

press release

Experience a *Wicked* Good Holiday as A Universal Christmas Returns to Universal Studios Singapore



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SINGAPORE, 5 November 2024 – This November, **A Universal Christmas** will make an enchanting return to Universal Studios Singapore at Resorts World Sentosa with a thrilling celebration of *Wicked* – Universal Pictures’ highly-anticipated film, in theatres November 21 – along with other festive encounters and dazzling decorations. From **29 November 2024 to 1 January 2025**, guests will find themselves transported to the streets of the Emerald City, welcomed into the different worlds of favourite DreamWorks characters, and the immersed in steampunk-inspired Santa’s Mechanical World.

Live the Magic of Wicked (New!)



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The breathtaking world of *Wicked* descends upon the New York zone, where the *fantabulous* Emerald City and the wonders of the Land of Oz come alive. Guests can meet with iconic characters such as Elphaba, Glinda, and even The Wizard himself. Fans can also be a part of the daily hustle and bustle of the Emerald City life with photo spots featuring a recreation of The Hot Air Café Float on In, The Emerald Beautification Salon, and more. The magic doesn't stop there – the young and young-at-heart can receive an Elphaba- or Glinda-inspired makeover, which includes face painting, hair styling, and nail services, for S\$30 (2 services) and an additional S\$8 for every add-on service. More pricing details are available at <https://www.rwsentosa.com/ussxmas24>.

At the Universal Studios Store, costumes of The Wizard and Madame Morrible – created by the designers from the film – will be on display. *Swankified* merchandise will also be available for purchase with Glinda and Elphaba-inspired pink and green designs donning many items from t-shirts and mirrors to keychains and more, perfect for fans to show their *Wicked* pride as they *dance through life*. What's more, guests can get a taste of this fantastical world with restaurants and carts in the park serving up food and drinks inspired by the Land of Oz.

Watch Fan-Favourite Movies Come to Life in the Debut of the DreamWorks Animation Holiday Spectacular (New!)

For the very first time, the majestic Far Far Away Castle will play host to the many worlds of beloved DreamWorks Animation movies in a dazzling projection mapping show. **DreamWorks Animation Holiday Spectacular** will showcase a variety of beloved characters including DreamWorks Animation's Shrek, Trolls, the *Madagascar* crew, and *Kung Fu Panda's* Po in a never-before-seen medley of light and music.

Introducing Santa's Magical Mechanical World (New!)

The gadgets and gizmos of **Santa's Magical Mechanical World** are a sight to behold, as the Hollywood zone goes steampunk. In a new show, **Tinker Time Christmas**, Super Grover and the gang from Sesame Street get into playful antics with the Christmas Time Tinkering Machine. Will the Time Tinker Elves and Sesame Street friends be able to fix the machine in time for Santa to deliver everyone's presents? More festive meet and greets await at the end of the show with King Julien, Gloria, and Alex from DreamWorks Animation's *Madagascar*, and Po and Master Tigress from DreamWorks Animation's *Kung Fu Panda*. Guests can look out for photo moments with towering gadgets and drummers, the steampunk-themed Christmas tree at the Hollywood Lagoon Stage, and snowfall.

Christmas Cheer Continues Throughout the Park

The Christmas edition of Gingly's Sweet Meet and Greet returns, along with Mel's Merry Mixtape, where the Universal Singers perform their foot-tapping mix of the biggest holiday hits from every decade. Guests can also capture precious memories with more holiday-themed character encounters around the park, including DreamWorks' Shrek and Fiona, as well as Puss in Boots and Kitty Soft Paws. For indulgent holiday shopping, the Universal Studios Store carries merchandise such as Universal Studios Singapore Home and Illumination's Minions Bites Ice Cream apparel, accessories, homeware, and more, while a variety of delicious Christmas-themed treats will be available at restaurants and carts throughout the park.

A Universal Christmas is included with regular admission to Universal Studios Singapore. A Christmas ticket package is also available from S\$80/Adult and S\$65/Child and comes with a Christmas set meal, S\$5 Universal Studios Singapore Retail Voucher, and 20% discount for the Makeover Session at The Emerald Beautification Salon. In addition, guests can continue to enjoy the adrenaline-infused rides, world class attractions, and entertainment in the theme park. More information can be found at <https://www.rwsentosa.com/ussxmas24>.

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ABOUT UNIVERSAL PICTURES' WICKED

After two decades as one of the most beloved and enduring musicals on the stage, *Wicked* makes its long-awaited journey to the big screen as a spectacular, generation-defining cinematic event this holiday season.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Jon M. Chu (*Crazy Rich Asians*, *In the Heights*), *Wicked* is the first chapter of a two-part immersive, cultural celebration. *Wicked Part Two* is scheduled to arrive in theaters on November 21, 2025.

Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz, stars Emmy, Grammy and Tony winning powerhouse Cynthia Erivo (*Harriet*, Broadway's *The Color Purple*) as Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Grammy-winning, multi-platinum recording artist and global superstar Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart.

The two meet as students at Shiz University in the fantastical Land of Oz and forge an unlikely but profound friendship. Following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths. Glinda's unflinching desire for popularity sees her seduced by power, while Elphaba's determination to remain true to herself, and to those around her, will have unexpected and shocking consequences on her future. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfill their destinies as Glinda the Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

The film also stars Oscar® winner Michelle Yeoh as Shiz University's regal headmistress Madame Morrible; Jonathan Bailey (*Bridgerton*, *Fellow Travelers*) as Fiyero, a roguish and carefree prince; Tony nominee Ethan Slater (Broadway's *Spongebob Squarepants*, *Fosse/Verdon*) as Boq, an altruistic Munchkin student; Marissa Bode in her feature-film debut as Nessarose, Elphaba's favored sister; and pop culture icon Jeff Goldblum as the legendary Wizard of Oz.

The cast of characters includes Pfannee and ShenShen, two conniving compatriots of Glinda played by Emmy nominee Bowen Yang (*Saturday Night Live*) and Bronwyn James (*Harlots*); a new character created for the film, Miss Coddle, played by Tony nominee Keala Settle (*The Greatest Showman*) and four-time Emmy winner Peter Dinklage (*Game of Thrones*) as the voice of Dr. Dillamond.

Wicked is produced by Marc Platt (*La La Land*, *The Little Mermaid*), whose films, television shows and stage productions have earned a combined 46 Oscar® nominations, 58 Emmy nominations and 36 Tony nominations, and by multiple Tony winner David Stone (*Kimberly Akimbo*, *Next to Normal*), with whom Platt produced the blockbuster *Wicked* stage musical. The executive producers are David Nicksay, Stephen Schwartz and Jared LeBoff.

Based on the bestselling novel by Gregory Maguire, *Wicked* is adapted for the screen by the stage production's book writer Winnie Holzman and by legendary Grammy and Oscar® winning composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz. The Broadway stage musical is produced by Universal Stage Productions, Marc Platt, the Araca Group, Jon B. Platt and David Stone.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

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