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D23 2026: The Complete Disney Announcements Round-Up

Your calm, organised guide to every movie, park and experience revealed at this year's Ultimate Disney Fan Event.

D23 2026 delivered one of the largest collections of Disney announcements in years, spanning Walt Disney World, Disneyland Resort, Tokyo Disney Resort, Disneyland Paris, Disney Cruise Line, and major film studios including Pixar, Walt Disney Animation Studios, Marvel and Lucasfilm. Fans were treated to first looks, concept art, celebrity appearances, and a sweeping vision of Disney's future across storytelling and immersive experiences.

This is your full, detailed breakdown — perfect for families planning future holidays, Disney fans wanting the latest updates, and readers who love staying ahead of the magic.

MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT: Sequels, First Looks & New Worlds

D23 2026 showcased a huge slate of film and TV updates across Disney Animation, Pixar, Live Action, Marvel and Star Wars.

Frozen 3

New footage and concept art were revealed, including fresh musical moments and expanded story beats.

Coco 2

Miguel returns as a teenager in the 2029 sequel, with new concept art showing a more mature look and expanded worldbuilding

Incredibles 3

The Parr family's next adventure was previewed with new concept art and story direction.

Zootopia 3

The world of Zootopia expands "to the birds," introducing new regions and species.

New Disney Animation Films

- Hexed — starring Jodie Foster and Walton Goggins.
- Clay — a brand-new original film arriving in 2028.

Live-Action Highlights

D23 confirmed major updates across Disney's live-action slate, including new footage and cast confirmations.

Marvel Studios

Fans saw the first trailer for VisionQuest and the reveal of the new X-Men cast.

Star Wars

Star Wars: Starfighter, directed by Shawn Levy and starring Ryan Gosling, was highlighted as part of Lucasfilm's future slate.

DISNEY PARKS & EXPERIENCES: The Biggest Expansion in Walt Disney World History

The Disney Experiences Showcase, hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, delivered sweeping updates across global parks — including the largest expansion slate ever announced for Walt Disney World.

★ **Magic Kingdom — Walt Disney World**

Carousel of Progress — Major Refurbishment

One of Magic Kingdom's most iconic attractions is receiving its first major update in decades. The refurbishment introduces four new decades, an entirely new scene, and the first-ever Florida-based Walt Disney Audio-Animatronics figure. Jamie Lee Curtis and Bryan Cranston will voice John and Sarah. Opening target: late spring 2027.

Piston Peak — Cars-Themed Land

A brand-new land inspired by Cars and America's National Parks. Two attractions were announced:

- Miss Fritter's Daredevil Spin-Along — hosted by a giant Miss Fritter Audio-Animatronic.
- Cars Ridge Run Rally — an off-road racing experience with a newly developed ride vehicle that rocks, bumps and drops like an off-road car.

Villains Land — Officially Named

Guests will enter a corrupted forest infused with poisoned magic, featuring:

- Maleficent attraction
- Evil Queen dark ride
- Lairs for Cruella, Dr Facilier and more Disney describes the

scale as comparable to Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.

Monstropolis — Hollywood Studios

A new themed area inspired by Monsters, Inc. is coming to Disney's Hollywood Studios.

Encanto Attraction — Animal Kingdom

Antonio's Fiesta de Encanto will feature the original voice cast and new interactive experiences.

★ **Disneyland Resort (California)**

The reimagining of Tomorrowland was officially announced, marking a major future transformation of the iconic land.

Additional highlights included updates on the Coco attraction and Avengers Campus expansion.

★ **Tokyo Disneyland**

- Space Mountain Earthrise — a fully rebuilt attraction with new coaster, effects and vehicles, opening 2027.
- Wreck-It Ralph retheme also underway.

★ **Disneyland Paris**

A new Lion King-themed area is coming to Disney Adventure World, including a headline Scar animatronic.

★ **International Destinations**

New Marvel experiences were announced for Hong Kong and Shanghai, alongside updates on the upcoming Abu Dhabi Disney destination.



DISNEY CRUISE LINE

Disney teased a brand-new class of cruise ships, signalling major future expansion in Disney's cruise offerings.

✨ **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR FUTURE TRAVELLERS**

If you're planning a Disney holiday in 2027–2029, these announcements will shape:

- New land openings
- Crowd patterns
- Attraction priorities
- Resort choices
- Seasonal planning strategies

With Villains Land, Piston Peak, Monstropolis, and major Tomorrowland changes on the horizon, families will have more immersive experiences than ever before.

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✉️ Have a calm and magical month,

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