

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

ALLISON MOUZER, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED PARKS & RESORTS, INC., D/B/A
SEAWORLD PARKS &
ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No.

CLASS ACTION

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff Allison Mouzer, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, alleges as follows, based on personal knowledge and the investigation of counsel, and on information and belief as to all other matters.

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiff brings this Class Action Complaint (“Complaint”) against United Parks & Resorts, Inc., D/B/A SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc. (hereinafter “United Parks” or “Defendant”) for its use of bait-and-switch tactics that mislead consumers about the true price of tickets. Defendant uses these tactics to lure consumers into paying higher prices for tickets than they otherwise would.

2. United Parks is “a global theme park and entertainment company that owns or licenses a diverse portfolio of award-winning park brands and experiences, including SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, Discovery Cove, Sesame Place, Water Country USA, Adventure Island, and Aquatica.”¹ Defendant wholly owns, and does business as, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc.

3. SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc. operates the websites through which tickets are sold to Defendant’s parks, including (as relevant here) SeaWorld, Aquatica, and Discovery

¹ <https://unitedparks.com/about-us/> (last visited Nov. 10, 2025).

Cove in Orlando, Florida; Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida; and Adventure Island in Tampa, Florida.

4. Through these online marketplaces², Defendant sells tickets to millions of consumers residing in Florida, neighboring states, and beyond. When a consumer purchases a ticket on Defendant's website, Defendant advertises an artificially low price for that ticket. However, the advertised price for each ticket is accompanied by an undisclosed and unavoidable "Service Fee," which is revealed only at the final checkout screen. Consumers cannot complete a ticket purchase without paying this mandatory fee.

5. Defendant unlawfully advertises and displays ticket prices on its websites without including all mandatory fees or charges that customers must ultimately pay. Defendant uses a deceptively low initial price to lure consumers into the purchase process—the "bait." Then, after the consumer has relied on that artificially-low advertised price, engaged in a multistep check-out process, and decided to buy, Defendant surreptitiously adds a mandatory "Service Fee"—the "switch."

6. In other words, Defendant conceals its mandatory fees until after consumers have invested substantial time selecting tickets and have committed to purchasing based on the incomplete, deceptively low advertised price. Each stage of Defendant's multi-step checkout process is designed to increase consumer commitment so that, by the time the hidden fees are finally revealed, consumers—having already expended time and effort—are more likely to complete the transaction.

7. Accordingly, Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all similarly situated consumers who purchased theme park tickets from Defendant's website during the relevant statutory periods.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

² Defendant sells tickets to its theme parks through separate but functionally identical ticketing websites.

8. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

9. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). The putative class exceeds 100 members, the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000,³ and at least one class member is a citizen of a state different from Defendant.

10. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant's principal place of business is in Orlando, Florida. Defendant also conducts substantial business in Florida, including by operating multiple theme parks in this State and directing its marketing activities toward consumers throughout Florida. Through these activities, Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privilege of conducting business in Florida.

11. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial portion of the occurrences and wrongdoing complained of herein occurred in this District. Defendant also transacts business in this District, markets and sells tickets to consumers located here, and derived substantial revenue from those transactions.

PARTIES

12. Plaintiff Allison Mouzer is a natural person residing in West Palm Beach, Florida.

13. Defendant is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business in Orlando, Florida. Defendant wholly owns, and conducts business as, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business in Orlando, Florida.

PLAINTIFF'S EXPERIENCES

14. On February 19, 2025, Plaintiff Mouzer used one of Defendant's online ticketing websites to purchase four tickets for admission to Defendant's Discovery Cove theme park in Florida.⁴

³ On information and belief, Defendant has sold at least hundreds of thousands of tickets during the statutory period.

⁴ Plaintiff Mouzer also ordered two tickets for admission to Discovery Cove for guests under three years of age. She was not charged for these two tickets.

15. Defendant's website prominently advertises artificially low ticket prices—excluding mandatory fees—to lure consumers. The advertised prices never stated “plus applicable fees” otherwise indicated that additional mandatory charges would apply. When purchasing tickets, Plaintiff was presented with a drop-down menu allowing them to select the desired number of tickets. After selecting the desired quantity, Plaintiff was prompted to select a date. For each available date, a corresponding ticket price was displayed.

16. Having selected specific dates and ticket quantities at stated prices, Plaintiff finalized her selections by pressing a brightly colored “Add to Cart” button.

