

Amusement Parks: the 2020 Experience

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2020 has been a crazy year for everyone. Since COVID-19 hit, life hasn't been truly "normal". An example of normalcy being turned on its head is the effect which Corona has had on amusement parks across the nation. Today, the experience of going to an amusement park in 2020 will be investigated.

Let's start with the experience of going to America's largest amusement park: Disney World. As a result of fear of catching COVID-19 as well as strictly enforced CDC guidelines, many people who have taken a trip to Disney this year report it as being unnaturally= empty, allowing for a better experience in the park, even with having to wear a face mask in Florida heat. Some recent Google reviews of the park include statements such as: "Almost all rides were 'walk up, get on,'" and "The reduced capacity allows you to experience the park. Even with all of the safety guidelines, this was a rare, one of a kind, and amazing Disney experience."

Similar stories have been told in other amusement parks, such as the beloved, more local park of King's Island. A reviewer reports "I go here with my family every year, and the experience this time around was surreal!" The statement continues, "All of the lines were walk on. It was insane!"

If you feel safe going to an amusement park in these times and are willing to wear a mask/social distance, it sounds like now is a great time to hit the parks!

