#### January 2019 Walt Disney World Crowd Calendar

### Key Events:

- January 9th January 13th: Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend
- January 18th- February 25th: Epcot International Festival of the Arts
- January 21st: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

#### <u>Key:</u>

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Marathon Weekend	11 Marathon Weekend	12 Marathon Weekend
13 Marathon Weekend	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	39	30	31		

## Summary of the month:

The beginning of January starts off super busy with the New Year quickly followed by Marathon Weekend. Thousands of runners show up during this time to run 1 to 4 races. It takes until the week after the marathon for the crowds to thin out. This leads us into Martin Luther King Day where many head to the parks due to kids having time off from school and businesses having Monday off. By the end of the month; however, crowds have lightened greatly.

#### February 2019 Walt Disney World Crowd Calendar

### Key Events:

- January 18th- February 25th: Epcot International Festival of the Arts
- February 18th: Presidents' Day
- February 21st-February 25th: Princess Half Marathon

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day	19	20	21 Princess Half Marathon	22 Princess Half Marathon	23 Princess Half Marathon
24 Princess Half Marathon	25	26	27	28		

## Summary of the month:

February starts off with lower crowds. This is a great time to go as the weather is nice and crowds are typically lower than average. February doesn't normally get busy until President's Day Weekend. This, like Martin Luther King Day in January, causes crowds to increase due to longer school breaks. President's Day Weekend usually carries into Princess Half Marathon crowds. Although these aren't nearly as large as the Marathon Weekend crowds in January, they still increase park crowds.

• All Month: Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1	2
3	4	5 Mardi Gras	6 Epcot Flower & Garden Festival Begins	7	8	9 Spring Break Crowds Begin
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### Summary of month:

March starts off moderate before spring break crowds begin to show up. The second week of March typically starts to show an increase in crowds as spring break begin around the US, and Mardi Gras also does sometimes cause an increase in typical crowd sizes. The end of the month continues to remain heavy with spring break crowds. Don't shy away from this time of the year though as it the weather is nice and the parks are beautiful with spring flowers blooming. Just make sure you plan ahead and use FastPass+.

#### April 2019 Walt Disney World Crowd Calendar

#### Key Events

- April 4th- April 7th: Star Wars Rival Run race weekend
- April 21st: Easter
- All month: Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1	2	3	4 Star Wars Half	5 Star Wars Half	6 Star Wars Half
7 Star Wars Half	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Easter	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### Summary of the month:

The month of April will start with heavy crowds due to spring break crowds. The Star Wars Half Marathon will take place during the beginning half of the month this year, due to a late Easter. Like Princess, this doesn't draw as many runners as the marathon in January but it does increased crowd levels on race days slightly. Crowds will build as Easter approaches. After a heavy month of spring break and Easter crowds, April will wrap up with moderate to lighter crowds as temperatures warm.

• All month: Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

### Summary of the month:

The beginning of May is a great time to visit the parks as crowds are on the low end. With schools wrapping up, few families take vacations during this time of the year, making crowd levels low. As the month continues, crowds will increase as schools finish their year. Memorial Day Weekend will be a higher level crowd time due to extra time off from work and schools.

• Epcot Flower and Garden Festival through June 4

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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## Summary of the month:

June starts the summer months of crowds where you can expect moderate to heavy crowds most days. Although this may seem like a time to avoid visiting, with a good plan, you are able to manage crowds, making June a good summer month option.

• July 4th: Independence Day

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	1	2	3	4 Fourth of July	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Summary of the month:

With the 4th of July, this month starts off with heavy crowds. Heaviest summer crowds are seen around the 4th of July celebration. Following the holiday, crowds are heavy to moderate throughout the month. Like with June, although this may seem like a time to avoid visiting, with a good plan, you are able to manage crowds.

• August 29: Opening date of Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge Opens	29	30	31

Summary of the month:

August starts with the typical summer crowds, however, as the month continues the crowds lessen due to schools starting. The month ends very heavy, however, due to the coupling of the opening of Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge and the Labor Day Weekend beginning.

#### September 2019 Walt Disney World Crowd Calendar

### Key Events

- September 2nd: Labor Day
- Epcot International Food & Wine Festival: TBD

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## Summary of the month:

With the combination of the opening weekend of Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge and Labor Day, crowds are expected to be at peak levels. From there, things will likely remain heavy/moderate for the remainder of the month, resort-wide, with of course, large crowds at Disney's Hollywood Studios. Weekends will likely be heavy, due to the combination of Guests wishing to see Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge and the Epcot Food and Wine Festival.

#### October 2019 Walt Disney World Crowd Calendar

#### Key Events

- October 14th: Columbus Day
- Epcot International Food & Wine Festival: TBD
- October 31st: Halloween
- October 31-November 4: Wine & Dine Half Marathon Weekend

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Wine & Dine Half Marathon		

## Summary of the month:

The beginning of October will see moderate/heavy crowds until Columbus Day. This three day holiday often sees higher crowd levels. The Epcot Food and Wine Festival also brings crowds on the weekends as locals come to experience the event. Many schools offer a mid-month break as well, which leads to busier parks than September. And with Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge being open, crowds are expected to remain at an elevated level. Also, don't forget about Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party, which brings people to the resort. The end of the month not only brings, Halloween, but also the start of the Wine & Dine Half Marathon Weekend

#### November 2019 Walt Disney World Crowd Calendar

#### Key Events

- Epcot International Food & Wine Festival: TBD
- October 31 November 3rd: Wine and Dine Half Marathon
- November 4th-8th: Jersey Days
- November 28th: Thanksgiving

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1 Wine and Dine Half Marathon	2 Wine and Dine Half Marathon
3 Wine and Dine Half Marathon	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

### Summary of Month:

With both the Epcot Food and Wine Festival and Jersey Days early in the month and Thanksgiving later in the month, November sees heavier crowds. Add in the holiday decorations and parties starting earlier each year, as well as Guests flocking to see Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, this month keeps more moderate crowds overall. Like in the summer months don't let this keep you from enjoying the magic. Plan and be prepared and the crowds won't bother you anyway.

#### December 2019 Walt Disney World Crowd Calendar

#### Key Events

- December 1-8: Pop Warner
- December 25: Christmas
- December 31: New Year's Eve

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### Summary of the month:

December has quickly become one of the busiest times at Walt Disney World. More and more people want to experience Walt Disney World during the holidays, and who can blame them, but this has lead to an increase in park crowds. It is important during this time of year to have a plan, allowing you to truly enjoy the magic of the holidays at Walt Disney World, especially with Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge enjoying its first holiday season crowds.