17. On the next screen, Plaintiff was offered additional optional add-on experiences.

18. On the following screen, Plaintiff was presented with an itemized breakdown that included the ticket price as well as a line labeled “Taxes & Fees.”

19. Before proceeding to checkout, Plaintiff was prompted to input her email address. Then, on the final checkout screen, Plaintiff entered her billing information, including her full name, address, and phone number, followed by their credit card information.

20. After entering payment information, Plaintiff was presented with a display inviting donations to conservation programs as they scrolled down the final checkout screen. Only after scrolling past that section did Plaintiff, for the first time, encounter Defendant's hidden “Service Fee.”

21. While the prior screen had referenced “Taxes & Fees,” no portion of the hidden Service Fee consisted of lawful taxes or government-imposed charges. At the very bottom of the final checkout screen, Plaintiff was shown an itemized transaction summary showing a line item for “Taxes,” as well as Defendant's “Service Fee.”

22. Plaintiff Mouzer's February 19, 2025 transaction included a Service Fee of \$64.99.

23. In charging the Service Fee, Defendant charged Plaintiff a significant, mandatory transaction fee that was not included in the listed price for tickets to Defendant's theme parks.

24. Plaintiff was unaware that the tickets she selected included additional mandatory fees at the time she made her selections.

25. The deceptively low, initially advertised price was a substantial factor in Plaintiff's decisions to purchase the tickets. Defendant lured Plaintiff in with deceptively low initial prices, cultivating purchasing commitment based on that initial price.

26. Defendant intentionally excluded its mandatory Service Fee from the displayed and advertised ticket prices and disclosed them only after Plaintiff—and all other consumers purchasing tickets through Defendant's websites—had invested significant time and effort selecting tickets.

DRIP PRICING AND LATE-DISCLOSED HIDDEN FEES ARE DECEPTIVE, UNFAIR, ANTI-CONSUMER, AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE

27. Drip pricing is a bait-and-switch pricing technique “in which firms advertise only part of a product’s price and reveal other charges later as the customer goes through the buying process.”⁵ In a drip pricing scheme, mandatory fees—like those charged by Defendant—are foisted upon consumers after they have been lured in by a misleadingly low advertised price. These surprise fees have been dubbed “junk fees” by the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”).⁶ Bait-and-switch junk-fee markups are particularly widespread among online ticket platforms. Research shows that consumers ambushed by hidden fees at checkout pay upward of twenty percent more than when the actual price is disclosed upfront.⁷

⁵ Trade Regulation Rule on Unfair or Deceptive Fees, Fed. Trade Comm'n (Jan. 2025), available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/01/10/2024-30293/trade-regulation-rule-on-unfair-or-deceptive-fees>.

⁶ The FTC classifies “junk fees” as “unfair or deceptive fees that are charged for goods or services that have little or no added value to the consumer, including goods or services that consumers would reasonably assume to be included within the overall advertised price” or fees that are “hidden,” such as those “disclosed only at a later stage in the consumer’s purchasing process or not at all.” Unfair or Deceptive Fees Trade Regulation Rule Commission Matter No. R207011, 87 Fed. Reg. 67413 (proposed Nov. 8, 2022) (codified at 16 C.F.R. pt. 464).

⁷ Morgan Foy, University of California-Berkeley, Haas School of Business, *Buyer Beware: Massive Experiment Shows Why Ticket Sellers Hit You with Last Second Fees*, Feb. 9, 2021, available at <https://newsroom.haas.berkeley.edu/research/buyer-beware-massive-experiment-shows-why-ticket-sellers-hit-you-with-hidden-fees-drip-pricing> (concluding that consumer expenditure on tickets increased 21% when true price was not disclosed initially).

28. It is estimated that junk fees cost Americans over \$90 billion each year.⁸ Research has shown that consumers who are not provided the complete price until checkout are likely to proceed with their purchase even after the junk fee is revealed because they have already factored the deceptively low price into their decision and built purchasing commitment as they clicked through the transaction.

