Theme parks in California

Among theme parks in California, the most famous one is undoubtedly the Disneyland Resort, located in Orange County. Disneyland originated in the mind of Walt Disney when one day, as he was visiting Griffith Park in Los Angeles and watching his daughters ride a merry-go-round, it suddenly came to him that it would be wonderful to have a place where adults and their children could go and have fun together. Eight acres next to the Burbank Studios starting from Disneyland became the most popular amusement park in the world. Today, Disneyland has its parks not only in the U.S., but also in Japan, France and Hong Kong, and is planning to construct another one in Shanghai. The Disneyland Resort has generated $19 billion in economic activity for Southern California and nearly 75% of that was distributed in Orange County. Recent decade, the Disneyland Resort has grown its workforce by 15% adding 3,000 new jobs to support expansion, plus 1,700 construction jobs per year since 2008.

 Another famous theme park in California is Universal Studios. It was first opened as a film studio by Carl Laemmle in 1915 in Los Angeles and is of is one the oldest and most famous Hollywood film studios still in use. Laemmle invited the general public to see all the action for an admission fee of just $0.05, which also included a lunch box. In 1964, a modern tour was established to include a series of dressing room walk-throughs, peeks at actual production, and later, staged events. This grew over the years into a full-blown theme park, which today has locations in Florida, Japan, and Singapore, is constructing in Dubai and South Korea, and is planning to construct in Moscow and Beijing. In 2014, Universal Studios Hollywood had over 6 million guests, ranking 17th in world and 9th in North America.

Other top theme parks in California include Legoland, Sea World, Six Flags, and the word-famous San Diego Zoo.

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