



## CHESSINGTON ANNOUNCES FULL WORLD OF JUMANJI DETAILS

*Following news that the World's first Jumanji themed land will open at Chessington World of Adventures Resort this spring, further details have been announced, including confirmation of the World's ONLY Jumanji rollercoaster*



**EMBARGO 00:01 (GMT) TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023** Chessington World of Adventures Resort has today announced World of Jumanji - set to open in spring at the Surrey Theme Park and Zoo - will include the World's ONLY Jumanji rollercoaster. The World's first Jumanji themed land will also feature two further rides and much more, as Chessington brings the box office hit film franchise to life in its wildest adventure yet!

World of Jumanji will see families follow in the footsteps of Dr. Bravestone, through a whole world of adventures to locate the Jaguar's Eye Jewel, lift the curse and save Jumanji.

The first adventure, and the World's ONLY Jumanji rollercoaster, **Mandrill Mayhem**, will sweep up riders in the long arms of a mandrill, as the horde whisks those from just 1.2m tall around the sites of Jumanji, all while dodging the hazards of the jungle. The most fearsome of all the wild animals, the mandrills are unpredictable and will launch at full speed through the treetops, flipping upside down on a hair-raising adventure, spiralling to the summit of the 55ft tall Jaguar Shrine. Glimpse the Jaguar's Eye Jewel glow before falling and braving the adventure again... backwards.

Not just the World's ONLY Jumanji rollercoaster, Mandrill Mayhem is a winged, launch, shuttle ride, with an inversion – a first for Chessington, which last introduced a rollercoaster back in 2004.

Two further adventures in World of Jumanji will await families...

Dodge the fangs of the black mamba on a dizzying, untameable ride in the bazaar, **Mamba Strike**. Then swerve a herd of stampeding ostriches on a whirlwind ride in the dunes on **Ostrich Stampede**.

The single largest investment in Chessington's history, World of Jumanji will also feature a maze of pathways – some trickier to navigate than others – based on the iconic Jumanji board game. Themed food, drink and merchandise will also be on offer.

Complementing the above, six NEW Jumanji themed bedrooms will be introduced to the Chessington Safari Hotel as well.

Scott O'Neil, CEO of Merlin Entertainments, which operates Chessington, said: "We look forward to *Welcome-ing you to the Jungle* this spring, as the amazing World of Jumanji opens at Chessington World of Adventures Resort. Families should prepare to be turned upside down... literally, as the first NEW rollercoaster in nearly 20 years at the Resort has a twist, turn and flip that will have you holding on to your seat! This is the *Next Level* for families wanting to explore the ultimate adventure together."

Visit [Chessington.com/Jumanji](https://www.chessington.com/Jumanji) for updates and to book to be the first to sleep in the NEW Jumanji themed Hotel bedrooms from Saturday April 1, ahead of World of Jumanji opening.

*World of Jumanji at Chessington World of Adventures Resort follows a global agreement between Resort operator, Merlin Entertainments, and Columbia Pictures Location Based Entertainment*

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**Notes to Editors**

**Chessington World of Adventures Resort**

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- A Zoo with more than 1,000 animals, plus a SEA LIFE Aquarium
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## **Jumanji Film Franchise**

Sony Pictures' *Jumanji* film franchise, based on the award-winning children's book of the same name by Chris Van Allsburg, has taken in over \$2.02 billion at the worldwide box office. Moviegoers were first introduced to the world in 1995 when a mysterious game transports its players to the jungles of Jumanji! The film starred the late Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst and Bradley Pierce. Over 20 years later, the adventures continue in the brand-new film *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* (2017), where the game changed as four teenagers in detention are sucked into the world of Jumanji. When they discover an old video game console with a game they've never heard of, they decide to play and are immediately thrust into the game's jungle setting, in the bodies of the avatar characters they chose (Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, and Karen Gillan). What they discover is that you don't just play Jumanji – Jumanji plays you. To win, they'll have to go on the most dangerous adventure of their lives, or they'll be stuck in the game forever. Following the success of the 2017 film, the gang (Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, and Karen Gillan) is back in *Jumanji: The Next Level* (2019), but the game has changed. As they return to Jumanji to rescue one of their own, they discover that nothing is as they expect. The players will have to brave parts unknown and unexplored, from the arid deserts to the snowy mountains, in order to escape the world's most dangerous game.

*Jumanji* (1995) was directed by Joe Johnston with a screenplay by Jonathan Hensleigh and Greg Taylor & Jim Strain. Screen Story by Greg Taylor & Jim Strain and Chris Van Allsburg. Produced by Scott Kroopf and William Teitler with Executive Producing services by Ted Field, Larry J. Franco and Robert W. Cort. The film also stars David Alan Grier, Jonathan Hyde and Bebe Neuwirth. *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* (2017) was directed by Jake Kasdan with a screenplay by Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Scott Rosenberg & Jeff Pinkner. Screen Story by Chris McKenna. Produced by Matt Tolmach and William Teitler, David Householter, Jake Kasdan, Dwayne Johnson, Dany Garcia, Ted Field, and Mike Weber served as executive producers. The film also stars Nick Jonas and Bobby Cannavale. *Jumanji: The Next Level* (2019) was directed by Jake Kasdan and written by Jake Kasdan & Jeff Pinkner & Scott Rosenberg. Produced by Matt Tolmach, Jake Kasdan, Dwayne Johnson, Dany Garcia and Hiram Garcia, the film executive producers are David Householter, Melvin Mar, Scott Rosenberg, Jeff Pinkner, William Teitler, Ted Field and Mike Weber. The film also stars Nick Jonas, Awkwafina, Alex Wolff, Morgan Turner, Ser'Darius Blain, Madison Iseman, with Danny Glover and Danny DeVito.

## **Merlin Entertainments Ltd**

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