29. Research also shows that consumers place stock in initial prices and tend to proceed with transactions even after exorbitant and unpredictable fees have been added—despite the fact that continuing to search for cheaper prices would be more optimal—because consumers want to avoid “the cost of the time and cognitive effort involved” in continuing to search for a product or service.⁹ Once consumers decide what to buy, they are unlikely to depart from that decision because of the “additional cognitive effort” involved in resuming their search.¹⁰

30. Indeed, as companies that engage in junk-fee practices are aware, consumers choose products or services based on the advertised “base price,” and not based on the price inclusive of fees, which is obscured by partitions in the purchase flow.¹¹ In fact, studies show that “consumers exposed to drip pricing . . . are significantly more likely to 1) initially select the option with the lower base price, 2) make a financial mistake by ultimately selecting the option that has

⁸ The White House, *The Price Isn’t Right: How Junk Fees Cost Consumers and Undermine Competition*, Mar. 5, 2024, available at <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/cea/written-materials/2024/03/05/the-price-isnt-right-how-junk-fees-cost-consumers-and-undermine-competition/>.

⁹ Mary W. Sullivan, *Economic Issues: Economic Analysis of Hotel Resort Fees*, Bureau of Economics Fed. Trade Comm’n (Jan. 2017) at 17, available at https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/economic-analysis-hotel-resort-fees/p115503_hotel_resort_fees_economic_issues_paper.pdf.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Alexander Rasch et al., *Drip Pricing & Its Regulation: Experimental Evidence*, 176 J. Econ. Behavior Org. 353 (2020), available at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0167268120301189?via%3Dihub> (in controlled experiment, buyers “based their purchase decision exclusively on the base price.”); *see also id.* (noting that “buyers may be hurt” because “[w]hen there is uncertainty over possible drip sizes . . . consumers more frequently fail to identify the cheapest offer”).

a higher total price than the alternative option, given the add-ons chosen, and 3) be relatively dissatisfied with their choice.”¹²

31. The FTC’s Bureau of Economics has found that consumers are harmed by drip pricing because they are forced “either to incur higher total search and cognitive costs or to make an incomplete, less informed decision that may result in a more costly [transaction], or both.”¹³

32. The FTC has characterized junk fees as especially harmful when they are hidden (i.e., disclosed only at a later stage in the purchasing process), because openly disclosed junk fees enable consumers to immediately determine that the cost of an item is not favorable relative to the cost charged by competitors and choose to do business elsewhere.¹⁴ As a result, the product or service listed by bad actors like Defendant appears cheaper to consumers than competitors’ products or services, even though the total cost of the product or service, inclusive of junk fees, is equally, if not more, expensive than those other companies’ products or services.

33. Adding hidden junk fees after securing purchase commitment also generates significant burden for individual consumers, who, when confronted with drip pricing, “pay upward of twenty percent more than when the actual price was disclosed upfront.”¹⁵ By concealing the actual price of tickets, sellers like Defendant force consumers to spend additional time comparison-shopping for tickets than they otherwise would, which represents a cognizable injury.¹⁶

¹² Shelle Santana et al., (2020) *Consumer Reactions to Drip Pricing*. *Marketing Science* 39(1):188-210, available at <https://doi.org/10.1287/mksc.2019.1207>.

¹³ Sullivan, *supra* note 8, at 16-17.

¹⁴ Trade Regulation Rule on Unfair or Deceptive Fees, 88 Fed. Reg. 77420 (proposed Nov. 9, 2023) (codified at 16 C.F.R. pt. 464).

¹⁵ See Unfair or Deceptive Fees Trade Regulation Rule Commission Matter No. R207011, *supra* note 5 (explaining that hidden junk fees therefore “impose substantial economic harms on consumers”).

¹⁶ See, e.g., *Kahn v. Walmart Inc.*, 107 F.4th 585, 601 (7th Cir. 2024) (“Bait-and-switch pricing schemes like the one alleged here lead to injuries that consumers cannot reasonably avoid, which come in the form of higher prices and search costs.”) (internal quotations omitted); Tom Blake et al., *Price Salience and Product Choice*, *Marketing Science* (2021) 40(4):619-636. <https://doi.org/10.1287/mksc.2020.1261> (peer reviewed industry study finding that drip pricing “makes price comparisons difficult and results in consumers spending more than they would otherwise” and that “users who weren’t shown the ticket fees upfront ended up spending about 20% more money and were 14% more likely to complete [the transaction]”).

