



A rendering of the new coaster "Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind" at World Discovery

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# EPCOT'S UPCOMING TRANSFORMATION

## DISCOVER FOUR NEW NEIGHBORHOODS

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During the next several years, Epcot at Disney World Resort is set to experience the biggest transformation of any Disney park in history. Transitioning into four neighborhoods — World Celebration, World Discovery, World Nature and World Showcase — Epcot will feature immersive storytelling through new attractions, experiences and food. Visitors to Walt Disney World can get a sneak preview of the coming changes by visiting "Disney Imagineering Presents the Epcot Experience."

### WORLD CELEBRATION

The iconic Spaceship Earth will remain a voyage through time but will feature new narration and music as guests follow a "magical light" that brings the entire experience to life. A new three-level pavilion will feature one of the most remarkable architectural designs at any Disney park. This pavilion will be the new home base for Epcot's signature festivals and will be an ideal spot from which to view Epcot's "HarmonioUS," the largest nighttime spectacular ever created for a Disney park.

### WORLD SHOWCASE

"French Storytelling on Stage and Screen" at the Palais du Cinéma in the French Pavilion currently features six gallery cases of costumes, music and artwork all dedicated to the adaptation of French literature in cinema, theater, ballet and opera as well as the new "Beauty and the Beast Sing-Along." At the Canadian pavilion, guests can view the new "Canada Far and Wide in Circle-Vision 260."

Scheduled to open summer 2020 is "Remy's Ratatouille Adventure," where guests will shrink to the size of Chef Remy and race through Gusteau's restaurant on a wild adventure.

Opening at the same time will be Crêperie de Paris, a new restaurant with both table and quick service options.

### WORLD DISCOVERY

"Guardians of the Galaxy: Cosmic Rewind" will feature a storytelling coaster that rotates 360 degrees, plus the first reverse launch on any Disney coaster. It will open in time for Walt Disney World's 50th anniversary on Oct. 1, 2021.

The PLAY! Pavilion, a digital metropolis of interactive games, activities and other experiences will connect guests with Disney characters. Space 220 will be a culinary experience like none other. Guests will board a special elevator for a journey to a space station with panoramic views of the earth from 220 miles above.

### WORLD NATURE

The land's new film, "Awesome Planet," which opened in January, showcases the beauty, diversity and dynamic story of the planet. "Journey of Water," inspired by the film "Moana," invites guests into a lush exploration trail to play with magical living water.



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