find huge stroller parking lots outside of the in-park attractions - plan to leave your stroller and bags outside while your family enjoys the queue and ride/show.
 - QUICK TIP: Use one of your disposable rain ponchos to cover your stroller whenever you'll be in the queue for a ride or in an attraction and not able to access your stroller immediately if the rain starts.



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