34. In sum, using bait-and-switch hidden-fee tactics is bad for markets and bad for consumers.

HOW DEFENDANT’S HIDDEN “SERVICE FEES” ARE COLLECTED

35. Defendant’s hidden-fee tactics operate uniformly across all ticket offerings for Defendant’s theme parks. When users select the “Buy Tickets” button on Defendant’s websites, they are presented with a list of ticket types and corresponding prices—ranging from general admission daily tickets to anytime-entry, multi-day, multi-park, and season tickets. On that same screen, users are prompted to select the desired ticket quantity and desired date. After doing so, users click the “Add to Cart” button and are taken to a new screen that offers optional paid add-on experiences.

36. Only after consumers navigate through multiple screens to (1) select a specific number of tickets, (2) at a specific price, (3) for a specific date, (4) add those tickets to their cart, (5) accept or decline additional experiences, and (6) enter their payment information, are they finally confronted with Defendant’s hidden “Service Fee,” displayed immediately above the final “Pay” button.

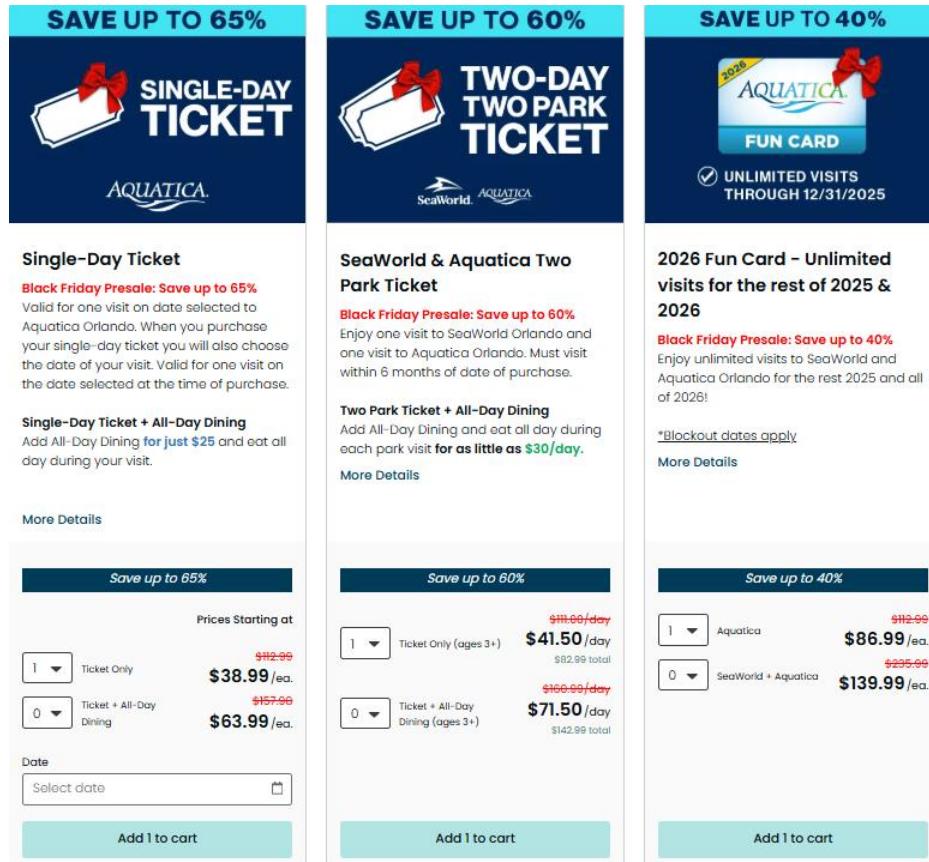
37. This fee is initially presented under the false label of “Taxes & Fees,” but not until the final point-of-purchase screen are Defendant’s customers able to learn the real cost of their transaction.

38. Defendant’s online purchase flow (i.e., the experience customers encounter when they purchase tickets to Defendant’s parks) is intentionally designed with dark patterns—defined as online design tactics that trick or manipulate users into making choices they might not otherwise make—to heighten purchasing commitment and pressure consumers to complete transactions despite the sudden addition of significant, undisclosed fees relative to the total ticket price.

