



STEP INTO PROFESSOR SPROUT'S GREENHOUSE AS PART OF A BRAND-NEW FEATURE COMING TO WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR LONDON



Brand-new for 2022, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London is opening the glass doors of Professor Sprout's greenhouse for the very first time. The greenhouse is a fan-favourite set from the Harry Potter film series, where students were taught their Herbology lessons with Professor Pomona Sprout. Built by the original Harry Potter filmmakers, the greenhouse is home to many exotic and magical plants. Just like a Hogwarts student, visitors to the Studio Tour will be able to step into the greenhouse and stop to pull out a potted Mandrake as part of an interactive display.

Based on the scene in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, visitors will recognise the Venomous Tentacula hanging from the ceiling as they walk through the greenhouse. During filming, various techniques were used to achieve the movement of the magical plants. The sinuous grasping movement of the Tentacula's tendrils was computer-generated however, the movement of the Mandrakes was achieved using animatronic controllers hidden beneath the table.

The greenhouse is a permanent addition to the Studio Tour and will open as part of a brand-new feature, Mandrakes and Magical Creatures, which will open on 1st July 2022. As part of the feature, visitors will be welcomed into the Great Hall to the Frog Choir scene as seen in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, featuring the costume of conductor of the choir, Professor Flitwick, as worn by Warwick Davis.

Keen-eyed fans should be on the lookout for their favourite magical creatures as they explore the Studio Tour, as Cornish Pixies, Dumbledore's beloved Fawkes and the animatronic Monster Book of Monsters can

be spotted during their visit. In addition, fans of filmmaking will learn how Thestrals and Mandrakes were brought to life using a mixture of scale models and CGI in the Creatures Workshop.

In addition to the exciting addition of Professor Sprout's greenhouse, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London will be expanding the exterior sets in their backlot with new additions including the fountain from the Hogwarts courtyard and a 1:3 scale-version of the Weasleys' Burrow.

The scale-model of The Burrow is an exciting addition to the Studio Tour's backlot area as film-making fans will learn the camera trickery behind the external scenes of the family home, seen in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. During production, The Burrow took filmmakers 14 weeks to build but only six minutes to burn down in the iconic scene where the Death Eaters set the home ablaze.

Professor Sprout's greenhouse, the courtyard fountain and the exterior of the Weasleys' Burrow will be permanent additions to Warner Bros. Studio Tour London. The Mandrakes and Magical Creatures feature will run from 1st July – 12th September 2022.

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Notes to Editors

Now celebrating its 10th year of welcoming visitors, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter opened its doors on 31st March 2012. The unique attraction offers visitors the ultimate chance to get up close to authentic sets, discover the magic behind spellbinding special effects and explore the behind-the-scenes secrets of the Harry Potter film series. Visitors can explore the original Great Hall, step into the Forbidden Forest and discover Gringotts Wizarding Bank all before marvelling at the breath-taking miniature scale model of Hogwarts castle. The Studio Tour has been well received with 96% of the 46,000+ reviews on TripAdvisor rating it as 'Excellent' or 'Very Good' and over 60,000 4 or 5 star ratings on Google Reviews. Tickets must be pre-booked at www.wbstudiotour.co.uk and cannot be bought at the attraction.

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London is part of the Warner Bros. Worldwide Tours and Retail Group which includes the new flagship store, Harry Potter New York, Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood and Harry Potter On Location London. Harry Potter On Location London encompasses the Platform 9 ¾ shops at Kings Cross station and Heathrow Airport and the Harry Potter Photographic Exhibition. The Photographic Exhibition can be found in the heart of Covent Garden and as is the only place visitors can enjoy a drink in London's only bottled Butterbeer bar.

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About Wizarding World:

In the years since Harry Potter was whisked from King's Cross Station onto Platform nine and three quarters, his incredible adventures have left a unique and lasting mark on popular culture. Eight blockbuster Harry Potter films based on the original stories by J.K. Rowling have brought the magical stories to life and today, the Wizarding World is recognised as one of the world's best-loved brands.

Representing a vast interconnected universe, it also includes three epic Fantastic Beasts films, Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – the multi-award-winning stage-play, state-of-the-art video and mobile games from Portkey Games, innovative consumer products, thrilling live entertainment (including four theme park lands) and insightful exhibitions.

This expanding portfolio of Warner Bros. owned Wizarding World tours and retail also includes the flagship Harry Potter New York store, Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter, Warner Bros. Studio Tour Tokyo, and the Platform 9 3/4 retail shops.

The Wizarding World continues to evolve to provide Harry Potter fans with fresh and exciting ways to engage. For the worldwide fan community, and for generations to come, it welcomes everyone in to explore and discover the magic for themselves.