

{ Don't Miss A Single Thrill! }

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Busch Gardens offers guests more than 100 acres of fun-filled European exploration. England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany and Italy are all home to adventures, exhilarating thrills and award-winning entertainment. Experience top-rated coasters including Griffon, the world's tallest and first floorless dive-coaster. For coaster fans, this year also marks two park milestones with the 25th anniversary of The Big Bad Wolf and the 10th anniversary of Apollo's Chariot. Come see why the park has been voted the "Most Beautiful Park" for the past 18 years. Busch Gardens is a must-visit for family fun.



Adrenaline-pumping roller coasters. Exquisite cuisine. Family-friendly entertainment. All in a world-class setting. Get ready to jet-set through six European countries . . . and leave

your passport at home. Voted the world's "Most Beautiful Park" for the past 18 years, Busch Gardens covers 100 acres with more than 50 thrilling rides and attractions, nine entertaining shows, a wide variety of award-winning cuisine and world-class shops.

Get ready for a season filled with family entertainment with our expanded concert series this year:

- **Bud & BBQ** - Come enjoy some of the world's best barbecue at an event that celebrates great food, great beer and great music, with performances by .38 Special and the Oak Ridge Boys, in May.
- **Sock Hop Nights concert series** - Celebrate the golden age of rock 'n' roll in late May with concerts featuring Frankie Avalon and The Lettermen.
- **Glory at the Gardens concert series** - More than 12 contemporary Christian bands, like Third Day and Toby Mac, will perform over four Sundays in June.
- **Summer Nights concert series** - Six weekends of great music in July and August, featuring an amazing lineup of rockin' musicians, including The Little River Band and Loverboy.

Busch Gardens' event schedule and concert details can be found online at www.buschgardens.com/va

Elmo, Big Bird and many of their Sesame Street friends are coming to Busch Gardens. The park will unveil "**Sesame Street Forest of Fun at Busch Gardens**" in spring 2009. The new area will feature family-friendly rides and playgrounds, a 4-D Sesame Street movie and the opportunity to meet Sesame Street's beloved characters.

Also new for 2009, **Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration** creates the anticipation of the season and fills visitors' senses with all things Christmas. Busch Gardens transforms into a winter wonderland filled with holiday traditions,

new surprises and park favorites that make everyone say, "Now this is Christmas." It's a fun place where visitors can experience the spirit of the holiday with all-new attractions, shows and shopping that immerse them into the Christmas season.

England/Scotland

The gateway to Busch Gardens begins in England. Guests receive the royal treatment while touring unique shops, a delightful bakery and replicas of **Big Ben** and **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**. The theater offers guests immersive 4-D adventure while the **Aeronaut Skyride** provides guests a scenic overview tour of the park.

From England, the European tour proceeds into Scotland, home of Busch Gardens' **Loch Ness Monster** roller coaster. Unlike the legendary Scottish beast known for its shyness, this "Nessie" stands in the center of the park and challenges visitors to a wild ride. The Loch Ness Monster is a double-looping steel marvel full of pulse-pounding excitement. Scotland is also home to the park's gentler giants - the famous **Budweiser Clydesdales**. And Scotland is the main stop for Busch Gardens' steam locomotives which are 36-inch gauge reproductions of European originals. The trains circle the theme park on a 1.5 mile course across the Rhine River and over a towering trestle which stops daily in Scotland, France and Italy.

Ireland

Busch Gardens captures the essence of Ireland's warm-hearted people, lush landscapes and ancient castles. Adventure abounds with **Corkscrew Hill**, a white-knuckle, 4-D adventure which propels visitors on a mythical Celtic journey. Be sure not to miss "**Emerald Beat**," a high-energy Irish step-dancing show performing daily in the Abbey Stone Theatre. This powerful production celebrates Irish heritage through uniquely choreographed dance and original

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music score. Busch Gardens is dedicated to the conservation and preservation of wildlife. See for yourself how adventurous learning can be at [Jack Hanna's Wild Reserve](#). This interactive wildlife area offers an up-close look at some amazing animals like gray wolves and exotic birds. There's also a sanctuary for American bald eagles.

France

France has something for everyone – from the exciting to the picturesque to the rustic. The country is home to Busch Gardens' newest roller coaster, [Griffon](#). This steel marvel is the world's tallest and first floorless dive-coaster with a 205 foot, 90-degree straight down drop.

The picturesque country of France takes its guests to another time and place with its street cafés, French-provincial architecture and sidewalk artisans. Visitors may also enjoy a relaxing evening at [Bistro 205](#) which is an outdoor restaurant.

France also has a rustic side showcasing the finest leather, candle and wood craftsmanship. Enjoy folk music, lively dancing and mouth-watering barbecue. [Le Scoot](#) log flume provides cool relief on a hot summer's day with its 50-foot vertical plunge into the water. Or guests can enjoy "[American Jukebox](#)," an energizing musical headlining at the [Canadian Palladium](#). [Trappers Smokehouse](#) has seating for 650 hungry people. The restaurant features a mesquite-fired grill, three rustic dining areas and an unprecedented theme park menu selection.

Germany

Festive folk dance and family fun take center stage at [Das Festhaus](#), Busch Gardens' 2,000-seat festival hall. Enjoy delicious German food, while being entertained by an Oompah band and German dancers. If a thrilling 4-D adventure is what you seek, then look no further than the [Curse of DarkKastle](#). Brave guests hop aboard gravity-defying sleighs, riding through the dark and mysterious corridors of a Bavarian castle. Then there's [Alpengeist](#), an award-winning, inverted steel roller coaster, and a suspended coaster called [The Big Bad Wolf](#) which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2009.

Kids in Germany flock to the [Land of the Dragons](#). It's a magical play area designed for young children. Adults may prefer Germany's fine gift shops which feature M.I. Hummel collectibles, hand-painted beer steins and carved wooden cuckoo clocks. The whole family will enjoy the dessert shops, a cruise down the Rhine River, and the antique Herschell carousel.

Italy

No European adventure would be complete without a stop in Italy. Busch Gardens' quaint Italian villages combine world-class rides with romantic song and dance. Brave visitors may tour the ruins of Mt. Vesuvius on [Escape from Pompeii](#), a thrilling water ride with special effects. [Da Vinci's Garden of Inventions](#) has rides for both adults and children. And throughout the Italian village, perfectly manicured gardens enhance the romantic atmosphere. Summer nights, however, belong to the "Starlight Orchestra." The sounds of Big Band music take center stage under the evening stars at [Il Teatro di San Marco](#).

Vibrant colors and light-hearted attitudes encourage guests to share in the carefree fun of Italy. The towering landmark is [Apollo's Chariot](#), the park's high-speed hyper-coaster which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

You and your family won't want to miss the 11th season of the spooktacular fall event, [Howl-O-Scream](#). Busch Gardens transforms more than 100 acres of lush landscaping and family entertainment into a creepy theme park full of spine-tingling thrills. Make plans to visit the park during the ghoulish season, and remember – don't come alone.

Just three miles east of historic Williamsburg, Busch Gardens is located 150 miles from Washington, D.C. and about 50 miles from both Richmond, Va. and the Virginia Beach resort area. One admission price covers all rides, shows and regularly scheduled attractions. Children two and under are admitted for free.

For more information, call [800-343-7946](tel:800-343-7946) or visit online at www.buschgardens.com. ■





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The all-new Sesame Street play area at Busch Gardens. Coming Spring 2009.

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