39. No portion of Defendant’s hidden Service Fee constitutes any legitimate, government-imposed tax or fee.

40. Defendant’s hidden Service Fee varies by theme park. The fee starts at \$11.99 and increases on a per-ticket basis.

41. As depicted below, when users press the “Buy Tickets” button, they are presented with a list of ticket types and the prices for those tickets. Users are then prompted to select a quantity of tickets and a date of attendance.¹⁷



42. After clicking “Select Date,” customers encounter a popup screen where they are prompted to choose the date and are quoted a ticket price for that date:

¹⁷ The exemplar purchase screens displayed herein are encountered when users purchase tickets for Defendant’s Aquatica theme park. Customers encounter an identical or substantially similar purchase flow screen (and the same “Service Fee”) when they purchase tickets for Defendant’s other parks.

Single-Day Ticket

X

Select date of visit

							November 2025							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S								
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8								
9	10 Closed	11 Closed	12 \$38.99	13 \$38.99	14 \$38.99	15 \$53.99								
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43. Customers are then prompted to add the selected tickets to their cart:



Single-Day Ticket

Black Friday Presale: Save up to 65%
 Valid for one visit on date selected to Aquatica Orlando. When you purchase your single-day ticket you will also choose the date of your visit. Valid for one visit on the date selected at the time of purchase.

Single-Day Ticket + All-Day Dining
 Add All-Day Dining **for just \$25** and eat all day during your visit.

[More Details](#)

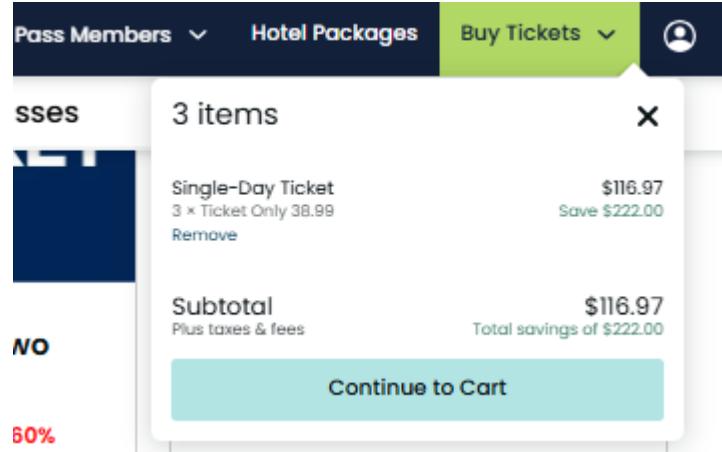
[Save up to 65%](#)

<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="button" value="1"/>	Ticket Only	\$38.99 /ea.
<input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="button" value="0"/>	Ticket + All-Day Dining	\$63.99 /ea.

Date

[Add 1 to cart](#)

44. Next, customers are directed to checkout, being quoted a Subtotal in large, bold letters with “Plus taxes & fees” in small, faint print, without the amount or type of “taxes & fees” being disclosed:



45. From there, customers encounter a screen offering certain additional paid experiences:

The screenshot shows a promotional page for 'Upgrades & Add-ons'. At the top, there is a banner with the text 'Upgrades & Add-ons', 'Buy now at low prices before products sell out.', and 'No time to change your purchase later.' Below the banner, a message says 'Ready to checkout?' with a 'Continue to Cart' button. The main content is titled 'Upgrades & Add-ons' and includes a note: 'Make the most of your Aquatica adventure. Pass members must log in to see discounts.' Below this are three promotional offers:

- Aquatica Orlando All-Day Dining Deal**: 'Black Friday Prospective: Save 50%'. Description: 'Eat and drink all day as often as once every 90 minutes for one low price. Vouchers redeemable at Aquatica Orlando.' Price: 'Prices Starting at \$22.49 ~~\$44.99~~'. 'Select' button.
- Quick Queue Unlimited Plus**: 'Black Friday Prospective: Save up to 50%'. Description: 'Unlimited priority boarding on our most popular rides, plus a one-time priority boarding on Wuthala Wave and Ray Rush.' Price: 'Prices Starting at \$39.00'. 'Select date' button.
- Commerson's Close-Up**: 'Black Friday Prospective: Save up to 50%'. Description: 'Join Aquatica's zoological experts for a one-of-a-kind tour that culminates in a close-up meeting with our beautiful, playful Commerson's dolphins.' Price: 'Prices Starting at \$19.50 ~~\$39.00~~'. 'Select date' button.

46. Then, only after selecting a quantity of tickets, a date, being quoted a ticket price, choosing to buy based on that price, and picking any additional experiences, are users confronted with the first indication of Defendant's hidden "fees":

We're holding your cart items for 11m 16s

3 items in your cart

Single-Day Ticket	3	Ticket Only, \$38.99	\$116.97
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservation 11/21/2025		Remove	

Order Summary

Subtotal (3 items)	\$116.97
Taxes & Fees <small>1</small>	\$20.39
Total	\$137.36

You saved \$222.00

Buy with confidence. Buy with confidence. No fee to reschedule or change your purchase. [Learn More](#)

Checkout

Continue Shopping

47. As shown above, at the same time users are first shown the hidden fee, they are put on a countdown clock. Countdown clocks assist rulebreakers like Defendant to pressure consumers into completing their purchases at the end of their transaction despite the increased price by creating a false sense of urgency. The FTC has called out these countdown tactics as an anti-consumer dark pattern.

48. Moreover, by including a total for both “Taxes & Fees” Defendant further obscures the actual price for the Service Fee and misleads consumers into believing it is a government imposed charge.

49. When users proceed to the final point of purchase screen, they are first directed to input all of their personal, billing, and payment information:

 We're holding your cart items for 8m 20s

Billing

United States International

First Name*	Last Name*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address*	Zip Code*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City*	State*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mobile*	
<input type="text"/>	
Email Address justinswofford@outlook.com Edit	

Payment Information

 Credit / Debit Card X

Card Number	<input type="text"/> 
Expiration Date	<input type="text"/>
Security Code	<input type="text"/> 
Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
NEXT	

 Google Pay

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Starting at \$24/mo with  [Check your purchasing power](#)

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50. After inputting their information, users then must scroll past a donation option before finally being presented with an “Order Summary.” This Order Summary, which is right above the final “Pay” button, finally reveals to customers the “Service Fee” they are required to pay:

Make a Donation



Order Summary

	Buy with confidence. No fee to reschedule or change your purchase. Learn More
Single-Day Ticket	
	Reservation 11/21/2025
Remove	
Ticket Only	\$38.99
<input type="button" value="3 ▾"/>	\$116.97
Subtotal	\$116.97
Taxes	\$8.40
Service Fee	\$11.99
<hr/>	
Total	\$137.36
You saved \$222.00	

[Pay](#)

51. By hiding this mandatory fee until the very last step of the sale, Defendant charges illegal hidden fees in violation of the FDUTPA. Defendant, a multi-billion-dollar enterprise with significant legal resources, is undoubtedly aware of Florida law.

52. Complying with the FDUTPA and other consumer protection statutes is straightforward: a company like Defendant must display and advertise prices of its goods or services that include all mandatory fees. Defendant could have easily configured its website to list ticket prices inclusive of all mandatory fees. However, Defendant chose not to, precisely to take advantage of the fact that hiding the mandatory fees at the initial stages increases conversions from click-through browsing to ticket sales, even as it harms consumers, disadvantages compliant competitors, and is illegal.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

53. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all persons similarly situated.

54. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class defined as:

All persons who, within the applicable statutory period, up to and including the date of final judgment in this action, purchased a ticket from a ticketing website operated by Defendant where all mandatory fees were not included in the initially displayed or advertised price of the ticket.

55. Excluded from the class is Defendant, its corporate parents, subsidiaries, franchisees and affiliates, officers and directors, any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest, and the legal representatives, successors, or assigns of any such excluded person or entities, and the Court to which this action is assigned. Also excluded is the Judge or Magistrate Judge presiding over this action, their staffs, and their families.

56. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or modify the class description with greater specificity or further division into subclasses or limitation to particular issues based upon discovery or further investigation.

57. ***Numerosity.*** The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. While the exact number of class members is currently unknown to Plaintiff, on information and belief, the Class is comprised of hundreds of thousands of consumers. The precise number of Class members and their identities are unknown to Plaintiff at this time but may be determined through discovery. Class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by postal or electronic mail and/or publication through the Defendant's sales records.

58. ***Commonality.*** Common questions of law and fact exist for all Class members and predominate over questions affecting only individual Class members. Common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to:

- a. Whether Class members were uniformly subjected to a hidden fee;
- b. Whether Defendant's conduct violated the FDUTPA;

- c. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to damages, restitution, and/or other remedies available under the FDUTPA; and
- d. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

59. ***Typicality.*** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class in that Plaintiff, like all proposed Class members, was exposed to Defendant's misrepresentations, purchased tickets on Defendant's websites, and sustained damages from Defendant's uniform wrongful conduct, based upon Defendant's wrongful acts alleged herein.

60. ***Adequacy.*** Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the Class members' interests. Plaintiff has no interest antagonistic to the Class members' interests, and Plaintiff has retained counsel that have considerable experience and success in prosecuting complex class actions and consumer protection cases.

61. ***Superiority.*** The class mechanism is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of Class members' claims. Each individual Class Member may lack the resources to undergo the burden and expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessary to establish Defendant's liability. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties and multiplies the burden on the judicial system presented by this case's complex legal and factual issues. Individualized litigation also presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court on the issue of Defendant's liability. Class treatment of the liability issues will ensure that all claims and claimants are before this Court for consistent adjudication of the liability issues.

62. Without a class action, Defendant will continue a course of action that will result in further damages to Plaintiff and members of the Class and will likely retain the benefits of its wrongdoing.

63. Based on the foregoing allegations, Plaintiff's claims for relief include those set forth below.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

Count I
Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act
Fla. Stat. §§ 501.201, *et seq.*
(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

64. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

65. The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (“FDUTPA”) prohibits “unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Fla. Stat. § 501.204(1). A practice is deceptive if it is likely to mislead consumers acting reasonably under the circumstances, and unfair if it offends established public policy or is immoral, unethical, oppressive, or substantially injurious to consumers.

66. In construing the FDUTPA, consideration shall be given to the interpretations of the Federal Trade Commission. Fla. Stat. § 501.203(3)(b).

67. The stated purpose of the FDUTPA is to “protect the consuming public and legitimate business enterprises from those who engage in unfair methods of competition, or unconscionable, deceptive, or unfair acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Fla. Stat. § 501.202(2). In determining whether conduct violates the FDUTPA, a court should consider whether the FTC and federal courts deem such conduct to be an unfair method of competition or an unconscionable, unfair or deceptive act or practice under federal law. *Mack v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.*, 673 So. 2d 100, (Dist. Ct. App. 1996)

68. At all times material, Defendant was a “person” within the meaning of Fla. Stat. § 501.203(6) and was engaged in “trade or commerce” within the meaning of Fla. Stat. § 501.203(8) by marketing and selling theme park tickets available to consumers in Florida and throughout the United States.

69. Defendant maintains its principal place of business and executive operations in the State of Florida, from which it manages, directs, and controls all aspects of its theme parks, including marketing, online websites, ticket pricing, and customer-service operations.

70. The deceptive and unfair conduct challenged herein originated, emanated, and was orchestrated from Defendant's headquarters in Florida. Defendant's pricing policies, marketing, and on-screen disclosures were developed, approved, and disseminated from Florida, and all online transactions nationwide—including those affecting out-of-state consumers—were processed through systems and personnel located in Florida.

71. Plaintiff and Class members, as consumers under the FDUTPA, have been harmed by Defendant's unconscionable, deceptive, and unfair acts as described in the Complaint. These acts include advertising ticket prices for Defendant's theme parks that did not include all mandatory fees or surcharges and displaying deceptively low prices throughout the purchase process while concealing a mandatory "Service Fee" that was only revealed on the final checkout screen, after consumers had committed substantial time and effort to the transaction.

72. Defendant's omission of the mandatory fee was material, as the total price of admission tickets was a primary factor in consumers' purchasing decisions.

73. The concealment and omission of material facts and misrepresentations and deceptions alleged in the preceding paragraphs occurred in connection with Defendant's trade and commerce in Florida.

74. Defendant intentionally designed its sales process to mislead consumers by: presenting lower initial prices; hiding the true, higher cost of tickets until the end of the checkout process; and using "dark patterns" (as described by the FTC), including countdown timers, to heighten purchasing pressure and reduce the likelihood that consumers would abandon the transaction after learning of the hidden fee.

75. Defendant's deceptive conduct had the tendency, capacity, and effect of misleading reasonable consumers and did in fact mislead Plaintiff and members of the Class.

76. Plaintiff and the Class reasonably relied on Defendant's representations that the listed price was the full ticket price and were induced to purchase tickets and pay the hidden service fee as a result.

77. Plaintiff and the Class suffered ascertainable losses as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, including, but not limited to, the amount of the undisclosed and unlawful fees paid, the loss of the opportunity to make informed purchasing decisions, and the expenditure of additional time and cognitive effort caused by Defendant's deception.

78. Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA were willful, knowing, and intentional, as Defendant knew or should have known of its obligation to truthfully and accurately present the price of admissions tickets and nonetheless continued to advertise and sell tickets using hidden-fee, drip-pricing tactics.

79. Plaintiff and Class members demand an award against Defendant for violation of Section 501.201, *et seq.*, and demand as damages the repayment of all money wrongfully retained by Defendant in violation of the FDUTPA, plus interest, and the attorneys' fees and costs incurred in bringing this action. Plaintiff further demand all other remedies and damages available under FDUTPA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Class, pray for relief and judgment as follows:

- a. For an order certifying this case as a class action and appointing Plaintiff's counsel as Class Counsel;
- b. For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Class on all claims alleged herein;
- c. For actual or statutory damages in amounts allowed by law and/or to be determined by the Court and/or a jury;
- d. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
- e. For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief appropriate by statute;

- f. For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of suit, as appropriate by statute; and
- g. Awarding such other equitable or other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable.

Dated: November 13, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

ALLISON MOUZER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff **West Palm Beach County, FL** County of Residence of First Listed Defendant **Orange County, FL**
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

UNITED PARKS & RESORTS, INC., D/B/A
SEAWORLD PARKS & ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,

County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff **Orange County, FL**
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

(d) Check County Where Action Arose: MIAMI-DADE MONROE BROWARD PALM BEACH MARTIN ST. LUCIE INDIAN RIVER OKEECHOBEE HIGHLANDS

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 U.S. Government Plaintiff 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

2 U.S. Government Defendant 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

PTF	DEF	PTF	DEF
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country		<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation
		<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158
<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157
<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical		<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust
<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument		Personal Injury		<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	Product Liability		<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability	368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability		<input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))
<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine			<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment
				<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust
<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability			<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	PERSONAL PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights	<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent	<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application	<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692)
		<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 390 Product Liability		<input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)
				<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV
				<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange
				<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
				<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts
				<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters
				<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act
				<input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration
				<input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision
				<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

REAL PROPERTY

CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	Habeas Corpus:
<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting
<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment
<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/ Accommodations
<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment
<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education

V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 Original Proceeding 2 Removed from State Court 3 Re-filed (See VI below) 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from another district (specify) 6 Multidistrict Litigation Transfer 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File 9 Remanded from Appellate Court

VI. RELATED/ RE-FILED CASE(S)

(See instructions: a) Re-filed Case YES NO

b) Related Cases YES NO

JUDGE:

DOCKET NUMBER:

VII. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and Write a Brief Statement of Cause (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) - Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act Fla. Stat. §§ 501.201, et seq

LENGTH OF TRIAL via **5** days estimated (for both sides to try entire case)

VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 **DEMAND \$ 5,000,000.00** CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: Yes No

ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE & CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
DATE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

11/13/2025

/s/ Andrew Shamis

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY : RECEIPT #

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**Authority For Civil Cover Sheet**

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I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked. Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Refiled (3) Attach copy of Order for Dismissal of Previous case. Also complete VI.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (8) Check this box if remanded from Appellate Court.

VI. Related/Refiled Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases or re-filed cases. Insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judges name for such cases.

VII. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VIII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Florida



ALLISON MOUZER, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

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Plaintiff(s)

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Civil Action No.

UNITED PARKS & RESORTS, INC., D/B/A
SEAWORLD PARKS & ENTERTAINMENT, INC

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Defendant(s)

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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: *(Defendant's name and address)* UNITED PARKS & RESORTS, INC., D/B/A SEAWORLD PARKS &
ENTERTAINMENT, INC.
c/o C T CORPORATION SYSTEM - Registered Agent
1200 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD
PLANTATION, FL 33324

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Andrew Shamis, Esq.
Shamis & Gentile, P.A.
14 NE 1st Avenue, Suite 705
Miami, Florida 33132

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date: _____

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. _____

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
was received by me on *(date)* _____.

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
on *(date)* _____; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
on *(date)* _____, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____, who is
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
on *(date)* _____; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because _____; or

Other *(specify)*: _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00 _____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____ *Server's signature*

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

ClassAction.org

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: ['Bait-and-Switch' Class Action Alleges SeaWorld Hides Fees Until End of Checkout](#)
